



## City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Soquel Creek Water District scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Program

### Monthly Project Update – July 2009

#### Desalination Program Update -Informational Meeting scheduled for September 24, 2009

Save the date! The next Informational Meeting for the Desalination Program is scheduled for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at New Brighton Middle School in Capitola. The public and interested parties will be provided an update on:

- Final report of the Desalination Pilot Plant Project and recommendations for a full-scale desalination plant
- Understanding and managing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions for a full-scale desalination plant
- Next steps: the environmental review process for a full-scale desalination plant and how you can participate in the process.

There will also be an opportunity for your questions to be addressed by project team members. For more information, visit [www.scwd2desal.org](http://www.scwd2desal.org).

#### Request for Proposals for Environmental Review of the Proposed Project

scwd<sup>2</sup> is currently seeking professional services for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Support Services for the potential full-scale desalination plant. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on June 22, 2009. A mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting of interested firms will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Proposals are due August 28, 2009.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the RFP for CEQA Support Services, please contact Heidi Luckenbach, Desalination Program Coordinator, at [hluckenbach@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:hluckenbach@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us).

#### What is the scwd<sup>2</sup> Task Force?

The scwd<sup>2</sup> Task Force is a Joint Task Force formed by the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District to provide direction on the evaluation and feasibility of the proposed seawater desalination project, public outreach activities, and development of an operational plan.

scwd<sup>2</sup> is comprised of two Santa Cruz City Council Members and two Soquel Creek Water District Board Members who meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Currently, the scwd<sup>2</sup> Task Force has been discussing items associated with collaborative operation of the potential full-scale desalination plant including shared usage, allocation of costs, and governance. To view meeting agendas and minutes, visit [www.scwd2desal.org](http://www.scwd2desal.org).

#### Every drop counts

Remember to continue saving water! Both the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District are pursuing 15% water use reduction through October 2009. For specifics on watering

schedules and other restrictions for City of Santa Cruz residents, click [here](#). For conservation tips for Soquel Creek Water District residents, click [here](#).

### **Project Information**

For more information, please visit our project website at [www.scwd2desal.org](http://www.scwd2desal.org) or call 831.475.8501 x153. Please share these updates with others. If you would like to have Project Updates emailed directly to you, please email your request to [melanies@soquelcreekwater.org](mailto:melanies@soquelcreekwater.org).

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