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Michael Cohen is a Senior Associate at the Pacific Institute, an Oakland-based non-profit organization, where he works on Salton Sea and Colorado River challenges. He has been a leading Salton Sea advocate for more than 21 years, developing revitalization proposals, promoting timely intervention, and writing articles, reports, and opinion pieces. He served on the Natural Resources Agency's Salton Sea Advisory Committee from 2004-2007 and is a member of the Salton Sea Task Force's Agency Stakeholder Committee and several of its workgroups. He was a member of the Moving Forward Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water Conservation and Reuse Workgroup and participated actively in the development of the 2012 Basin Study. He is the author of the June, 2011 Municipal Deliveries of Colorado River Basin Water, detailing changes in population and municipal water deliveries for cities relying at least in part on water from the basin and is the lead author of the May, 2013 Water to Supply the Land: Irrigated Agriculture in the Colorado River Basin. Mr. Cohen collaborated in drafting the NGO Colorado River shortage criteria alternative, and drafted alternative surplus criteria for the lower Colorado River in 2000. He is the lead author of several other Institute reports, including Missing Water: The Uses and Flows of Water in the Colorado River Delta Region (2001). He is also the co-author of several journal articles on water and the environment in the border region. Mr. Cohen has a master's degree in Geography, with a concentration in Resources and Environmental Quality, from San Diego State University, and a B.A. in Government from Cornell University.