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**INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY:
DESALINATION FACILITY IN HUNTINGTON BEACH WOULD HAVE
MINIMAL IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT**

Huntington Beach, CA – Poseidon Resources announced today that after comprehensive research, study and investigation an independent Environmental Impact Report has concluded that building a desalination facility in Huntington Beach would have little to no environmental impact on the city of Huntington Beach and its coast.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the City of Huntington Beach and available to the public today, says that the Huntington Beach Water Treatment Facility “would be consistent with the Huntington Beach General Plan, Local Coastal Program and Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, and SCAG Regional Comprehensive Guide.”

In addition, the report states that the “implementation of the proposed project would result in less than significant impacts to ocean water quality and marine life.”

Many environmentalists agree:

“Not only is this a great way to conserve our natural fresh water resources, it’s also one of the best ways to achieve the purest of drinking water,” said David Smith, Co-Host of Lake County Community Radio, an award-winning environmental news show.

Consistent with California Coastal Commission recommendations, the desalination facility will utilize an existing underwater intake system, thereby minimizing any effects on the coastline. With the Huntington Beach Water Treatment Facility’s state-of-the-art filtration system, impurities will be removed from the water, creating fresh drinking water – and ensuring the ocean water is safe and clean as well.

“The science has demonstrated the effects of the desalination facility on the marine environment are benign, and in principle, no different than the effects of natural evaporation,” said Scott Jenkins, Ph.D., Coastal Engineer/Oceanographer, Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

Desalination is the same process that naval ships, island resorts and cruise-liners use to provide clean, safe drinking water. There are over 12,000 desalination facilities around the world, with nine fully-functioning facilities along the coast of California. The Huntington Beach Water Treatment Facility will provide as much as 50 million gallons of fresh water every day, with the facility being built at no cost to local taxpayers. In addition, the facility will greatly benefit the residents of Huntington Beach by providing an estimated \$1.8 million per year in property tax revenue, and \$550,000 in other tax revenues.

“Beyond the tax benefits,” said Suzanne Beukema, local business owner and resident of southeast Huntington Beach, “Huntington Beach’s economy will benefit from a stable additional water supply, by protecting home values and attracting business to the area.”

Another benefit to the community will be “the clean-up and re-landscaping of an unsightly vacant industrial site, at a major entry point to our city, at no cost to taxpayers,” said Bill Borden, an active Huntington Beach community volunteer. Or as the Draft Circulated EIR states, “the proposed project would replace dilapidated fuel oil storage tanks with a desalination facility and aboveground product water storage tank, which would improve the site’s aesthetic character.”

With the release of the EIR, the community will have 45 days for public comment. The project will go to the Huntington Beach City Council for a decision thereafter.

Poseidon Resources specializes in developing and financing water projects, primarily seawater desalination and water treatment facilities. These projects are completed through innovative partnerships in which private enterprise assumes the developmental and financial risks. For more information on the Huntington Beach Water Treatment Facility visit the website at <http://www.hbfreshwater.com>

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