

*The Sustainable Water Coalition urges you ...*

## Don't Sign the Anti-desal Petition!

*For many years the City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Soquel Creek Water District have faced increasing challenges in their ability to provide a long term, reliable water supply. After extensive studies, both districts have concluded that a jointly-operated desal facility could be a common solution by providing additional supply in drought years, and allowing overdrafted aquifers to recover. That proposal is now undergoing thorough environmental review.*

Desal opponents have carried out a relentless attack on this desal proposal, without any credible evidence, relying instead on insinuation, disinformation, and promotion of unrealistic "solutions."

Disguised as a "Right to Vote" issue, the anti-desal initiative is simply the opponents' latest attempt to kill the project by creating any roadblock they can, subjecting the City to greater legal liability, and wasting the people's money. It's unnecessary, expensive, deceiving and dangerous.

- **UNNECESSARY** because City leaders have already stated their intention to put this issue to a vote of the people.
- **EXPENSIVE** because it will actually require two elections, at considerable cost to the City. Let's not waste the City's scarce financial resources on an election we don't need.
- **DECEIVING** because it relies on inaccurate statements, misrepresentations and unrealistic "solutions."
- **DANGEROUS** because creates unnecessary delays, further putting our community's future at risk.

The Sustainable Water Coalition wants to give the proposed desal project a fair review, while the opponents will do anything they can to kill it. Let's wait for the Environmental Impact Report – involving credible technical analysis and public review -- before making a final decision.

If you agree that our critical water situation needs a reasonable and balanced analysis, seeking realistic long term solutions, please join the Sustainable Water Coalition. All contributions gratefully accepted.

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