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## Salton Sea on track for comeback?

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### **2007 filled with hope, frustration**

SACRAMENTO - One day, 2007 may be remembered as the year the Salton Sea began its comeback - that is, if the sea doesn't end up as just a briny sinkhole in the desert.

The campaign to make sure it is something worth remembering - and even enjoying - in future decades kicked into gear this year as state officials released a recovery plan and the Legislature approved \$23.3 million to start work - though just \$15.3 million can be spent this year.

The sea is California's largest lake, with 110 miles of shoreline and, supporters say, years of potential for new recreation and development.

A major flyway habitat for birds, the unique habitat is in danger of turning into a dust bowl like the Owens Valley, if plans to reclaim and revitalize it aren't implemented.

And that, could create a choking cloud of dust that could migrate to the Coachella Valley.

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