



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

Monthly Project Update –September 2009

Integrated Water Plan and Desalination Program Informational Meeting on September 24, 2009

The Informational Meeting will be held Thursday, September 24th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the New Brighton Middle School Performing Arts Center (250 Washburn Avenue, Capitola). Representatives from the City of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, and technical experts from the consulting firms of CDM and CH2MHILL will be presenting on:

- Summary of the Desalination Pilot Plant Project and recommendations for a full-scale desalination plant
- Understanding and managing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions for a full-scale desalination plant
- Next steps: the environmental review process for a full-scale desalination plant and how you can participate in the process.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. To see the schedule of presentations and bios on the presenters, [click here](#).

Diversifying water portfolios essential in planning for sustainable water supplies

Conservation is a cornerstone of both the City of Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water District's water planning programs. Local water users have considerably reduced consumption through the various conservation programs offered by both of our agencies. However, while we will continue to maximize our conservation programs, we cannot achieve the goal of a sustainable water supply relying solely on conservation.

Numerous studies have consistently confirmed that we must also diversify our water portfolios by developing a new source of supply. A thorough examination of the factors that must be considered for developing a new municipal water supply has led our two agencies to the evaluation of desalination as the most feasible option to provide water during drought conditions, to limit groundwater pumping, and prevent seawater intrusion. In conjunction with conservation and curtailment, desalination would help supplement existing water supplies. For more information, [click here](#).

Project Information

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