

Summary of comments submitted to the Salton Sea FAP, Round1 Draft Award List

Pertaining to the Salton Sea Financial Assistance Program (FAP) Guidelines of 2012 sections 6.3.5 and 6.4, p.10.

http://www.dwr.water.ca.gov/saltonsea/docs/SaltonSeaFAP_Final_Guidelines.pdf

Two (2) comments were submitted during the fifteen (15) day comment period:

1. Comment submitted by Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, a special district.

Summary: The Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District made us aware that mosquito abatement was not addressed in the Salton Sea Authority and Torres-Martinez tribe proposal. They recommended the use of abatement methods similar to the ones deployed in other wetland management areas (example: Suisun Marsh) and requested that a defined vegetation and mosquito management plan be developed by the grantee.

2. Comment submitted by Professor Norman Terry from UC Berkeley, an applicant for the Salton Sea FAP.

Summary: Professor Norman Terry commented that his proposed project, if implemented, would accomplish two major benefits associated with linking treatment wetlands to habitat wetlands: 1) constructed wetlands will decrease selenium concentration to an acceptable level, and 2) the evaporation of selenium will reduce selenium eco-toxicity for the species using the constructed wetland. Furthermore, Professor Terry considers that his research proposal was not evaluated properly and reviewers did not fully consider the results of his preliminary laboratory work and other field work. Professor Terry believes that his project, if implemented, would answer some crucial questions regarding the removal of nutrients and selenium at the Salton Sea in a cost effective way through bio-filtration and evaporation.