

# NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007

1:00 P. M.

## **SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA** **SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION** **COMMITTEE**

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CLIFFORD TROTTER, CHAIR  
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### PRINCIPAL STAFF


BRUCE BUEL, GENERAL MANAGER  
LISA BOGNUDA, ASSIST. ADMINISTRATOR  
DONNA JOHNSON, BOARD SECRETARY  
JON SEITZ, GENERAL COUNSEL

### MEETING LOCATION

District Board Room  
148 S. Wilson Street  
Nipomo, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE**  
ACTION RECOMMENDED: None
2. **RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORT ON SUPPLEMENT WATER PROJECT**  
ACTION RECOMMENDED: Receive Report and Ask Questions
3. **DISCUSS DANA POINT DESALINATION PROJECT**  
ACTION RECOMMENDED: Develop Recommendations for Board
4. **SET NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
ACTION RECOMMENDED: Set Time/Date for Next Committee Meeting
5. **ADJOURN**

\*\*\* End Special Meeting Notice \*\*\*

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
FROM: BRUCE BUEL   
DATE: AUGUST 1, 2007

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**2**  
**AUGUST 8, 2007**

SWP PROGRESS REPORT

**ITEM**

Receive progress report on supplemental water project [RECEIVE REPORT AND ASK QUESTIONS].

**BACKGROUND**

Mike Nunley from Boyle Engineering is scheduled to provide an update on the project.

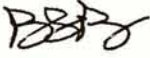
**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Committee receive Boyle's presentation and ask questions as appropriate.

**ATTACHMENT**

- None

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**AGENDA ITEM**  
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**AUGUST 8, 2007**

DANA POINT DESALINATION PROJECT

**ITEM**

Discuss Dana Point desalination project [FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD].

**BACKGROUND**

Representatives from Boyle Engineering are scheduled to describe the Dana Point Desalination Project in South Orange County and answer questions regarding the project and the technology. It should be noted that the Dana Point project has made substantial progress in determining the feasibility of slant drilling as an intake source for the feed water. Attached is a 2006 summary of the project, which concludes that "high yield wells can be constructed out under the ocean with minimal environmental impact".

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**ATTACHMENT**

- Dana Point Ocean Desalination Project Test Slant Well Project

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# Dana Point Ocean Desalination Project Test Slant Well Project

CA/NV American Water Works Association  
2006 Fall Conference  
Long Beach, CA  
October 4, 2006

## Municipal Water District of Orange County

- Wholesale water supplier and regional planner to 29 cities & retail water agencies
- Governed by seven-member elected board of directors
- Member agency of Metropolitan Water District
- Service area: 600 sq miles
- Water demand: 522,000 AF
- Imported supply: 245,000 AF
- Local supplies: 277,000 AF
- Population: 2.3 million
- Annual budget: \$150 million





## **South OC Water Reliability The Problem**

- 95% of supply from a single WTP
- WTP is adjacent to three large faults and is vulnerable to a major earthquake
- Economic impact of supply disruption is very large based on a study by the OC Business Council
- Recovery times estimated up to 30 days or longer to restore treated water service

## **South OC Water Reliability The Solution**

**Agencies are implementing or evaluating the following projects:**

- Lined/Covered Reservoir(s)
- Emergency Interconnections
- Regional Water Treatment Plant
- Expanded Recycling
- Expanded Groundwater Recovery
- Dana Point Ocean Desalination Project



## **Subsurface Intake System Advantages**

- Slow sand filtration – pretreatment benefit
- Potential lower life-cycle cost
- Environmentally preferred approach
  - ◆ No entrainment/impingement impacts
  - ◆ No ocean construction impacts
- Protection from shock loads due to storms, spills, red tides, and urban runoff
- More certain permitting outcome

## **Status of Feedwater Supply Feasibility Investigation**

### **Completed Work**

- Hydrogeology study (Test Borings)
- Test slant well

### **Ongoing Work**

- Full scale system modeling evaluation
  - ◆ Wellfield configuration
  - ◆ Safe yield and impacts
- Engineering study on pump system



## Research Focus

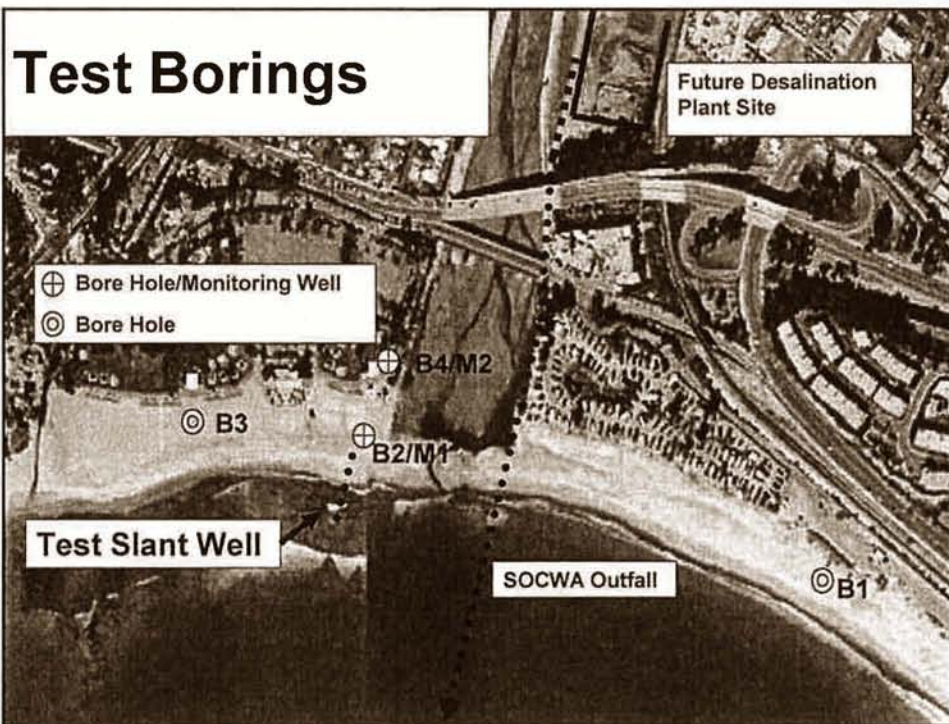
- Coastal hydrogeology/geochemistry
- Subsurface intake technology
- Intake well yield and performance
  - ◆ Specific capacity and well yield
  - ◆ Inflow by source vs time
- Water quality
  - ◆ Salinity response
  - ◆ Pretreatment level (SDI, etc)
  - ◆ Iron/Manganese reaction kinetics
- Well material corrosion study

## Hydrogeology Investigation

- ◆ Vertical and Lateral  
Extent of Alluvium
- ◆ Hydraulic Conductivity
- ◆ Water Quality
- ◆ Location of Freshwater  
Saltwater Interface







## Hydrogeology Findings

- The aquifer is comprised of coarse sand and gravel, promising conditions for high yield filtered water ( $K \sim 1000 \text{ gpd/ft}^2$ )
- Dimensions of alluvial channel
  - ◆ Width  $\sim 1800$  feet
  - ◆ Depth  $\sim 160$  to  $180$  feet
- Extends offshore within continental shelf
- Water quality was brackish ( $2600 \text{ mg/l}$ )

## **Test Slant Well Project**

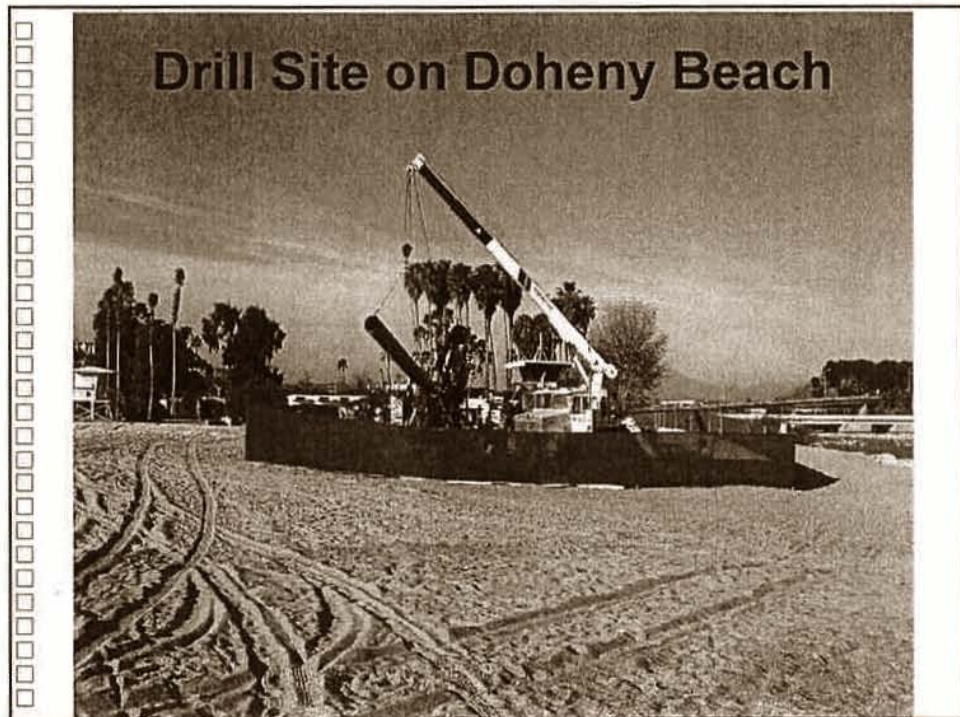
- Research intake technologies
  - ◆ Radial wells
  - ◆ HDD wells
  - ◆ Dual rotary slant wells
- Dual rotary drilling found most suitable for this site
- Construction/testing schedule
  - ◆ Started January 30, 2006
  - ◆ Completed May 18, 2006

## **Test Slant Well Project Cost and Funding**

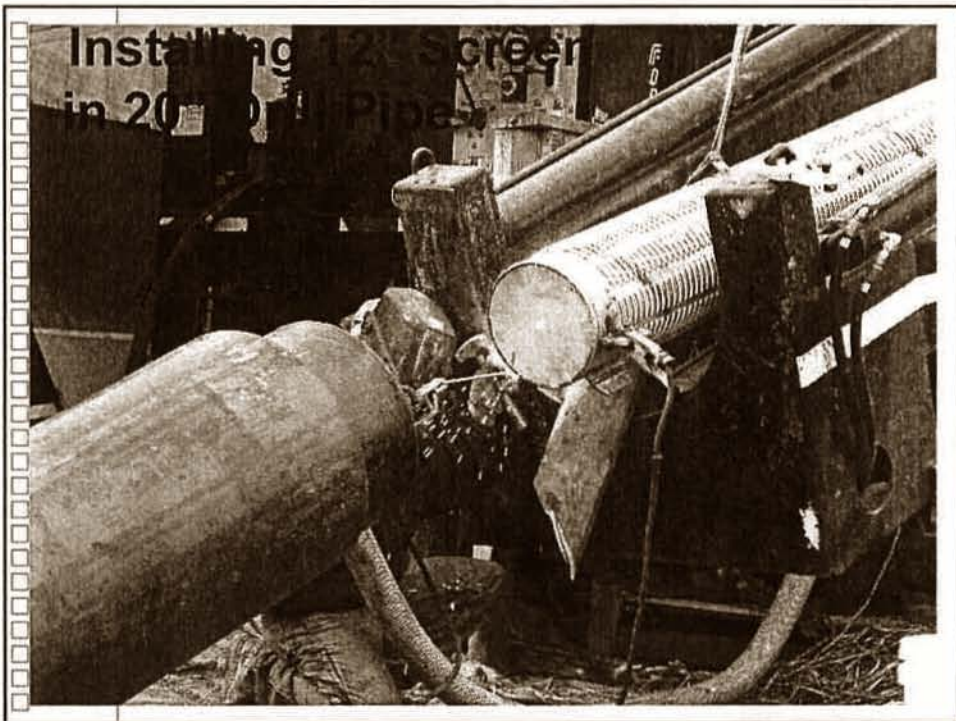
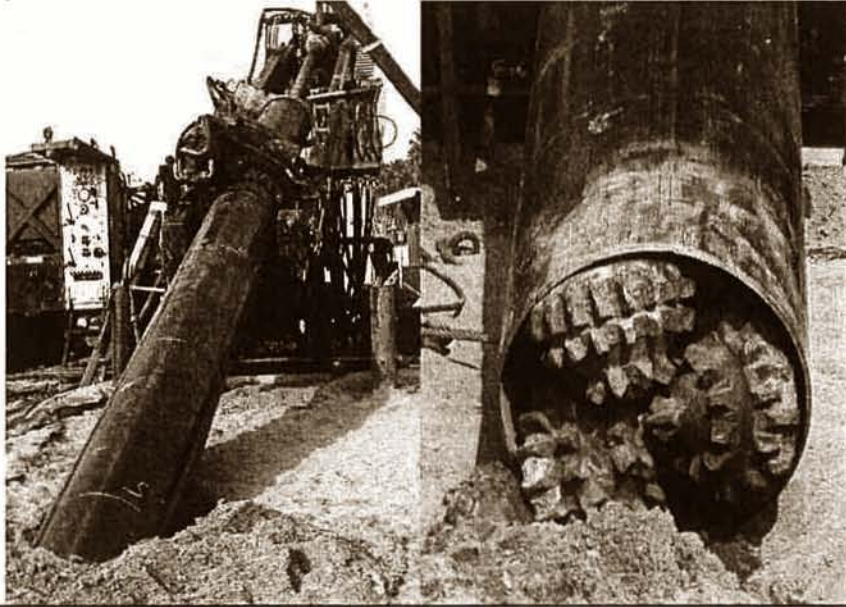
- Feasibility Investigation Costs (2 years)
  - ◆ \$2.2 Million (includes drilling contracts)
- Federal/State Grants
  - ◆ DWR Prop 50 Grant \$1,000,000
  - ◆ USBR Desalination Grant \$360,000
  - ◆ USEPA Grant \$144,500



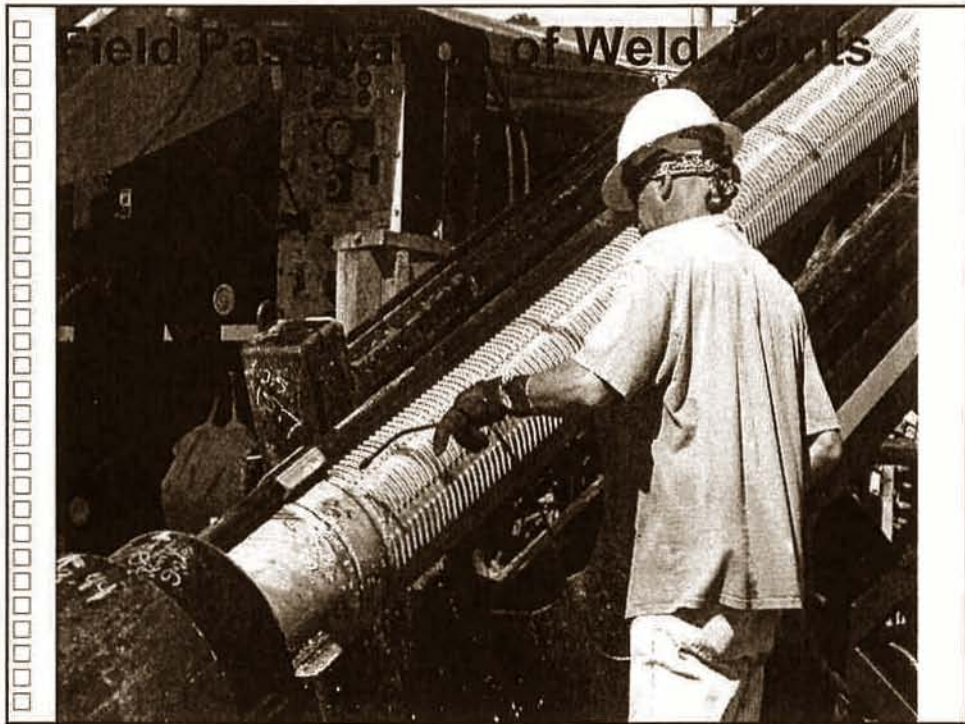




## Slant Well Dual Rotary Drilling

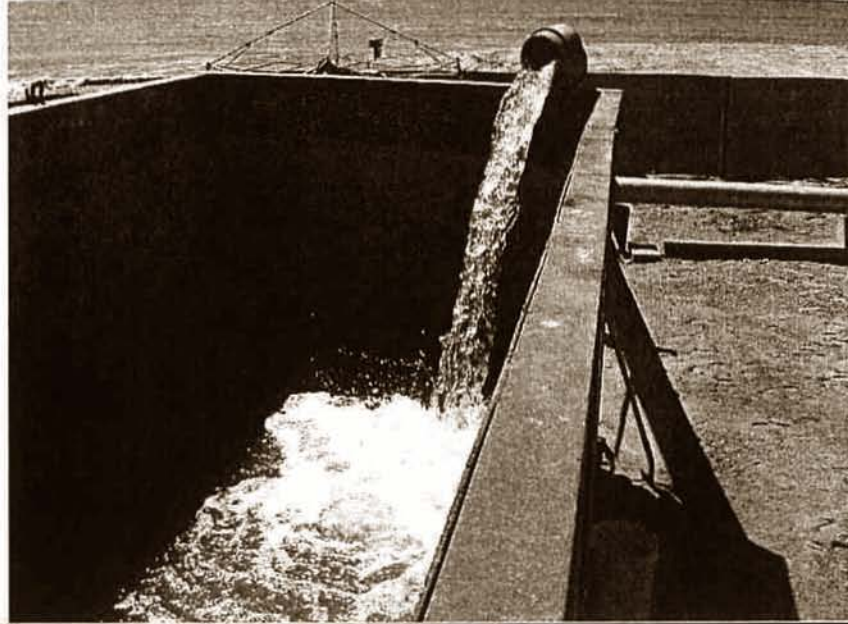




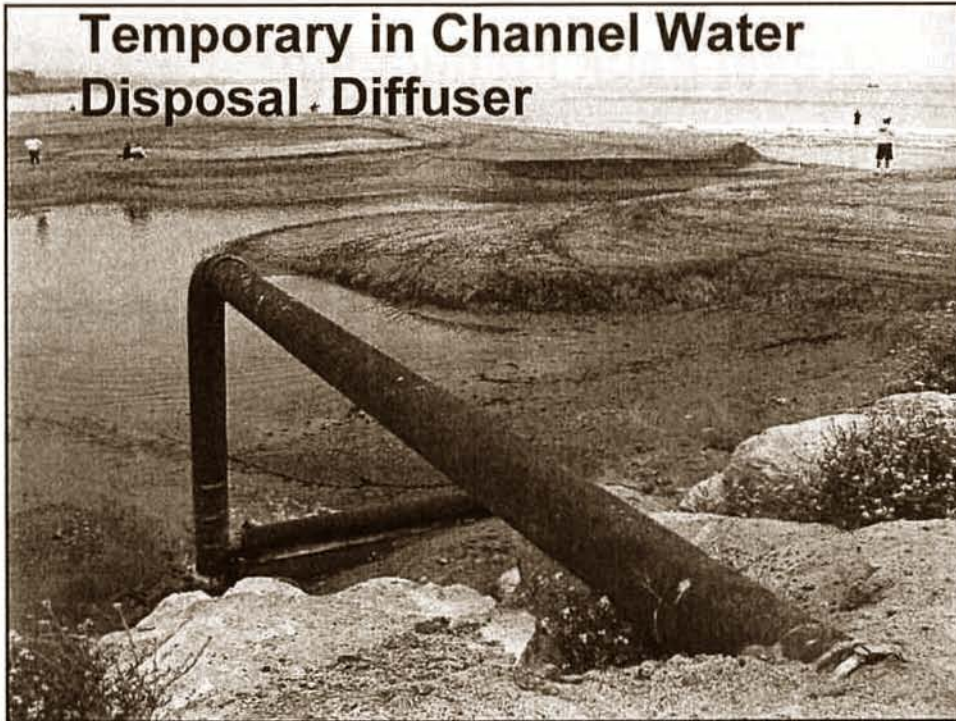




## Pumping and Aeration



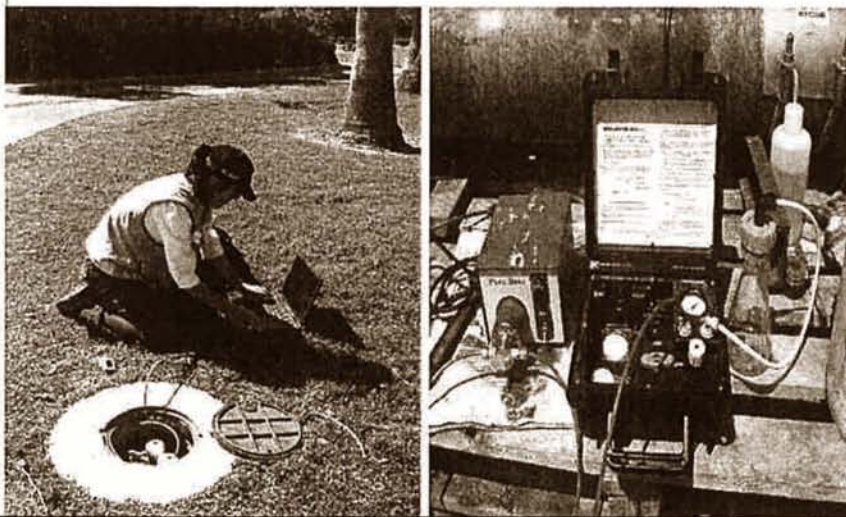
## Temporary in Channel Water Disposal Diffuser



## Testing Program

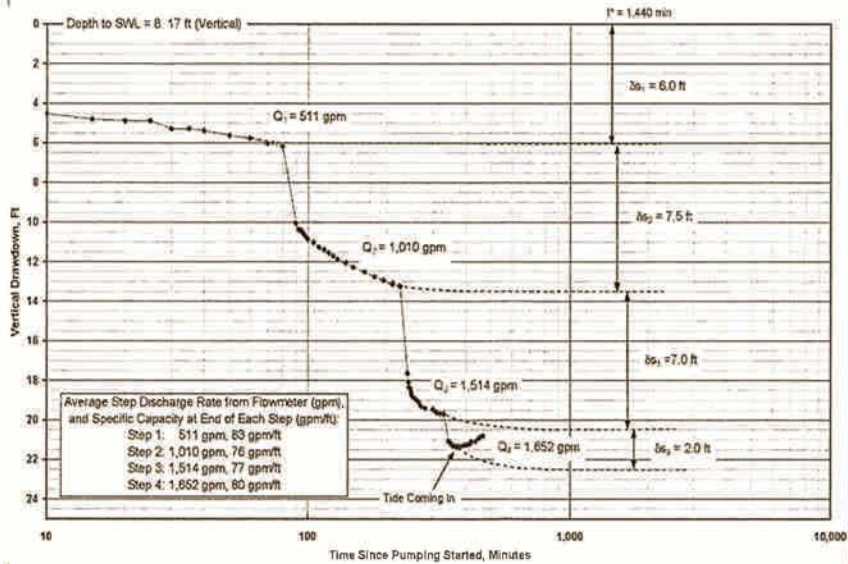
- Pump Testing and Water Levels
  - ◆ Step Drawdown Test
  - ◆ 5-Day Constant Rate Test
  - ◆ 2-Day Deep Zone Test
- Water Quality Testing
  - ◆ Feedwater Parameters

## Measuring Water Levels and Silt Density Index (SDI)

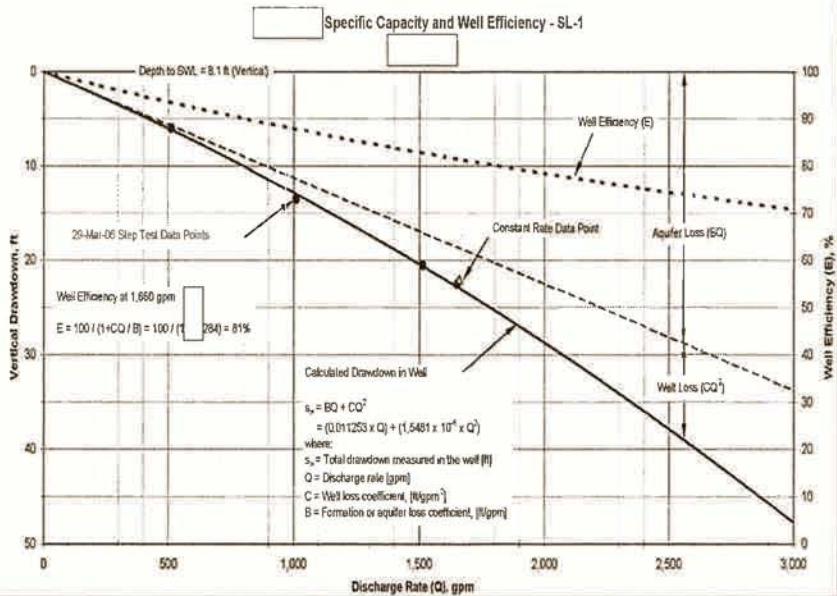




# Pumping Tests - Step Drawdown



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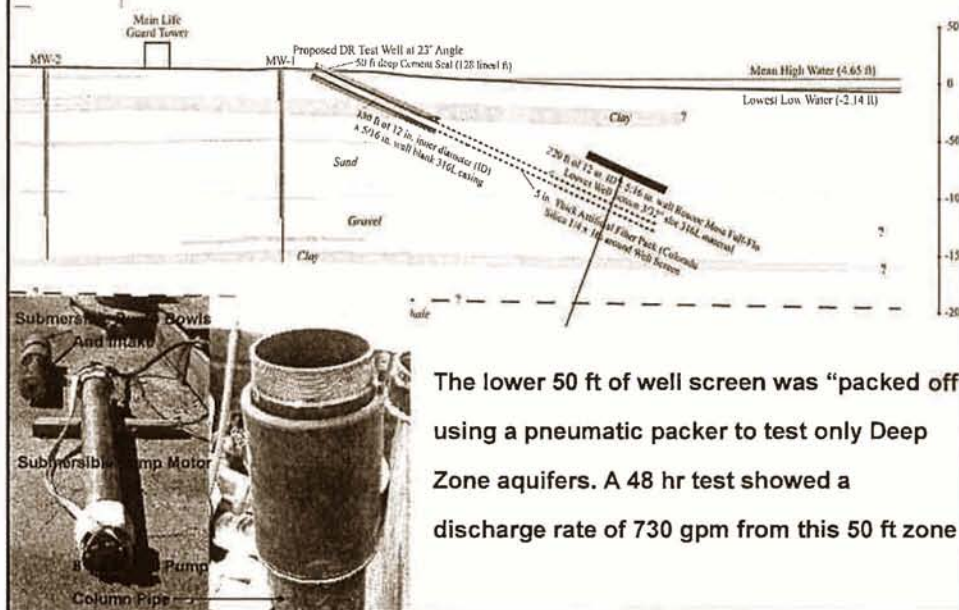




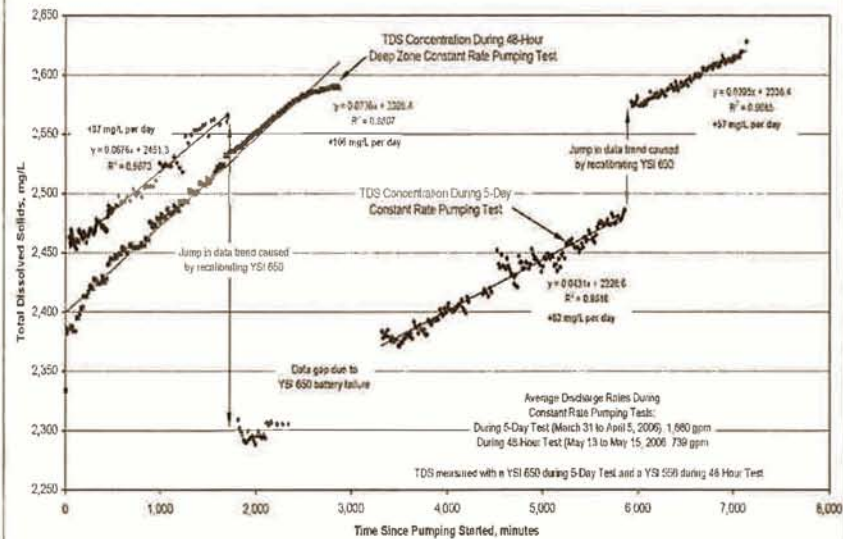
## Ground Water Model Results

Aquifer Parameter	Units	Model Generated Value
Hydraulic Conductivity	gpd/ft <sup>2</sup>	1,618
Transmissivity	gpd/ft	139,000
Storativity	Fraction	0.00033
Vertical Leakage	1/days	0.0275

## Deep Zone Pumping Test



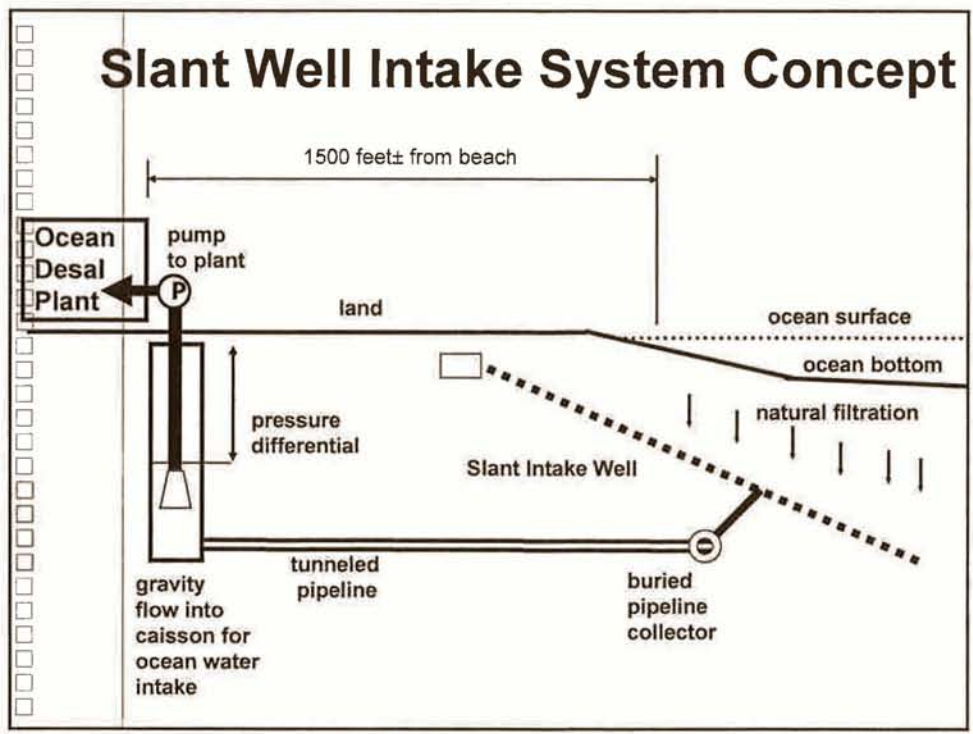
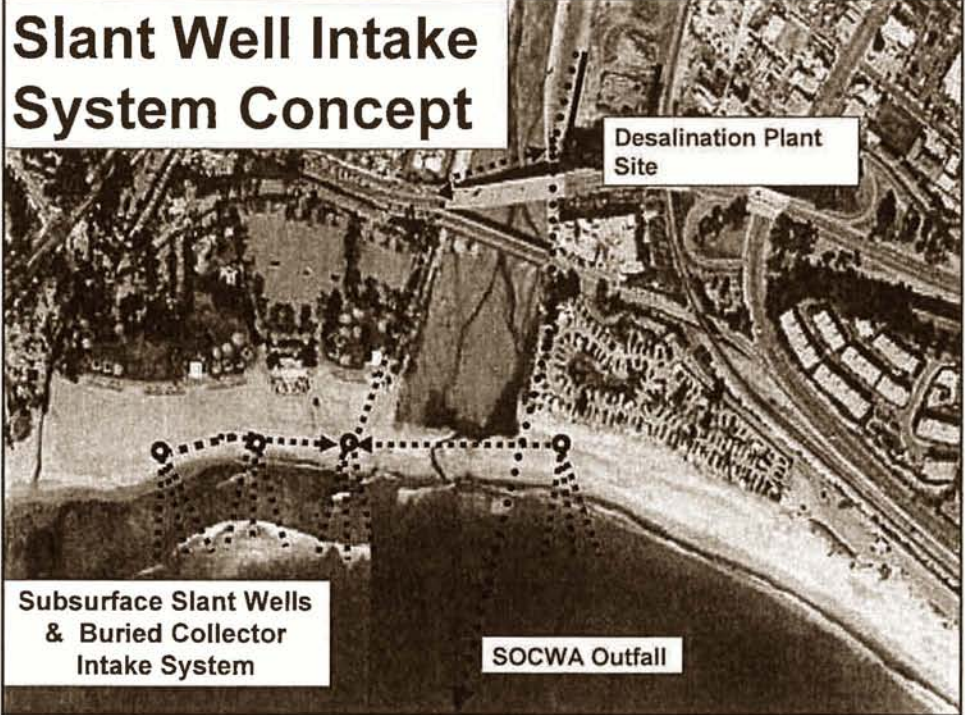
## Water Quality vs. Pumping Time



PRELIMINARY RESULTS - SUBJECT TO REVISION

## Test Slant Well Results

- Construction period: 2 months
- Design: 12" Ø, 350 feet long at 23° angle
- Specific capacity: ~ 80 gpm/foot
- Yield: Max 3 to 4 mgd per intake well
- SDI range: 0.5 to 0.8
- Recommended next steps
  - ◆ Extended pumping test
  - ◆ Pilot plant and materials study





## Conclusions - 1

- Successful project completion was the result of an experienced “team” effort
- Vertical water well technology including well design, gravel packing, construction and testing can be modified for slant wells with equal success

## Conclusions - 2

- Dual-Rotary Drilling is now a proven technique for construction of gravel packed slant wells beneath the ocean
- Gravel packing slant wells is more challenging than vertical wells
- Well logging requires special tools and methods

### **Conclusions - 3**

- High capacity slant wells with total lineal lengths > 350 ft are feasible with present technology (DR-24HD or DR-40)
- A 16" pump casing telescoped to a 12" well screen can be used to achieve longer lengths (>350 ft) and to house larger pumps (e.g. 3,000 gpm)

### **Conclusions - 4**

- A modified drill bit will be required to prevent cobbles from lodging in the inner drill barrel
- During gravel packing a higher pressure pump should be used for aiding in the placement of the gravel pack and to better overcome "heaving" sands

## **Conclusions - 5**

- Slant well angles can be varied as necessary for site specific conditions
- Instrumented monitoring wells were critical for pumping test analysis
- Analysis of pumping test data is best accomplished by using a three - dimensional ground water flow model

## **Conclusions - 6**

- High yield wells can be constructed on the beach and out under the ocean with minimal environmental impact
- Excellent pretreatment filtration can be achieved in natural alluvial formations
- Slant wells can be constructed in a short time at reasonable cost



## Recommended Next Steps

- Extended pumping test to pull in ocean water for longer term evaluation and for pilot plant feedwater supply
- Pilot plant testing objectives
  - ◆ Appropriate membrane for a groundwater source
  - ◆ Fe/Mn control/removal method
- Metal corrosion coupon testing


## Questions/Comments?

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**AGENDA ITEM**  
**4**  
**AUGUST 8, 2007**

SET NEXT SWPD&C COMMITTEE MEETING

**ITEM**

Set new SWPD&C Committee Meeting [SET TIME/DATE FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING].

**BACKGROUND**

Boyle Engineering is scheduled to submit its Draft Technical Memorandum #2 on or about September 24, 2007 with the expectation that the Committee will review the draft and forward recommendations to the Board for consideration at the Board's October 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Staff proposes that the Committee schedule its next meeting for 2pm on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> to allow for adequate review of the draft TM.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Committee agree on date and time to review the draft TM.

**ATTACHMENT**

- None

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