



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

Monthly Project Update – July 2010

Recently launched 'Water-Smart Gardening in Santa Cruz County' Website promotes outdoor water efficiency

A new on-line gardening database was recently launched in June 2010 as an easy-to-use resource for creating water-saving gardens in Santa Cruz County. This website is full of inspirational gardens and ideas that can help reduce summer watering. It features local plants especially suited for Santa Cruz County climate. The creation of this database began as a joint effort by the City of Santa Cruz, the City of Watsonville, Soquel Creek Water District, San Lorenzo Valley Water District, Scotts Valley Water District and the Monterey Bay Master Gardeners when the County was entering its third year of drought. Although the region experienced normal rainfall levels last year, a low water-use garden can tolerate a future dry spell far better than those that require more water and may suffer during periods when water-use is restricted. To access the Water-Smart Gardening Website, click [here](#).

The next scwd² Community Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28

The second in a series of scwd² Community Informational Meetings will focus on the History of Water Planning for the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District. Come to this community meeting to learn about:

- * Water supply projects that the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District have evaluated over the last 30 years; and
- * How and why a regional desalination project between the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District is currently being evaluated.

Bill Kocher, Water Director, City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Laura Brown, General Manager, Soquel Creek Water District will present the history of water supply planning for their respective agencies and then be joined on a Question and Answer Panel by Mike Rotkin, Mayor of Santa Cruz and Dan Kriege, Soquel Creek Water District Board Member. The meeting will be held on July 28th at the Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room (155 Center St, Santa Cruz) from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information on this meeting, please check the www.scwd2desal.org website.

Questions and Answers from the Water Conservation Community Informational Meeting are now available

Attendees at the May 27th Informational Meeting on Water Conservation submitted questions to be answered by the panelists. Nearly 30 questions were received about topics ranging from water conservation, curtailment and graywater to supplemental supply project alternatives including desalination. Answers to all questions submitted are now available on-line. To access, click [here](#).

Project Information

For more information, please visit our project website at 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.

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