

## 8.22.08: Lt. Governor Garamendi's Statement on State Lands Commission's Vote Approving the Carlsbad

Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Statement on State Lands Commission's Vote Approving the Carlsbad Desalination Project LOS ANGELES — On a 3 to 0 unanimous vote the California State Lands Commission today approved a lease of state property for Poseidon Resources to build the Carlsbad Desalination Project. Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, who serves as a California State Lands Commissioner, issued the following statement after the vote. "Among the many options to meet the water supply requirements for Southern California is desalination. The proposed Carlsbad Desalination Project provides 56,000 acres of new water annually replacing water now pumped from the Colorado River and Northern California. Requirements of the project are to fully offset green house gas emissions and minimize the impact on marine life. With those two requirements locked in and the need to develop new water supplies for Southern California, I am comfortable approving the lease for the project," Lt. Governor John Garamendi said.

### Background

In early August 2008, the California Coastal Commission heard the Carlsbad Desalination Project and gave final approval. The State Lands Commission approval of the lease voted on today is one of the final steps before construction can begin on the project. Poseidon Resources is applying for a lease to co-locate a 4-acre desalination facility in the City of Carlsbad. The plant would use just over 300 million gallons per day (mgd) to produce up to 50 million mgd of potable water.

The project was initially heard by the State Lands Commission in San Diego in October 2007. The Commission's decision at that time was to table it while Poseidon and SLC staff worked out concerns in two areas — Poseidon's voluntary Carbon Action Plan intended to make the project "net" carbon neutral; and settle more details on the wetlands mitigation that was to address the biological impacts created by the "once-through-cooling" (OTC) intake used to collect the water used by the facility.

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