Legal Title
Salton Sea Restoration Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 611, Statutes of 2003 (SB 277)
Fish and Game Code sections 2930-2933

Purpose
This fund was created to deposit money collected from the Imperial Irrigation District, the Coachella Valley Water District, and the San Diego County Water Authority in accordance with the Quantification Settlement Agreement among the water agencies.

Pursuant to Section 2932, money in the fund will be expended for the following purposes:

- Environmental and engineering studies related to the restoration of the Salton Sea and the protection of fish and wildlife dependent on the sea.
- Implementation of conservation measures necessary to protect the fish and wildlife species dependent on the Salton Sea, including adaptive management measurements pursuant to Section 2081.7.
- Implementation of the preferred Salton Sea restoration alternative.
- Administrative, technical, and public outreach costs related to the development and selection of the preferred Salton Sea restoration alternative.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Fish and Game/Org 3600

Major Revenue Source
$30 million to be provided by the following three water districts: Imperial Irrigation District, the Coachella Valley Water District, and the San Diego County Water Authority.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
Pursuant to Section 2932, money in this fund will be expended upon appropriation by the Legislature.
State Appropriations Limit
Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Trust and Agency Fund.

Comments/Historical Information
See related bills: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2003 (SB 654) and Chapter 612, Statutes of 2003 (SB 317).