



**Desalination Task Force Minutes**  
**4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 21, 2009**  
**City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room**  
**212 Locust St, Suite A, Santa Cruz California**

*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** Vice-Chair M. Rotkin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. in the City of Santa Cruz Water Department Conference Room. He introduced Director B. Jaffe who was appointed by the SqCWD Board to replace Director B. Daniels.

**Roll Call**

Present: Director B. Jaffe, Director D. Kriege, and Councilmember R. Coonerty and Councilmember M. Rotkin.

Staff: General Manager L. Brown and Deputy Water Director L. Almond.

Others: Brent Haddad, MBA, Ph.D. - Project Agreement Facilitator.

**Presentation** There were no presentations.

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

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

**Announcements**

General Manager Brown reported that the Community Express show on Community Television did a program on water issues which will air on Fridays for a month beginning October 16, 2009.

Councilmember Rotkin reported that he and Water Director Kocher met with Supervisor Mark Stone who was recently appointed to the Coastal Commission to provide information on the scwd<sup>2</sup> desalination program.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Director D. Kriege moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2009 Desalination Task Force meeting and the September 16, 2009 Desalination Task Force as submitted.**

**VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED**

**AYES: R. Coonerty, D. Kriege and M. Rotkin.**

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: B. Jaffe.**

### **General Business**

#### 1. Election of Officers

Vice-Chair Rotkin opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Councilmember R. Coonerty nominated Director D. Kriege. By acclamation, Director D. Kriege was elected Chair of the scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Task Force.

#### 2. Modify Capital Cost Share

Councilmember Rotkin reported that he attended the Water Commission meeting on July 6, 2009. The Water Commission requested that he return to the Task Force and seek to change the tentatively agreed upon cost share to City 55% and SqCWD 45%. This recommendation is based upon the Water Commission review of the "Priority of Use System" and its determination that if the plant production is being split equally (1.25 mgd) in April and November no priority exists.

The Task Force discussed different approaches on how the Capital Cost Share and Priority of Use System could be modified.

Oral Communications were made by Water Commissioner A. Schiffrin.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Task Force members will take the Capital Cost Share and Priority of Use System to their respective governing bodies for discussion to see if there is interest or practicality in revisiting the shoulder month allotments.

#### 3. Draft Agreement Endorsing Recommendations of the scwd<sup>2</sup> Desalination Task Force on Seawater Desalination Facility

The Task Force conducted a page by page review of the agreement. The comments were recorded by the Facilitator and will be incorporated into the draft agreement along with a reference to the 2007 agreement. The agreement will return for Task Force approval at a future meeting.

### **Program Managers' Report**

A. Work Schedule

- Staff, CDM and Department of Public Health met to review the results of the Pilot Plant.
- The Technical Working Group for the Entrainment Study met in September.

B. Upcoming Tasks

- The Pilot Study final report is expected in November 2009.
- An evaluation of how to proceed with the next phases such as design is being conducted.
- The permits have been issued for the offshore geophysical study.
- Three firms have been selected as finalists for the CEQA/NEPA consultant.

C. Additional or Amended Tasks

No report.

D. Contacts with Regulatory Agencies/Requests from Regulatory Agencies

- State Lands Commission has requested a copy of the Pilot Study final report.

E. Contracts

- The scope of work for the Energy Minimization and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study is being evaluated and modified to reflect information from regulators as well as actual level of effort being expended in the study. There will likely be no fiscal impact at this time.

F. Public Outreach Program

- Public Information meeting was held on September 24.
- Fall Edition of the backgrounder is being distributed.
- Scoping meetings for the CEQA process are in the planning stages.

G. Budget

- Grant payments from Department of Water Resources had been received.

H. Report of Findings

- CDM presented information on the pilot study to staff and is developing a matrix to illustrate the advantages/disadvantages of the various treatment options.

The Task Force requested that an updated project schedule be provided that shows the critical path of actions/decisions that have to happen before other actions/decisions may be addressed.

**Public Outreach** No action was taken on this item.

**Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas** No action was taken on this item.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Desalination Task Force scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Soquel Creek Water District Board Room, 5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel, California.