



Desalination Task Force

Minutes

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 20, 2010
City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room
212 Locust St, Suite A, Santa Cruz California

For the purpose of preparation of the minutes the following terms will be used throughout the current and all future minutes. The City of Santa Cruz/Soquel Creek Water District Desalination Task Force will be referred to as the “Task Force.” The City of Santa Cruz will be referred to as the “City” and the City of Santa Cruz Water Department will be referred to as the “SCWD.” The Soquel Creek Water District will be referred to as “SqCWD.” A member of the Soquel Creek Water District Board of Directors will be referred to as “Director” and the Soquel Creek Water District General Manager will be referred to as “General Manager.” A member of the Santa Cruz City Council will be referred to as “Councilmember” and the Director of the City of Santa Cruz Water Department will be referred to as “Water Director.”

Call to Order Director D. Kriege called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Director B. Jaffe, Director D. Kriege (Chair), Councilmember D. Lane and Councilmember M. Rotkin.
Staff: General Manager L. Brown, Water Director B. Kocher, Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach and Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher.
Others: M. Milan, Data Instincts and Todd Reynolds, Kennedy Jenks Consultants.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember D. Lane moved approval of the September 1, 2010 Desalination Task Force meeting minutes as submitted. Director B. Jaffe seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: **B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane and M. Rotkin.**
NOES: **None.**

General Business

1. Review and Status of Intake Studies

Desalination Program Coordinator Luckenbach and Technical Advisor Reynolds presented the findings from the Offshore Geophysical Survey (Eco-M); the Entrainment Study and Impact Assessment (Tenera); and the Intake Feasibility Study (Kennedy/Jenks).

Task Force Comments

Based on the initial findings of the Offshore Geophysical Survey, the Entrainment Study and Impact Assessment and the Intake Feasibility Study, the Task Force understands the significant limitations facing subsurface intakes at this project site weighed against the lack of demonstrable evidence they would be environmentally preferable to screened ocean intakes and advised staff to focus subsequent work on minimizing, to the extent feasible, any environmental impacts associated with the screened ocean intake. The Task Force stated that the next area of focus should be to look at minimizing energy use in a screened ocean intake. The Intake Feasibility Study is still being completed and will be brought back to the TF for consideration.

Councilmember Lane left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Councilmember M. Rotkin moved to accept the Draft Report on the Offshore Geophysical Survey prepared by Ecosystems Management, Inc. Director B. Jaffe seconded

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Jaffe, D. Kriege, D. Lane and M. Rotkin.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	D. Lane.

Program Managers' Report

A. Work Schedule

- Updated Project Schedule and Cost Estimate

B. Upcoming Tasks

- Pretreatment Evaluation Report (CDM) – November
- Entrainment Study and Impact Assessment Final Report - November
- Final Report to the Department of Water Resources on the Pilot Study Grant - November
- Scope of Work for Hydraulic Modeling to get water to SqCWD – November
- Intake Feasibility Study Report - December

C. Additional or Amended Tasks (No report)

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

- Department of Public Health commented on Watershed Sanitary Survey indicating preliminary approval of ocean water as a potable water supply source.
- CalDesal attended the September 29th State Water Resource Control Board hearing on the salinity objectives/desalination in the California Ocean Plan.

E. Contracts

- Staff is working with Kennedy/Jenks on the new Scope of Work for the Energy Study.

F. Public Outreach Program

- November 10th Public Meeting at Louden Nelson Center (Intake Studies and CEQA)
- December 8th Scoping Meeting for the EIR (Santa Cruz afternoon and Soquel evening)
- Upcoming January 2011 Public Meeting on energy use and plant costs.

G. Budget (No report)

H. Report of Findings (No report)

Public Outreach No action was taken on this item.


1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (9-14-10)
2. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (9-15-10)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (9-24-10)

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas No items were initiated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room, 5180 Soquel Drive. Soquel, California

Respectfully submitted,



Staff