



**Desalination Task Force  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
Santa Cruz Police Community Room  
155 Center Street Santa Cruz CA 95060**

**Approved Minutes**

*The Desalination Task Force consists of two members of the Soquel Creek Water District Board and two members of the City of Santa Cruz City Council.*

**Call to Order** Director D. Kriege called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Police Community Room.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Director B. Jaffe (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Director D. Kriege (Chair), Mayor D. Lane and Councilmember D. Terrazas.  
**Staff:** Interim General Manager T. Dufour, Water Director B. Kocher; Desalination Program Coordinator H. Luckenbach, Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher.  
**Others:** M. Milan, Data Instincts; A. Schiffrin, City Water Commission; M. Kroenig, Civinomics; and R. Singleton, Civinomics.

**Presentation** There were no presentations.

**Statements of Disqualification** There were no statements of disqualification.

**Oral Communications** There were no oral communications.

**Announcements**

Water Director Kocher introduced Taj Dufour who has been appointed Soquel Creek Water District Interim General Manager during Ms. Brown's medical leave of absence.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember D. Terrazas moved approval of the March 21, 2012 scwd2 Desalination Task Force Meeting as submitted. Mayor D. Lane seconded.

**VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED**

**Present:** D. Kriege, D. Lane and D. Terrazas.

Absent: B. Jaffe.

**Information Items** No action was taken on this item.

1. Award by American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE): “Communicating Perspectives on Water Supply and Desalination Energy Use”

## **General Business**

### **1. scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Task Force Outstanding Work Items**

Water Director Kocher provided the staff report and responded to task force questions.

The Task Force made the following recommendations on the outstanding work items:

1. The MOA should be amended to provide better direction regarding certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
2. Develop a recommendation for ongoing governance should the decision be made to proceed to construction of a desalination facility.

This item will be brought back as an item of business; develop a framework and timeline for governance at the May meeting.

3. Provide direction on the matter of projects and programs associated with the Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study.

Consensus was reached on the energy projects not being implemented prior to project approval. A comprehensive implementation plan will be developed for the energy projects and will be provided as part of the community information process.

4. Review the recommendations of the consultant who performed the intertie analysis and provide direction on the intertie facilities given different amounts of deliveries to Soquel Creek Water District (District).

Cost implications will be provided as part of Summary of Findings Report on the Intertie Analyses (May).

5. Review and provide direction either to staff or recommendations to the respective governing bodies regarding cost/value of various design considerations.

Preliminary Design considerations will be presented and discussed (June).

### **2. Public Outreach Update for Desalination Program**

Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher provided the staff report and responded to the task force questions.

The Task Force commented that the statistical information provided is very useful.

The Task Force made the following edits to the Proposed Goals for the scwd<sup>2</sup> Outreach and Education Plan for 2012-2014.

#### Goals for the scwd<sup>2</sup> Outreach and Education Plan for 2012-2014

- To educate the community about the purpose, needs, challenges, opportunities and objectives of the proposed scwd<sup>2</sup> Regional Desalination Project
- To inform the community that the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District are being fiscally responsible with ratepayer funds which includes environmental stewardship and potential community benefit.
- To provide clear and up-to-date information that is supported by facts and studies, to a broad range of audiences to increase public awareness and knowledge. Information shall encompass the scwd<sup>2</sup> Regional Desalination Project and other water related issues facing the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District such as the City's Habitat Conservation Plan, overdraft of the groundwater basin, seawater intrusion, and conservation.
- To describe the total value from a sustainability perspective that the Project would provide contrasted to alternatives, including a no supply project alternative.
- To inform the community that the project is a part of the City of Santa Cruz's strategy and ability to respond to new NOAA regulations with regards to surface water requirements to protect threatened and endangered species.
- To inform the community that the project is part of Soquel Creek Water District's objectives and goals to protect the overdrafted groundwater basin by (1) reducing pumping for at least 20 years to allow for natural recovery/restoration to occur and (2) to meet future water demands after basin recovery and groundwater withdrawals are increased to safe-yield extractions.
- To inform the community that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project are being thoroughly and transparently evaluated and the draft environmental impact report will be released 2012 for their review and comment.
- To communicate information about project costs, funding and rate impacts as it is available.

### **3. scwd<sup>2</sup> Digital Community Outreach- Presentation of iPad Tool**

Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher provided the staff report.

Manu Kroenig and Robert Singleton of Civinomics provided an interactive demonstration the iPad interview.

Mark Milan, Data Instincts presented statistical information on the iPad interviews. A copy of the PowerPoint will be included in the original papers.

The Task Force requested that a report detailing the results of the iPad interviews be provided at a future Task Force meeting.

### **Program Managers' Report**

#### A. Work Schedule

All sections of the first version admin draft of the EIR are complete and in review.

#### B. Upcoming Tasks

Preliminary Design Report presentation at the June meeting.  
Intertie Analysis Summary of Finding presentation at the May meeting.

#### C. Additional or Amended Tasks

No report.

#### D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

SWRCB IRWM Grant final retention payment received.

#### E. Contracts

No report.

#### F. Public Outreach Program

No report.

#### G. Budget

No report.

#### H. Report of Findings

No report.

**Media Articles** No action was taken on this item.

1. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (03-21-12)
2. News Article – Capitola Soquel Times (03-23-12)
3. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-01-12)
4. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-02-12)
5. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-04-12)
6. News Article – Santa Cruz Sentinel (04-07-12)

**Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas**

No new items were initiated

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. until next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room, 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Paul

Staff