



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

Monthly Project Update – January 2011

Happy New Year!

2010 proved to be an eventful year for the scwd² Desalination Program! Just a few of last year's highlights include:

- Hosted four community informational meetings on Water Conservation (May), the History of Water Planning for the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District (July), Recycled Water (September) and Understanding Marine Issues related to Desalination & the Environmental Review Process (November).
- Completed the Seawater Reverse Osmosis Pilot Plant Program and accepted the Final Report (April)
- Completed the Watershed Sanitary Survey and accepted the Final Report (July)
- Completed the Offshore Geophysical Study and accepted the Final Report (October)
- Launched the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Review Process (November 15) and held two scoping meetings (December 8)
- Completed the Open Ocean Intake Effects Study and accepted the Final Report (December)
- Created numerous fact sheets related to water conservation, graywater, recycled water, the environmental review process, and desalination

Please remember that reports, fact sheets, frequently asked questions, and other documents are posted on the project website: www.scwd2desal.org. Upcoming program components for 2011 include the preparation and release of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Scoping Period for Environmental Impact Report (EIR) ends on January 10th

The formal scoping period for the Draft EIR for the proposed City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District (**scwd²**) Regional Seawater Desalination Project will close on Monday, January 10, 2011. The public is encouraged to provide input and submit comments on the environmental topics, potential effects, mitigation measures, and range of alternatives to be analyzed in the project EIR. Comments can be submitted in writing by email or mail to:

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For your convenience, you may also use the .pdf form available on our website
(click [here](#))

Next Community Informational Meeting on “Understanding Energy Use related to Desalination” has been rescheduled to fall 2011

This meeting has been rescheduled to fall 2011 to include information from energy studies that are currently underway. The energy studies will include valuable information to better inform the community.

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