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California Department of Health Services Issues Drinking Water Approval For Carlsbad Desalination Plant

Carlsbad, CA ó Poseidon Resources Corporation today announced the California State Department of Health Services (DHS) has issued its preliminary approval for the Carlsbad desalination plant to produce drinking water. DHS's conditional conceptual Domestic Water Supply Permit will be finalized once the plant has received its remaining development permits and prior to the completion of construction.

“DHS's approval of the Carlsbad preliminary drinking water permit confirms that once the desalination plant is completed, it can reliably produce drinking water that meets or exceeds the State's health and safety standards,” said Poseidon Resources Senior Vice President Peter MacLaggan. “The State's determination that we can produce high quality drinking water is based on its independent review of four years of water quality studies conducted at our international award-winning pilot plant,” said MacLaggan.

Poseidon's highly successful demonstration facility currently produces 40,000-gallons-per-day of high-quality potable water that exceeds the most stringent environmental and regulatory standards. More than 2,500 community leaders, decision-makers and stakeholders have toured the facility and sampled the product water. The water quality and environmental impact research conducted at the demonstration facility has received international recognition from the International Water Association (IWA), American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) and the Association of Environmental Professionals.

In issuing the preliminary drinking water approval, DHS accepted Poseidon's Watershed Sanitary Survey (WSS) and concluded that the seawater desalinated by the Carlsbad plant would include multi-barrier treatment needed to remove viruses, toxins and other impurities.

“The Carlsbad desalination plant is capable of producing water of a higher quality than the imported Colorado River and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water we currently drink in San Diego County,”



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water is saltier and contains more Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

We will be able to exceed the government standards

regarding the removal of potentially harmful elements like Boron that could have adverse health impacts,ö
he said.

The Carlsbad desalination plant is scheduled to be completed and producing potable water in 2009. Once
operational, the Carlsbad plant will provide enough drinking water to serve 300,000 residents annually at
a guaranteed price, at no risk to taxpayers.

*Poseidon Resources specializes in developing and financing water infrastructure projects, primarily
seawater desalination and water treatment plants. These projects are implemented through innovative
public-private partnerships in which private enterprise assumes the developmental and financial risks.
For more information on the Poseidon Carlsbad desalination plant visit our website at [www.carlsbad-
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