

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

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Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Upcoming Public Meetings

The Santa Cruz City Council will be hosting a special meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 4:00 PM at the City Council Chambers to receive the Water Department's presentation of the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP is a required planning document for an <u>incidental take permit</u> (http://www.fws.gov/endangered/permits/index.html) associated with the capture and use of surface water for the City's municipal water supply. The evening's presentation will focus on the regulatory requirements to reduce stream diversions to protect threatened and endangered species and the anticipated effect that the City will have less water available from the San Lorenzo River, Newell Creek, and North Coast sources once the HCP is complete.

Also on Thursday, April 14th the League of Women Voters will present a debate and discussion on the scwd² Regional Seawater Desalination Program vs. Alternatives. Representatives from **scwd²** and Santa Cruz Desal Alternatives will respond to prepared questions as well as those asked by the audience. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at First Congregational Church in Santa Cruz.

Telephone Survey Poll Results Available on Project Website

Late last year the scwd² Desal Task Force sponsored a telephone survey poll as a way to check-in on public opinion regarding the proposed desalination project, mainly for the purpose of assuring that the ongoing technical and environmental studies were including work that would address public concerns. That polling was used primarily by staff to help direct the ongoing evaluations. You can review summaries of the poll results by clicking:

- * here (http://www.scwd2desal.org/documents/Reports/SantaCruzWD2010Memo.pdf) for the City of Santa Cruz and
- * here (http://www.scwd2desal.org/documents/Reports/SoquelCreekWD2010Memo.pdf) for Soquel Creek Water District.

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