SALTON SEA Summit

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TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2022

Community and Salton Sea tours

5:00  Reception at the Salton Sea State Recreation Area

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2022

8:00  Registration

8:30  Opening Remarks  – The Hon. Raul Ruiz, Congressmember, 36th District
     The Hon. Barbara Boxer, Former U.S. Senator, California

8:45  Hydrology  – Timothy Lyons, UC Riverside – Moderator
     Alan Butler, Bureau of Reclamation
     Peter Nelson, Colorado River Board of California
     Hoori Ajami, UC Riverside
     Tina Shields, Imperial Irrigation District
     Sujoy Roy, Tetra Tech

10:15  Break

10:40  Ecology  – Tim Bradley, UC Irvine – Moderator
     Tonya Marshall, California Department of Fish & Wildlife
     Andrea Jones, Audubon
     Mia Maltz, UC Riverside
     Jonathan Nye, UC Riverside

12:00  Lunch

1:30  Air Quality  – Kevin Durkee, SCAQMD – Moderator
     Will Porter, UC Riverside
     Brian Schmid, Formation Environmental
     Ann Cheney, UC Riverside
     Amato Evan, UC San Diego

2:45  Break

3:15  Public Health  – David Villarino, FIELD Institute
     David Lo, UC Riverside
     Ryan Sinclair, Loma Linda Univ.
     Karla Lopez, Imperial County Public Health Department

5:00  Reception, Celebrating Bruce Wilcox

6:00  Community Forum
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH 2022

8:00  Registration

8:20  Welcoming Remarks – Joseph Mirelez, Torres-Martinez Tribe

8:30  Lithium and Energy – Arun Raju, UC Riverside – Moderator
      Mike McKibben, UC Riverside
      Jonathan Weisgall, Berkshire Hathaway Energy
      Mariela Loera, Leadership Counsel
      Deana Carrillo, California Energy Commission

9:40  Break

10:00 Community and Economic Development – Silvia Paz, Alianza – Moderator
       Rebecca Zaragoza, Leadership Counsel
       Ryan Kelley, Imperial County Supervisor
       Juan Perez, COO, Riverside County
       Chris Benner, UC Santa Cruz

11:15 Keynote Address – Moisés Moreno-Rivera, Assistant Secretary for Equity and
       Environmental Justice, California Natural Resources Agency

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Imports and Long-Range Planning – Peter Silva, Silva-Silva International
       Tom Sephton, Eco-Media Compass
       James Newcomb, Department of Water Resources
       Maria-Elena Giner, International Boundary and Water Commission
       Adriana Resendez, Comisión Internacional de Límites y Aguas

2:00 Local Projects – Mario Llanos, California Natural Resources Agency – Moderator
       Vivien Maisonneuve, Department of Water Resources
       Doug Ordonez, Riverside County
       Jessica Humes, Imperial Irrigation District
       Frank Ruiz, Audubon

3:15 Break

3:35 Policy – Kurt Schwabe, UC Riverside – Moderator
       Patrick O’Dowd, Salton Sea Authority
       Keith Cialino, Assembly
       Arturo Delgado, California Natural Resources Agency
       Genevieve Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation
       Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute

4:55 Concluding Remarks – The Hon. Eduardo Garcia, Assemblymember, 56th District

* Please see SaltonSeaSummit.org for speakers’ biographies