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Dear CRC,

I am starting off this letter asking that you please keep Imperial County with Eastern Coachella Valley, which includes everything from the Imperial County border to the City of Indio. Both Imperial County and Eastern Coachella share the deep liabilities that surround the environmental impact of the drying up of the Salton Sea and its consequences on the worsening of our air quality. The actions of the drying of the Salton Sea has played a significant role in the number of individuals that suffer from air quality-related illnesses, such as asthma. As an Imperial Valley native, I am one of many individuals that has been diagnosed with asthma; many of my relatives also have to endure this illness as a result of being Imperial Valley natives. It is key that Imperial County remains in legislation with Eastern Coachella Valley due to their important collaboration that our legislators have been historically working on policy to fix the dying sea, that is the Salton Sea. Riverside County and the Coachella Valley occupy about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Salton Sea, sharing this natural resource with Imperial County. If we separate our two interrelated communities, we won't be able to fix this problem once and for all. The pressing issue that is the Salton Sea has been imprinted into our brains ever since I have memory of my first environmental science class, as an Imperial Valley resident and student. It is crucial to us, Imperial Valley residents and natives, to have our voices heard for the sake of ourselves and our family, but as well for the sake of every living being that resides near and far from our county. Thank you in advance for your sincere and undivided attention.

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