

The Salton Sea, the state's largest lake, has shrunk by some 40 square miles, exposing tens of thousands of acres of playa, increasing dust and salinity, and reducing habitat. The state of California has a 10-year plan to reduce dust and build habitat around the Salton Sea, and more than \$365 million in funding has been approved. However, work at the Sea has been stalled and the region has been ignored far too long.

## **TIMELINE TO VISION 2025**

State launches a community engagement plan to enable residents to shape the region's future

Construction has started on the 3,770-acre Species Conservation Habitat project



Red Hill Bay operational and providing dust control benefits and habitat for a variety of shoreline, wading and fish-eating birds



Community pilot project completed



More than 8,800 acres of habitat created and more than 8,800 acres of dust control projects in operation, with more in the pipeline



EARLY**2020** 

MID**2020** 

2020

2021

2025











## A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Our vision for the Salton Sea is still incomplete because community engagement has fallen far short. An updated state 10-year plan for the Salton Sea must:

- Be shaped by active community input.
- Meet the needs of residents.
- Prioritize public and environmental health and economic vitality.
- Build wetlands and shallow-flooded and deep-water habitat for waterbirds to replace habitat lost as the Sea shrinks.
- Provide for long-term operations, maintenance, monitoring and management.
- Include regular reporting to state oversight agencies and the public.

Pictured here are just a few examples of how the Salton Sea could be developed to achieve this vision, inspired by work in other regions.









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