



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

Monthly Project Update – February 2010

scwd² selects URS Corporation as consultant for CEQA services

At their January 20 meeting, the scwd² Task Force members approved hiring URS Corp. as the consultant to provide environmental review services under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to prepare the Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Santa Cruz City Council is expected to vote on hiring the firm in early February.

The process to prepare an EIR for the proposed 2.5 million gallon per day desalination facility is scheduled to begin in early Spring 2010. This EIR will look at the environmental aspects of the proposed project and will provide numerous opportunities for the public to participate. We have recently added a section to our webpage that focuses on the EIR. Click [here](#) for more information.

Recycled Water white paper now available on our website

Our customers and the local community often suggest recycled water, instead of desalination, as a solution to the water shortages that the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District are facing. Both agencies have looked at and continue to look at recycled water as a component to their water supply portfolios; however, recycled water as a sole solution has limitations and challenges. A white paper on the opportunities and limitations of recycled water was recently written and is now available [here](#).

Project Information

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