We DON'Twant DESAL



Desal wastes money.

Desalinated ocean water **costs twice as much** as a gallon of imported water and up to **three times as much** as stormwater. Ratepayers will be footing the bill for this plant for decades to come. We can't afford ocean desalination.

Desal wastes energy.

Every other source of water — even imported water — is more energy efficient. In the face of climate change, we can do better than ocean desal.

Desal wastes time.

This project takes resources away from more energy-efficient, cost-effective & environmentally-beneficial water supplies for our region, such as recycled water. Now is the time for smart investments, NOT ocean desal.



Ocean Desalination (12,000 - 18,000 kWh/million gallons) Imported Water (Colorado River) (6,100 kwH/million gallons) Wastewater Recycling (potable) (3,300 - 8,300 kwH/million gallons) Groundwater (500 - 3,500 kwH/million gallons) Wastewater Recycling (non-potable) (1,000 - 3,500 kwH/million gallons)

Desal is dangerous.

Intake pipes suck up more than seawater — they also suck up marine life. In addition, the byproduct of ocean desalination is a salty brine that can be toxic when dumped back into the ocean.





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