



City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Soquel Creek Water District
scwd² Desalination Program

Monthly Project Update & Latest News– July 2012

Latest News on Ballot Initiative on Desalination

On July 3, 2012 the Santa Cruz City Clerk's office confirmed that proponents of a charter amendment for a vote on the desalination project had narrowly collected enough signatures to place it on the November 2012 ballot. The City Council has already adopted an ordinance in March that allows City residents to vote on the desalination project in June or November 2014, following completion of the environmental review. To view the July 4 article published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel, click here: http://www.scwd2desal.org/In_the_News_07-04-12.php.

Preliminary Design Report Accepted for the scwd² Seawater Desalination Plant

At the June 20, 2012 scwd² Task Force meeting the Preliminary Design Report (PDR) by CDM Smith was accepted, which includes technical design considerations for a seawater reverse osmosis desalination treatment plant in three configurations located at three potential sites. This PDR provides extensive information and will serve as a basis for evaluation of the proposed project in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The report also includes architectural and landscape concepts, a preliminary schedule, preliminary cost estimates, and potential cost savings. An electronic copy of the report will be available soon on the project website: http://www.scwd2desal.org/Page-Documents_Technical_Project_Reports.php.

- To view the 6/20 meeting memo, click here:
http://www.scwd2desal.org/documents/task-force/PDR_Item_06202012.pdf
- To view the 6/20 PowerPoint Presentation, click here:
http://www.scwd2desal.org/documents/Presentations/CDM_PDR_06202012.pdf

scwd² Task Force Meetings Will Resume September 2012

The scwd² Task Force will not meet during the months of July or August. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room (5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel). Items to be discussed include the upcoming Environmental Impact Report (schedule for release of the draft EIR for public review and comment) and project costs (breakdown of latest cost estimates and assumptions).

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