



BAY AREA REGIONAL DESALINATION PROJECT

FACT SHEET and CONTACT INFORMATION

- The Bay Area Regional Desalination Project is a unique partnership formed to evaluate regional options to address water shortages; this project is evaluating desalination, however options including recycled water and conservation continue to be evaluated as well.
- Desalination technology is technically viable in East Contra Costa County in a location that minimizes or avoids the impacts of traditional desalination.
- The partners are studying an East Contra Costa Site in more detail, specifically the environmental impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions, fisheries and brine discharge and look forward to working with environmental groups and stakeholders to inform the decision on whether to proceed with a project specific Environmental Impact Report.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Bay Area's largest water agencies are working together to develop a regional desalination project to serve the needs of over 5.6 million residents and businesses in the region. The Contra Costa Water District, the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District have collaborated since 2003. Zone 7 Water Agency joined the project in 2010.

Technical studies conducted in 2005 identified three locations in the Bay Area where a regional desalination facility could be located. A 6-month pilot test was completed in April 2009 at Contra Costa Water District's Mallard Slough Pump Station which confirmed the technical viability of the project. A Site-Specific analysis is planned for 2011-2013 and will include detailed hydraulic modeling, fisheries and water quality modeling, a storage optimization analysis, and a greenhouse gas analysis. In June 2013 individual agencies are expected to make a decision about participation in the project and whether to initiate a project specific Environmental Impact Report.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROJECT PARTNERS

Please contact us with your feedback, our specialties are identified below if you have a specific area of interest. Please also visit <http://www.regionaldesal.com/> for more information and to sign up for the project mailing list to receive notification of public workshops and project updates.

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