



Desalination Task Force Minutes

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Soquel Creek Water District Board Room
5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073

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 Mayor M. Rotkin (Vice-chair) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Director B. Jaffe, Councilmember D. Lane and Mayor M. Rotkin (Chair).
Staff: General Manager L. Brown and Water Director B. Kocher.

Presentation There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications There were no oral communications.

Announcements A community forum on the History of Water Planning is scheduled for July 28, 2010 at the Santa Cruz Police Facility.

Approval of Minutes

The following correction is noted: Page 6, second paragraph delete the word about after the word question.

Councilmember D. Lane moved approval of the June 16, 2010 Desalination Task Force meeting minutes as amended. Mayor M. Rotkin seconded.

VOICE VOTE MOTION CARRIED

AYES: B. Jaffe, D. Lane and M. Rotkin.

NOES: None.

Information Items

1. Status of Permit Planning

Water Director Kocher introduced this item and reported that staff has developed a worst case scenario for permitting.

Director Jaffe asked which permit will be the most difficult and what hurdles are anticipated.

Water Director Kocher reported that the Coastal Development Permit will be most difficult and energy is the biggest hurdle. Staff has studied the work that was done by Carlsbad (Poseidon) to obtain a permit for a 50 mgd plant.

No action was taken on this item.

General Business

1. Desalination Project Watershed Sanitary Survey, Results and Next Steps

Water Director Kocher reported that California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requires that a sanitary survey be done in order to determine what contaminants impact source water and determine treatment requirements.

Director B. Jaffe moved acceptance of the Desalination Project Watershed Sanitary Survey for further use in the design of the proposed full-scale desalination plant. Councilmember D. Lane seconded.

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

Program Managers' Report

A. Work Schedule

The Pilot Study and Watershed Sanitary Study reports are complete.

B. Upcoming Tasks

Both the Offshore Geophysical Study Report and the Intake Feasibility Study Report are in technical review. Staff will be combining the Technical Working Groups into one and it will provide a report to the Regional Water Quality Control Board of the results of the Offshore Geophysical Study and why a subsurface intake is not feasible.

Five proposals were received for design of the full-scale plant. Four firms were invited to interview. Consultant selection and the scope of work will be on the next agenda.

C. Additional or Amended Tasks

No report.

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

Fourteen agencies have joined CalDesal and scwd² has joined as a public agency member at a cost of \$5,000.

Staff met with CDPH to discuss WSS and Pilot Study final reports.

E. Contracts

No report.

F. Public Outreach Program

A community forum on the History of Water Planning is scheduled for July 28, 2010 at the Santa Cruz Police Facility. A four-page fact sheet is being developed on with a history and timeline for both agencies.

The questions that were submitted following the last community forum on Conservation have been answered and are available of the scwd² website.

The scwd² website is receiving 700 hits a month. The majority (60%) of visitors are reaching us by typing the web address, 30% are coming in through search engines and 8% percent are being redirected from the City or District website.

G. Budget

No report.

H. Report of Findings

No report.

Public Outreach

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

No items were initiated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room, 212 Locust Street, Suite A, Santa Cruz, California.

Respectfully submitted,

ss/Donna Paul
Staff