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Dear CRC,

My name is Stephanie Pacheco. I am a resident of Imperial Valley residing in Seeley. I am writing to ask that you please keep Imperial Valley with Eastern Coachella Valley which includes everything from Imperial County border to the City of Indio. As a resident of Imperial Valley and a neighbor to Coachella Valley, I see the effects of the Saltón Sea first hand. Many of my fellow community members, friends, and family feel the effects of asthma, and that is due to what is going on at the Saltón Sea. Being our neighbor, Coachella Valley also understands our struggles and it is why it would be detrimental to have Imperial Valley and Eastern Coachella Valley separated. Asthma however, is just one of our many concerns. If our two counties are separated, the pollutants that killed the once beautiful Saltón Sea will be felt on both sides, and if we are paired with different counties, there will be no funds to fully and rightfully clean up the Saltón Sea. Someday I hope to raise a family here, and I hope to raise my future children in a county where they can breathe clean air. I want to raise a family who's chances of survival aren't lowered by birth defects from the pollutants from the Saltón Sea. I along with my community would be devastated if you ruled against Imperial and Eastern Coachella Valley. We urge you to rule in our favor and to allow us to prosper.

Stephanie Pacheco

Resident of Imperial County