

Press Release

California Coastal Commission Continues Slant Test Well to later hearing

At its August 12, 2011 meeting, the California Coastal Commission voted to continue discussion of the coastal development permit for the slant test well of the Monterey Bay Regional Desalination Project to a later hearing. At the urging of the Project Parties, the slant test well was heard at the Commission's Watsonville meeting to provide opportunity for the fullest extent of local participation. After a vigorous discussion of the project issues, the Commission voted to continue the meeting to a later date to resolve their outstanding questions about the application.

The slant test well will provide critical information to determine the viability of using intake wells as the source water for the Desalination Project and will help determine the optimal configuration of the permanent source water wells for the project. The Parties look forward to resolution of these issues so that implementation of the Project can remain on schedule and so that the Monterey Peninsula can avoid the major economic losses that will result after severe reduction of their local water supplies in 2016.

For more information on the Regional Desalination Project, visit the project website at www.waterformontereycounty.org