

Appendix II:

Open House Notification Materials

public meeting

title

**San Francisco Bay Regional
Desalination Project Feasibility Study**

who

Santa Clara Valley Water District

what

Public Open House

when

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7p.m.-8:30 p.m.

where

Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose , CA 95118

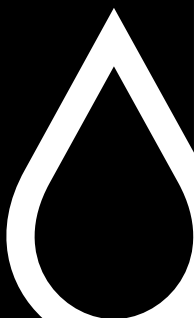
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Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, East Bay Municipal Utilities District and Contra Costa Water District invite you to a meeting regarding the feasibility of a proposed regional desalination facility to serve the San Francisco Bay area. These four agencies serve over 5.4 million Bay Area residents and businesses. The goal and benefits of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Desalination Project are to provide an additional source of water during emergencies such as earthquakes or levee failures, provide a supplemental water supply source during extended droughts, allow other major facilities, such as treatment plants, water pipelines, and pump stations, to be taken out of service for maintenance or repairs, and to increase supply reliability. The agencies welcome your thoughts about the feasibility of a regional desalination facility. Public input is very important and will be reviewed and considered as we move forward.

For more information about this meeting or this project, contact Project Manager and Senior Engineer Pam John at (408) 265-2607, ext. 3003.

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BAY AREA REGIONAL Desalination Project

You are invited to attend an upcoming public forum to learn about the Bay Area Regional Desalination Project.

The Bay Area's four largest water agencies, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and Santa Clara Valley Water District, are jointly exploring regional desalination facilities that would benefit the 5.4 million Bay Area residents and businesses served by these agencies.

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The partner agencies welcome your thoughts about the feasibility of a regional desalination facility. We encourage you and other representatives from your organization to attend either of the following meetings:

Public Open House

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

7pm – 8:30pm

Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room

5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose

Presentation at the Bay Area Water Forum Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2006 *(note change from tentative date of Oct. 23)*

10:30am – 1:30pm (presentation at 11am)

Harris State Office Building, 1515 Clay St., Oakland

Please visit our project web site, www.RegionalDesal.com, for more information and dates of future public forums. If you have any questions or comments, please email info@RegionalDesal.com.

Santa Clara Valley Water District MEDIA ADVISORY

- What:** Public open house meeting on the feasibility of a four-county water-desalination plant project
- When:** 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11
- Where:** Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway (one block south of Blossom Hill Road), San Jose
- Why:** To inform the community of the feasibility project currently under way, and to solicit community reaction and ideas
- Contact:** Mike Di Marco, (408) 314-0559

Regional desalination plant eyed as potential emergency source of water for Santa Clara County

SAN JOSE — The Santa Clara Valley Water District is participating in a regional study to determine whether building a desalination plant in the Bay Area could keep water taps flowing in Santa Clara County during an emergency.

The California Department of Water Resources has awarded a \$250,000 grant to a regional consortium comprised of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Contra Costa Water District to evaluate the feasibility of a regional desalination facility in the Bay Area. The grant represents half the cost of the feasibility study.

The Department of Water Resources has also notified the four-agency partnership that it will grant almost \$1 million towards building a \$1.9 million small-scale desalination pilot plant.

The partnership is evaluating desalination as an additional source of water during emergencies, such as earthquakes or levee failures. In addition, desalination is being evaluated as a potential supplemental source of water during extended droughts and for its ability to increase water supply reliability.

The regional desalination facility could supplement the water needs of more than 5 million households and businesses served by the consortium.

Pooling the four agencies' resources and leveraging their existing water infrastructure is expected to reduce potential environmental effects of a desalination plant and reduce

energy demands that would be required for four separate desalination projects within a small geographic area.

Over the past three years, the four agencies conducted a pre-feasibility study to rule out any environmental or technical flaws that could doom a regional plant. The pre-feasibility study concluded that there are at least three locations in the Bay Area suitable for a regional desalination plant.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District manages Santa Clara County's wholesale drinking water resources, coordinates flood protection for its 1.7 million residents and provides stewardship for the county's 10 reservoirs and more than 800 miles of streams.

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