



Desalination Task Force Minutes
Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, June 18, 2008

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.

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 B. Daniels called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room, 212 Locust Street Suite A, Santa Cruz, California.

Roll Call

Present: Director B. Daniels (Vice-chair), Director D. Kriege, Councilmember C. Mathews (Alternate), Councilmember M. Rotkin and Councilmember E. Porter.
Staff: General Manager L. Brown; Water Director B. Kocher; Desalination Coordinator H. Luckenbach; Administrative Assistant D. Paul and Public Outreach Coordinator M. Schumacher.

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.

Councilmember M. Rotkin arrived at 4:15 p.m. and assumed the duties of Chair for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Director D. Kriege moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2008 minutes as submitted. Director M. Rotkin seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	D. Kriege, M. Rotkin and C. Mathews (Alternate E. Porter).
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAIN:	B. Daniels.

Director B Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting as submitted. Director D. Kriege seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Daniels, D. Kriege, and C. Mathews (Alternate M. Rotkin)
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAIN:	E. Porter.

Informational Items No action was taken on this item.

General Business

1. Draft Requests for Proposals: 1) Entrainment Study and Impact Assessment; and 2) Offshore Geophysical Survey

Public Comments

A. Schiffrin provided comments that the RFP and the proposals received be printed double sided and use only recycled products.

Director B. Daniels moved to approve the issuance of the Requests for Proposals for an Entrainment Study and Impact Assessment, and Offshore Geophysical Survey. Councilmember E. Porter seconded.

VOICE VOTE	MOTION CARRIED
AYES:	B. Daniels, D. Kriege, E. Porter and M. Rotkin.
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

- 2 Draft Operational Plan and Agreement – Consideration of Retaining a Consultant to assist in the establishment of Cost Share Agreement

The Draft Operational Plan & Agreement is an ongoing work product and standing agenda item.

Water Director Kocher reported that, while working with General Manager Brown on the development of formulas for the sharing of capital costs, many policy questions came up. They have determined that it may be helpful to hire a consultant to work with the Task Force to develop the

necessary policy statements that would be the basis for the cost sharing. Three potential consultants were identified.

Director Daniels suggested that Dr. Brent Haddad at UCSC also be approached.

The Task Force requested that staff provide resumes relative to this project from the consultants mentioned for review at the next meeting.

Public Comments

A. Schiffrin provided comments stating the work that this consultant is being asked to do is rather vague and it may be helpful to develop a list of the policy questions that need to be addressed.

3 Public Outreach Program

Public Outreach Coordinator Schumacher reported that two meetings were held on June 4, 2008 and again on June 12, 2008 with Kennedy Jenks Consultants and its sub consultant Data Instincts to develop a long term Public Outreach Strategy. Discussion included conveying the vision of the water future; branding the vision for the full-scale program; defining the key audiences/stakeholders; defining a long-term communications strategy and implementing the tools for a successful strategy. Several different versions of the current logo with a slogan inserted were provided for task force consideration.

Task Force Comments

It is important to convey information on how much work has been done on conservation and that this community as a whole uses much less water compared to the rest of the state.

A survey of the public may be a useful tool.

Public Comments

G. Hoffman commented that he is a docent that gives tours of the pilot plant and it would be helpful to have a couple of posters of how both agencies got to where they are today.

A. Schiffrin commented that it makes sense to do general presentation. The EIR is going to be huge on this project and the scoping period should include a public outreach component.

Program Managers' Report

A. Work Schedule

Desalination Program Coordinator Luckenbach reported that the pilot plant testing is on schedule and all pretreatment trains are working equally well.

B. Upcoming Tasks

Desalination Program Coordinator Luckenbach reported that the algal toxin study will begin and include source water sampling. The Phase 2 modeling work is being finalized for the Watershed Sanitary Survey. The RFPs approved today will be distributed and will be open for five weeks. Future RFPs include video inspection of the existing abandoned outfall and a greenhouse gas plan that will look at both agencies energy use and ways to reduce greenhouse gases.

C. Additional or Amended Tasks

No report.

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

Desalination Program Coordinator Luckenbach reported that a meeting with Department of Public Health is scheduled for July 1, 2008 regarding the Watershed Sanitary Survey.

E. Public Outreach Program

Public Outreach Coordinator Schumacher provided three news articles.

1. Tapping the Oceans, June 5, 2008 The Economist print edition
2. Turning Los Angeles Wastewater to Tap Water, June 7, 2008 Los Angeles Times
3. Some Officials say Recycled Water is Answer to Drought, June 8, 2008
contracostatimes.com

F. Report of Findings

No report.

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room, 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel, California.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul

Staff