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Salton Sea Projects Improvements Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Aug 10, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 16, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 25, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 3877	Related bill	Jun 29, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill provides the Bureau of Reclamation with additional project authorities for the Salton Sea research project in Southern California and reauthorizes a Department of Interior pilot program in the Colorado River Basin.

Specifically, the bill authorizes Reclamation to provide grants and enter into contracts and cooperative agreements to carry out projects (e.g., construction activities and dust suppression projects) to improve air quality, fish and wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and water quality in the area of the Salton Sea.

To carry out these projects, Reclamation may enter into partnerships with state, tribal, and local governments; water districts; joint powers authorities, including the Salton Sea Authority; nonprofit organizations; and institutions of higher education.

The bill also reauthorizes Interior to fund or participate in pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead and the Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs through FY2026.

The bill further requires Interior to submit an updated report to Congress by the end of FY2027 on the effectiveness of the pilot projects and a recommendation on whether to continue the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 18, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/14/2022 with an amendment. With written report No. 117-182.
- **Oct 18, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 533.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6282-6283)