

Support Smart Water Solutions— Conservation not Desalination

Beware! Poseidon Resources, a Connecticut limited liability company, proposes to build and operate a coastal desalination plant in Huntington Beach co-located with the AES power plant.

This project should be opposed for the following reasons:

- Seawater desalination is a very expensive means to produce drinking water. We, as ratepayers and taxpayers, will bear the cost burden of subsidies for the most expensive water supply option available while cheaper alternatives exist;
- Seawater desalination is extremely energy-intensive, undermining the goals and intent of legislation (e.g. AB 32) and other strategies to reduce greenhouse gases and transition to a renewable energy portfolio;
- This project will lock in outdated open seawater intake and brine discharge systems causing significant marine life mortality and coastal ecology damage;
- Further industrialization of Huntington Beach's coastline will increase local pollution, decrease residential property values, and erode our quality of life.

Instead, we should support smart water solutions like:

- Increasing water-use efficiency, water recycling, and water reclamation;
- Expansion of Orange County's energy efficient, state-of-the-art Groundwater Replenishment System;
- Improved management of the Santa Ana River watershed.

Please, oppose the Poseidon Resources ocean
desalination project in S.E. Huntington Beach.

This sensible appeal was produced by **Residents for Responsible Desalination**, a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to coastal protection. See www.r4rd.org for more information.