



Air Quality Risk

What's going on at the *Salton Sea* ?

In a few years more than 560,000 people living in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys and around the Salton Sea could be victims of a serious public health emergency due to the Sea's dropping water levels.



A water transfer from the Imperial Valley to San Diego coastal communities could expose more than 50,000 acres of shoreline and lakebed of California's largest lake.

If this happens, highly toxic, fine sediments (PM10) could be picked up by strong winds common to the region and lodged into the lungs of people living in the Salton Basin. PM10 is one of the major causes of air pollution and increases the number and severity of asthma attacks.

The Salton Sea can be compared to Owens Lake, which had more than 22,000 acres of dust-generating surface area exposed when its water was transferred to Los Angeles. Located in California's Eastern Sierra Nevada region, the United States Environmental Protection Agency now considers it to be the dustiest place in the nation.

The State of California is working with many different organizations and stakeholders to develop an *ecosystem restoration plan* for the Sea. The plan will address water quality and air quality impacts of the water transfer and will provide for the protection of the wildlife that depends on the Salton Sea ecosystem for survival.

Since this an open public process, your voice is important in choosing a feasible and successful Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Plan. We need the State Legislature to approve a restoration plan that will ensure no impacts to the air quality of Imperial, Coachella and Salton Sea communities.

Go to www.saltonseawater.ca.gov to learn more and submit your comments today.

Contact the [Salton Sea Coalition](#) today to learn how you can get involved!

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Our mission is to protect and revitalize the Salton Sea for the people, fish and birds that depend on it.

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