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## Senator Hueso brings State Senate Leader to Imperial Valley

Senate Select Committee takes a closer look at Salton Sea and regional renewable energy facilities

(Imperial Valley, CA) – This Tuesday, October 1, Senator Ben Hueso, Chair of the Senate Select Committee for California's Energy Independence, will bring Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg to the Imperial Valley for a site visit and tour of the Salton Sea and renewable energy investments in the area. Also participating in the tour will be State Senator Bill Emmerson and Assemblymember V. Manuel Pérez, as well as local government officials, the Imperial Irrigation District, and other energy stakeholders.

The tour is an action on behalf of the Select Committee for California's Energy Independence to assess how state and local government collaboration can facilitate future investments to encourage regional economic growth. The Select Committee was formed in 2013 to explore the potential for new technologies that create jobs for Californians while protecting consumers' rights to reliable access to energy from renewable and sustainable sources.

The itinerary for the visit is attached. Members of the media are invited to participate. State officials will be available for interviews following lunch at 1:00 p.m.

**EVENT:** Site visit to Salton Sea and surrounding renewable energy facilities

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Del Rio County Club, 102 E Del Rio Road, Brawley, CA 92227

**SITE TOUR MEDIA ATTENDANCE:** The tour is open to media, but advance registration is required. To register, contact Lourdes Jimenez at (916) 651-4040 or (619) 920-3300

**PARTICIPANTS:** Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senator Ben Hueso, Senator Bill Emmerson, Assemblymember V. Manuel Pérez, Imperial County local government officials, representatives of the Imperial Irrigation District