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## **Huntington Beach City Council Approves Seawater Desalination Project's Coastal Development Permit**

### *State Lands Commission Hearing Up Next*

**Huntington Beach, CA** – Poseidon Resources today announced the Huntington Beach City Council voted 6-1 to approve a Coastal Development Permit (CDP), Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) and Restated and Amended Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) for the Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project (Project). The Project now advances to the California State Lands Commission where a hearing is expected as early as October.

The City of Huntington Beach has coastal land use jurisdiction under its Local Coastal Program (LCP) and first issued the Project a CDP in 2006, which was appealed to the California Coastal Commission. Per the recent advice from the Coastal Commission, the City took action to rescind the appealed 2006 CDP (No. 02-05) and to approve a new CDP (No. 10-014).

The revised local land use approvals were required from the City to allow the Project long-term operational certainty in the case that the Huntington Beach power plant permanently altered or decommissioned its seawater intake and discharge facilities. Under this scenario the seawater desalination Project would be allowed to operate the intake and outfall facilities independent (“stand-alone” operation) of the power plant. The affirmative action taken by the City Council confirms that the Project’s “stand alone” operation is fully consistent with the City’s LCP policies.

“Today’s action by the City Council further confirms that the seawater desalination Project can be built and operated without significant impact to the coastal environment,” said Poseidon Resources Vice President Scott Maloni. “The team of scientists and technical consultants responsible for studying and analyzing the Project has compiled irrefutable research that has repeatedly been validated over the many years,” said Maloni.

The Huntington Beach Desalination Facility is a 50 million gallon per day (56,000 acre foot per year) local water supply project that will provide the region with a drought-proof alternative to imported water. Due to limited local sources of water supply, Orange County must import as much as 50% of its water. The \$350 million Huntington Beach Desalination Facility is expected to be operational by 2014.

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