



February 8, 2016

Ms. Felicia Marcus
Chair
State Water Resources Control Board

Dear Ms. Marcus,

I saw this in The Desert Sun yesterday and thought it would be good to send as a comment to you in preparation for the upcoming workshop.

The weather got hot in the Coachella Valley this week and the algae bloomed. As you know, the Salton Sea is now down more than 7 feet due to the water transfers. Since it wasn't very deep to begin with (50 feet), the depth reduction appears to be having an increasingly significant deleterious effect on the air quality.

It's going to be a long, smelly summer in Indian Wells and Palm Desert!

Thanks,
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Smelly air prompts odor advisory for Coachella Valley

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Elevated levels of hydrogen sulfide gas will send an odor much like rotten eggs through the Coachella Valley today, according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Concentrations of the gas peaked this morning at 38 parts per billion at a monitoring station downwind

of the Salton Sea and stem from natural processes that occur in the waters, according to the AQMD. Southeastern winds were expected to carry the foul odors into parts of the region today, prompting AQMD to issue an Odor Advisory.



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The readings exceed the state standard of 30 parts per billion, at which level some people may experience headaches or nausea. However, these symptoms are temporary and do not cause long-term health effects, according to the AQMD.

A second AQMD monitoring station in Mecca did not detect hydrogen sulfide levels above 30 parts per billion, but the odors can be detected at even a few parts per billion.

The advisory will expire at midnight tonight.



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