



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

Monthly Project Update – October 2009

Presentations are available from the Integrated Water Plan and Desalination Program Informational Meeting

Copies of the PowerPoint presentations from the September 24th meeting are now available on our [website](#).

15% Water Restrictions continue through the end of October

The 15% water use restrictions for customers served by the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District continue through the end of this month. Our customers have considerably reduced water consumption during these warmer months, and we commend everyone for their efforts.

Environmental Review Process scheduled to begin in 2010

The process to prepare the Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed scwd² 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 several opportunities for the public to participate. Key steps under CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) during the environmental review process include:

- * Notice of Preparation and EIR Scoping Meetings – Public may provide comments (i.e., what should be studied in the EIR, concerns related to the project, etc.)
(*Spring/Summer 2010*)
- * Release of the Draft EIR – Public review and comment period (*Fall 2011*)
- * Prepare Final EIR, including response to comments
- * Public Hearing to certify EIR and decide on moving forward with the project (*Fall 2012*)

All of the above dates are tentative. We will also be hosting informational/pre-scoping meeting(s) for the public to ask questions about the proposed project. Information on these upcoming meetings will be announced on our website (www.scwd2desal.org), in local newspapers, and in our monthly email updates just as soon as they are scheduled.

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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