

San Diego County Water Authority

Experiences with Project Delivery Methods; Additional Information on Design/Build and Public–Private Partnership for Program Delivery

**Santa Clara Valley Water District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 2017**



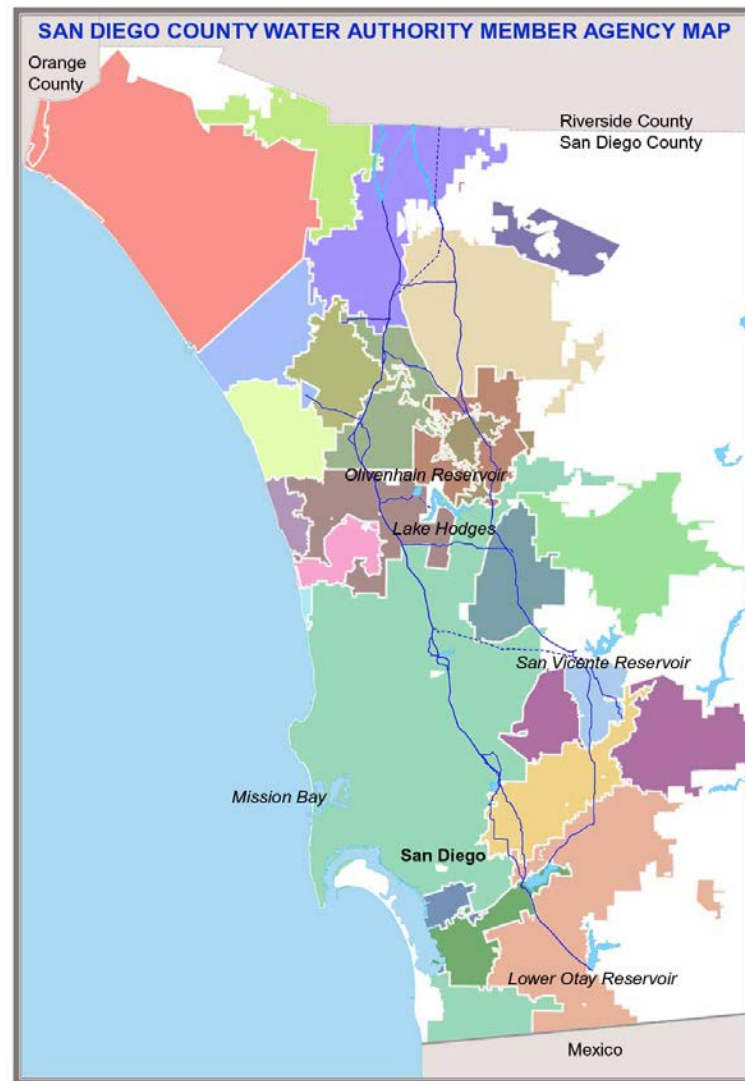
San Diego County Water Authority

Wholesale water agency created by State Legislature in 1944

- ▶ 24 member agencies
- ▶ 36-member board of directors
- ▶ Serves 3.3 million people and region's \$222 billion economy

Provides 80%–90% of water used in San Diego County

- ▶ Added desalinated seawater to local supply in late 2015
- ▶ Builds, owns, operates and maintains large-scale regional water infrastructure



Increasing San Diego County's Water Supply Reliability through Supply Diversification

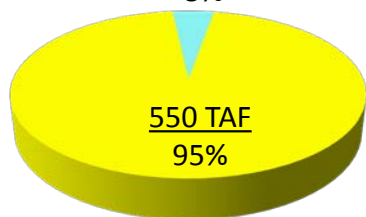
1991

28 TAF

5%

550 TAF

95%



2020*

80 TAF

14%

43 TAF

7%

56 TAF

10%

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6%

52 TAF

9%

8 TAF

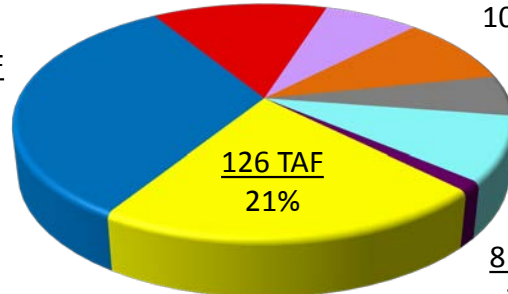
1%

190 TAF

32%

126 TAF

21%



2017

78 TAF

17%

24 TAF

5%

40 TAF

9%

16 TAF

3%

26 TAF

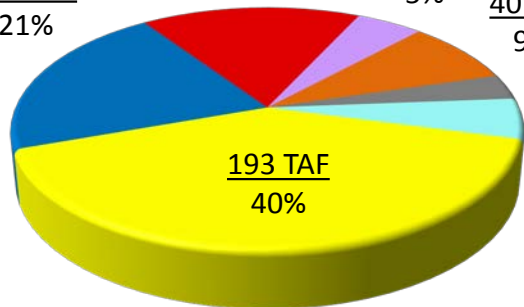
5%

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21%

193 TAF

40%



2035*

80 TAF

12%

57 TAF

8%

72 TAF

10%

36 TAF

5%

51 TAF

7%

110 TAF

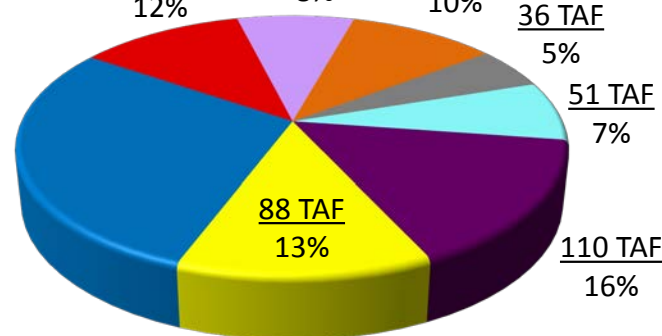
16%

200 TAF

29%

88 TAF

13%



Metropolitan Water District



All American & Coachella Canal Lining



Seawater Desalination



Local Surface Water



Imperial Irrigation District Transfer



Recycled Water



Groundwater



Potable Reuse

Attachment 1

* Includes verifiable and additional planned local supply projects from 2015 UWMP

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(TAF=Thousand Acre-Feet)

Water Reliability Investments



Efficient Water Use



Colorado River QSA Supplies



Carlsbad Desal Plant



Infrastructure
Improvements



Member Agency Local Supply
Development



Historic Investments in Infrastructure

San Vicente Dam Raise & Related Projects
\$816 million



Carlsbad Seawater Desalination Projects
\$1 billion

Plant Site



Olivenhain Dam & Reservoir
\$198 million



Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant
\$179 million



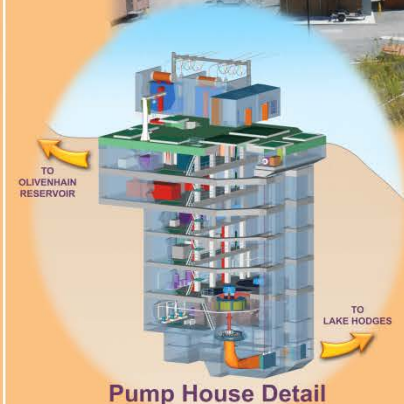
All-American & Coachella Canal Lining Projects
\$447 million
(\$190 million from Water Authority)



Pipeline Relining
\$493 million



Lake Hodges Projects
\$208 million



Pump House Detail

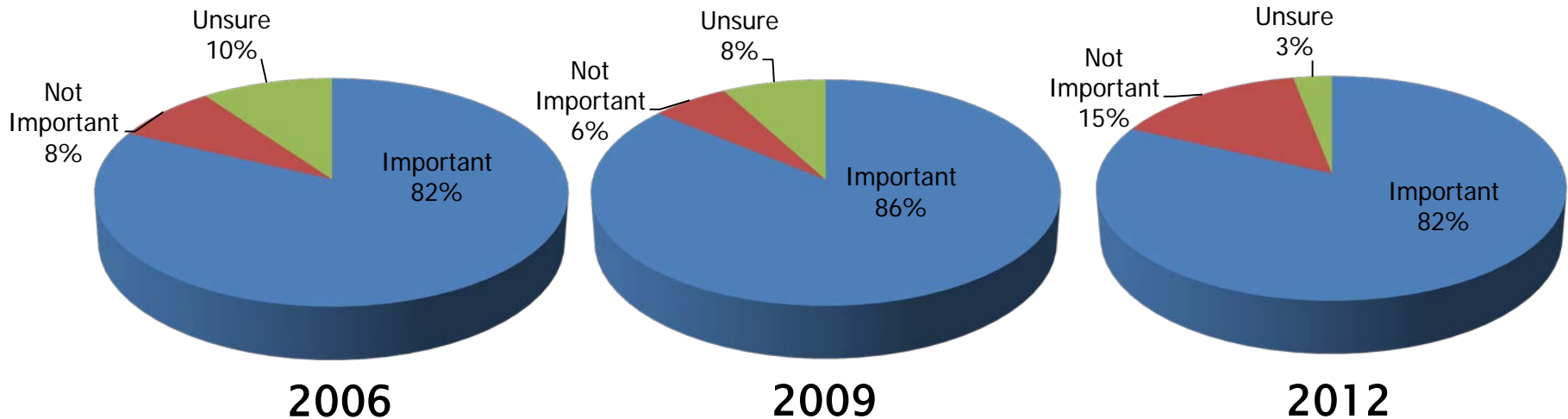


Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant

- Owned and operated by Poseidon Water
- 30 year contract
- \$1 billion investment
- 48,000-56,000 acre-feet/year of drought-proof supplies
- Largest, most advanced seawater desalination facility in North America
- On-line in December 2015



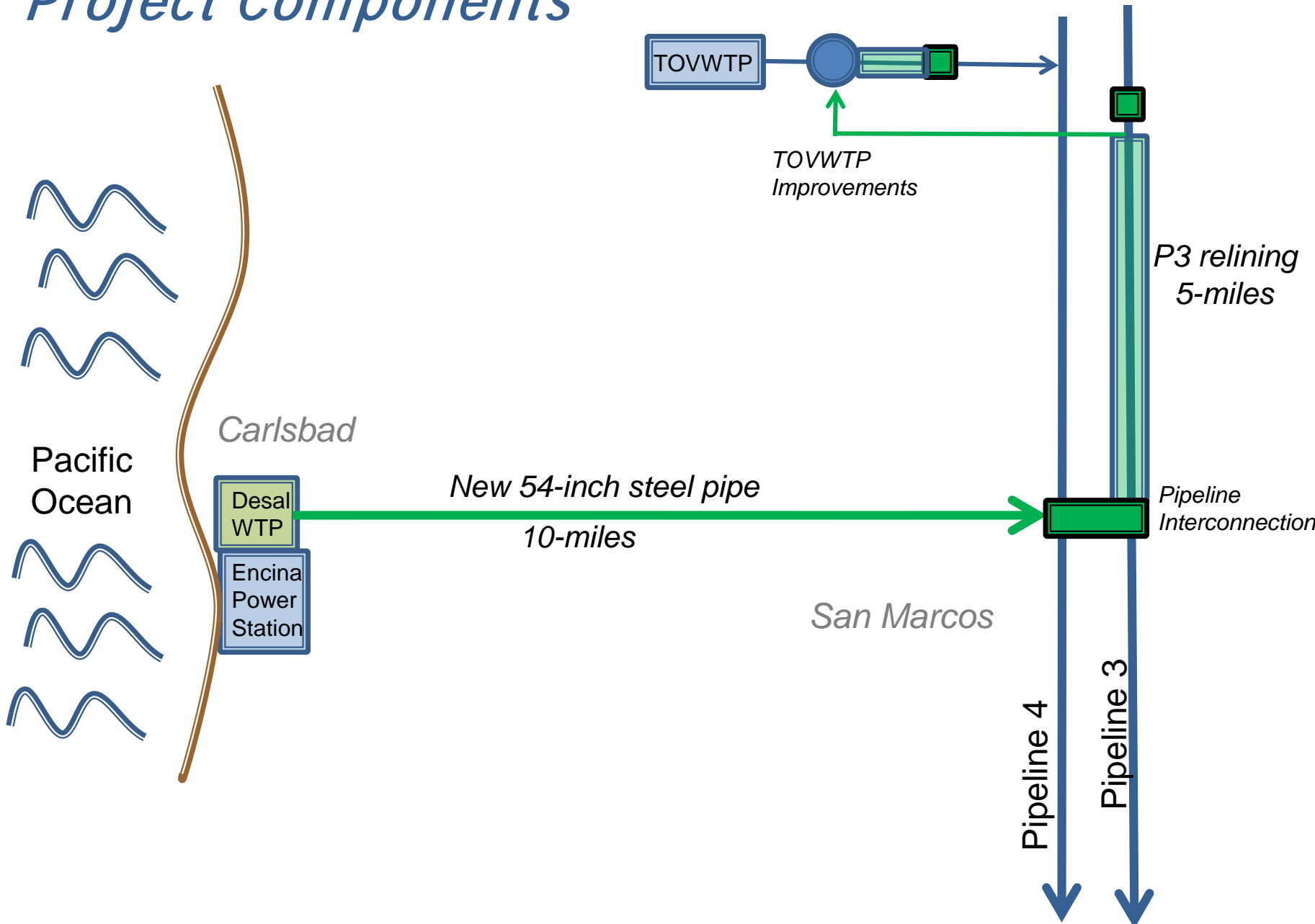
Consistently Strong Public Support (Water Authority Public Opinion Polls)



**Importance of Ocean Desalination to
San Diego County's Water Supply Reliability**



Project Components



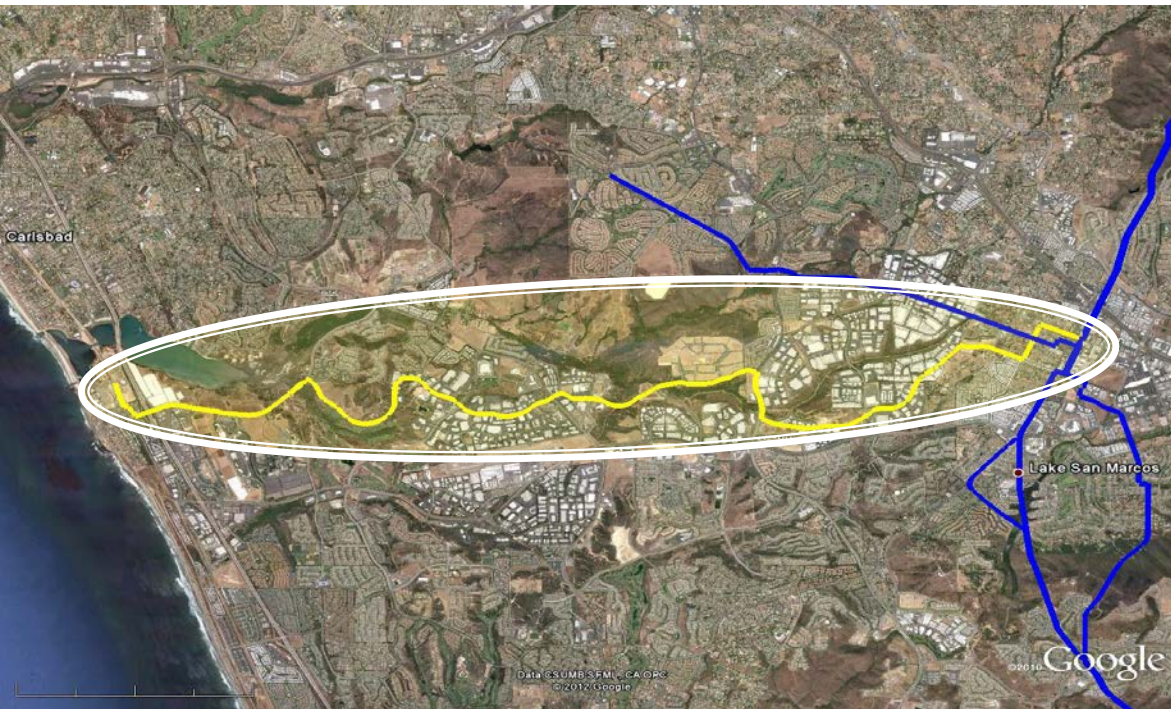
Project Structure – Desalination Plant

- ▶ Water Purchaser
 - Water Authority is sole off-taker
 - Water Purchase Agreement
- ▶ Developer/Owner
 - Poseidon Water
- ▶ Construction/Operation of the Plant
 - WPA between Water Authority and Poseidon
 - Contractor – Kiewit/Shea Desalination
 - IDE Technologies provided process technology
 - Plant Operations and Maintenance also provided by IDE

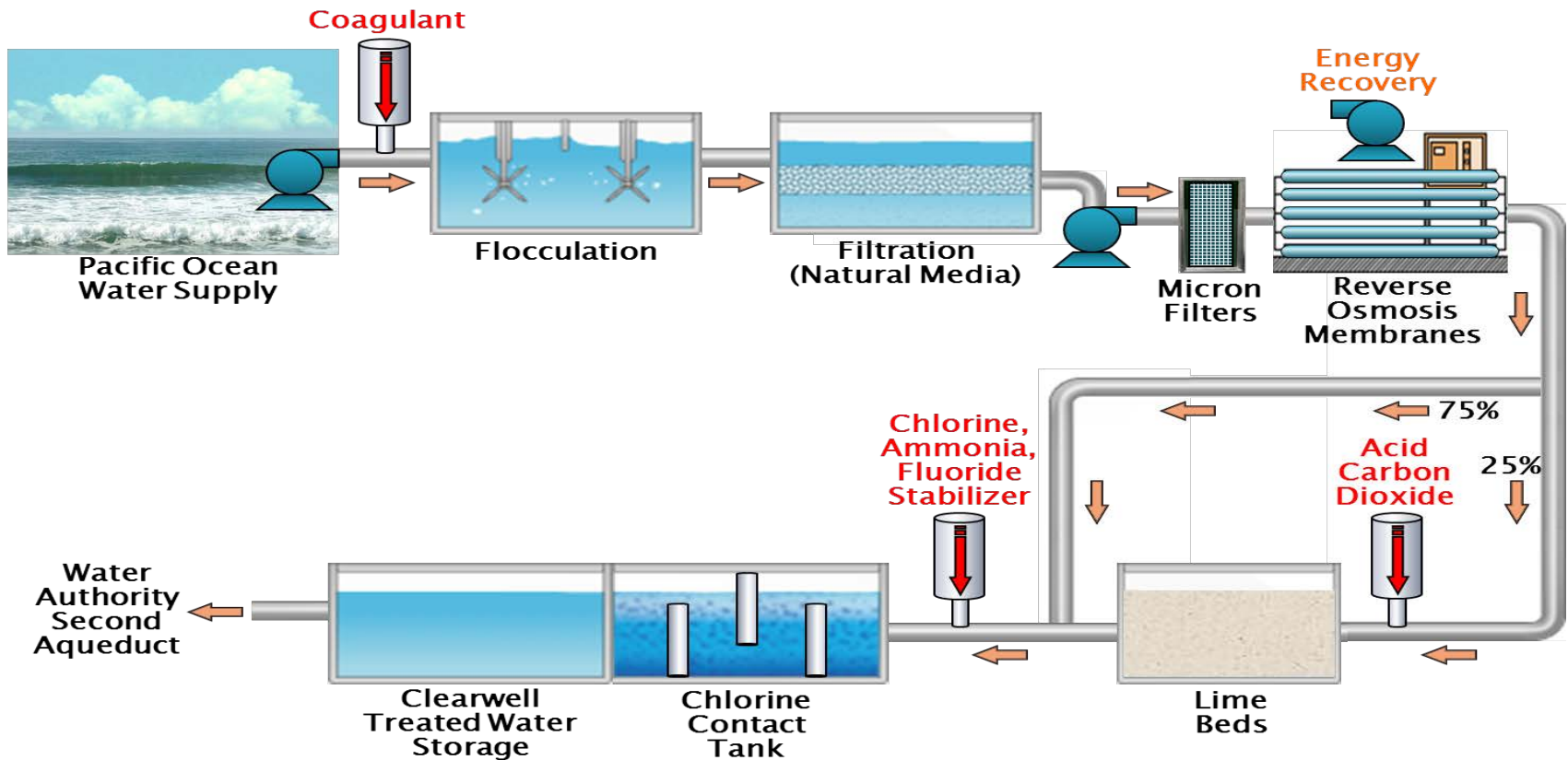


Project Structure – Conveyance Pipeline

- ▶ Owner/Operator
 - Water Authority
- ▶ Construction/Operation of Pipeline
 - Design-Build Agreement between Water Authority and Poseidon
 - Contractor – Kiewit Shea Desalination
 - Water Authority operates/maintains the pipeline



Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant – “How it Works”



Project Timeline

- ▶ WPA approved: November 2012
- ▶ Construction begins: December 2012
- ▶ On-line: December 2015



Total Project Costs

Total Capital Cost

Total desalination plant	\$537 million
Total conveyance pipeline	\$159 million
Financing costs	\$227 million
Water Authority improvements and oversight	\$80 million
Total Capital Costs	\$1.003 billion

2017/18 water purchase price* (includes pipeline)

*Current estimate based on highest electricity rate applicable

56,000 acre-feet per year	48,000 acre-feet per year
\$2,202/AF	\$2,439/AF

Project Financing Structure

- ▶ 82% funded through Bonds issued via the California Pollution Control Financing Authority
 - Plant Bonds issued as Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds with Poseidon as sponsor
 - Pipeline Bonds issued as Tax-Exempt Governmental Purpose Bonds with the Water Authority as sponsor
 - Bonds sold on December 24, 2012
 - Interest rate 4.78%
- ▶ 18% Cash Equity from Stonepeak Infrastructure



The Carlsbad Project: A Successful Public Private Partnership (P3)

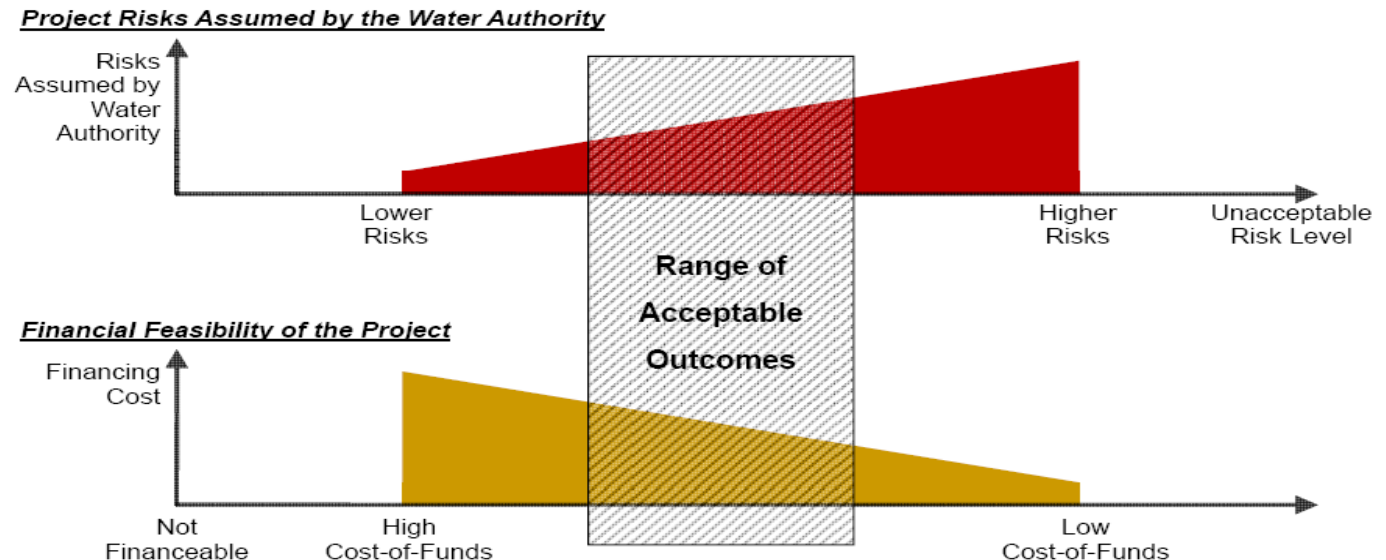
- ▶ ***Risk Transfer*** to Poseidon/Contractor team
- ▶ ***Price certainty*** throughout Water Purchase Agreement term
- ▶ ***Buy-out provisions*** after 10 years of operation
- ▶ ***Transfer to public ownership*** at the end of the 30 year agreement



Key Objective of WPA

Balancing Price and Risk

- ▶ SDCWA had never constructed or operated a seawater desalination facility
- ▶ Assign appropriate risks to private developer at minimum cost to ratepayers



Water Purchase Payments

- ▶ Monthly, based on actual deliveries in acre–feet
- ▶ First 48,000 acre–feet per year paid at Fixed and Variable Price – “Take or Pay”
- ▶ Next 8,000 acre–feet paid at Variable Unit Price
- ▶ If Poseidon does not deliver, Water Authority does not pay



Price Increases Under WPA

- ▶ Unit costs set and can only increase consistent with WPA provisions
- ▶ Annual operating cost increases generally tied to rate of inflation
- ▶ Price may also increase due to unanticipated changes in law or regulations
 - Changes generally apply industry-wide
 - Cannot exceed 10% in single-year or maximum 30% increase over 30-year term



Performance Guarantees

- ▶ Product Water Quality Guarantee
 - Compliance with all federal and state drinking water regulations
 - Additional standards for certain water quality parameters
- ▶ Minimum Product Water Delivery Guarantee
 - Annual supply to meet SDCWA demands (between 48,000 and 56,000 AF)
- ▶ Water Ordering Rights
 - Water Authority has rights to adjust delivery orders to reflect seasonal and daily demand changes



Project Risk Allocation

Risk Description	Poseidon & Investors	Water Authority
<u>Construction Risk</u> – that facility is not completed on time, on cost and according to design standards	X	
<u>Permitting Risk</u> – that current permit and environmental mitigation requirements increase	X	
<u>Change in Law Risk</u> – that future unanticipated laws or regulations increase operating costs	X	X
<u>Technology Risk</u> – that the plant technology does not perform as expected	X	
<u>Output Risk</u> – that the plant produces less than the projected volume of water	X	
<u>Operating Margin Risk</u> – that the price of water is not adequate to generate enough revenue to pay expenditures or may increase more than projected	X (Budget Cap)	X (Subject to CPI)
<u>Pipeline Operating Risk</u> – the Pipeline connecting the Plant to the regional aqueduct system and appurtenant facilities transport acceptable water to Water Authority wholesale customers	X	X
<u>Electricity</u> – the cost of electricity is accounted for in the water price	X (Electricity Consumption)	X (Electricity Price)



Risks Transferred

- Construction and Operating Cost Overruns
- Timely Project Completion
- Regulatory and Law Compliance
- Regulated or Differing Site Conditions
- Capital Maintenance, Repair and Replacement
- Labor Supply and Relations



Risks Retained by Water Authority

- Changes in Law that affect all desalination plant operators or wastewater dischargers
- Cost of Intake Modifications due to expected power station closure (*also a change in law*)
 - Closure-related capital costs capped at \$21.3million (indexed)
 - Closure-related operating costs capped at \$2.7 million
- Uninsurable Force Majeure Events
- Unusual Raw Seawater Water Parameters (no additional compensation)
- Retained risks are “uncontrollable circumstances”



2016/2017 Contract Year Operations

- ▶ 40,400 Acre-feet delivered in first full contract year (9% of the region's supply)
- ▶ Delivery shortfalls occurred due primarily to source water challenges
 - Algal bloom, rapid temperature changes
 - Example of risk transfer



Normal intake conditions



April 2017 – intake conditions during extreme algae bloom



2016/2017 Contract Year Operations

- ▶ Poseidon implementing measures to address:
 - Membrane cleaning/replacement
 - Real-time algae monitoring
 - Treatment system improvements to enhance algae removal
 - Working with regulators to address minor salinity fluctuations due to temperature changes



Status of Plant Operations

- ▶ Began commercial operations on December 23, 2015
- ▶ Over 23 billion gallons of desalinated ocean water produced to date
- ▶ Permitting and procurement under way for planned intake and discharge modifications



P3 Delivery Pros and Cons

▶ Pros:

- Risk transfer to the private sector
- Speed (design and construction can proceed concurrently)
- A commodity purchase with defined terms and conditions
- Performance guarantees
- Approval rights over acceptance/performance testing
- Debt is kept off the public agency balance sheet

▶ Cons:

- Take or Pay contract
- Higher cost of capital
- Greater overall transactional complexity
- Limited public agency input regarding design, construction and operations
- Public agency does not have a direct relationship with contractors



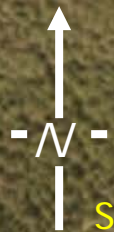


Design – Build – Operate Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant

Twin Oaks Valley WTP

- ▶ 100 mgd submerged membrane WTP, ozone and biologically active carbon contactors
- ▶ Solids handling facilities, water control facilities, emergency power generators
- ▶ Environmentally-friendly project
- ▶ 15 years of O&M, with 5-year optional extension
- ▶ Fixed Design-Build Price = \$157M
- ▶ Annual Service Fee = \$7 million (2017)





Pipeline 5
Pipeline 4
Pipeline 3

Submerged
Membrane
Facility

Untreated Water
Flow Control
Facility

ESP Pump
Station

Ozonation
Facilities

Biological
Activated Carbon
Contactors

Solids Processing

Chemical
Facilities

Switchgear
Facility &
Generators

Access Road

Clearwell #2

Chemical Mix
Chamber

Clearwell #1

Treated Water Flow Control Facility

Why Design-Build-Operate?

- ▶ Primary reason
 - Schedule
- ▶ Secondary reason
 - Water Authority Engineering and O&M Experience is in Conveyance Facilities not Treatment



Key Strategy: Use of Knowledgeable Advisors

- ▶ Owners Representative
 - DBO Solicitation and Award
 - Conceptual Designs and support
 - Management of DBO Contract
- ▶ Board of Senior Consultants
 - Experienced public sector owners
 - Industry experts
 - DBO procurement experts
- ▶ DBO attorney



Project Timeline

- ▶ RFQ to contract award: June 2004–Sept. 2005
- ▶ Execute contract: October 2005
- ▶ Begin Construction: February 2006
- ▶ On-line: June 2008



Risks Transferred

- Construction and Operating Cost Overruns
- Timely Project Completion
- Capital Maintenance, Repair and Replacement
- Labor Supply, Costs and Relations
- Water quality
- Cost of chemicals



Risks Retained

- EIR and Securing land
- Differing Site Conditions
- Raw water characteristics
- Changes in Law or Regulatory changes
- Power Consumption (Shared)



Status of Plant Operations

- ▶ Began commercial operations on June 13, 2008
- ▶ Over 545,000 acre-feet of treated water produced to date
- ▶ Currently evaluating upgrades to “zero discharge” treatment systems



DBO Delivery Pros and Cons

▶ Pros:

- Integration of designer/contractor/operator
- Facilitates Use of Industry Expertise
- Cost and schedule savings over DBB

▶ Cons:

- Owner responsibility for capital costs – no risk transfer
- Any debt goes on owner balance sheet
- Contractor performance of asset mgmt. on publicly-owned asset
- Operating cost risk transfer may be less clear than P3





Questions?