

December 31, 2014

The Honorable Cathy Green
President
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

RE: Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project Water Purchase Agreement

Dear President Green:

CalDesal is a statewide advocacy coalition dedicated to advancing the responsible development of ocean desalination, groundwater desalination and salinity management activities to help meet the state's water-supply challenges. The Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project presents a tremendous opportunity to enhance water supply in Orange County and we have been encouraged by the discussions between Orange County Water District (OCWD) and Poseidon Water (Poseidon) regarding the project's future. We are writing to encourage the OCWD Board of Directors to take action at its January 7th meeting and authorize the district to move into water purchase negotiations with Poseidon as the next step in the process to make this project a reality.

New, long-term water supplies are needed to support Orange County's continued economic growth and sustain its growing population with the lifestyle that your constituents in Orange County expect. This particular project would not only provide a reliable water supply but it would also complement the past achievements of OCWD and other local agencies in your relentless pursuit of a diversified water portfolio that includes water conservation, recycling, storage, and groundwater recharge. We believe OCWD is the local agency that is best positioned and prepared, at this time, to partner with Poseidon and facilitate the introduction of desalinated ocean water as Orange County's next source of supply. For these reasons, we urge you to move forward and continue your ongoing discussions for the Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination Project Water Purchase Agreement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Davis
Executive Director