Santa Clara River Estuary Settlement

Town Hall Meeting
November 10, 2011
6 pm
Agenda

- Video Introduction
- Welcome from the Deputy Mayor
- Welcome from City’s Partners
- Community Expectations
- Details of the Settlement
- Benefits of the Settlement
- Questions
Video Introduction

* [http://www.youtube.com/v/jOGoeZsyHAM](http://www.youtube.com/v/jOGoeZsyHAM)
Opening Remarks

- Mike Tracy, Deputy Mayor
- Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
- Mati Waiya, Executive Director, Wishtoyo Foundation and its Ventura Coastkeeper Program
- Shana Epstein, Ventura Water General Manager
Please introduce yourself and share what your expectations are of this meeting
Settlement Agreement

- The Process
- The Strides
- The Cost
Settlement Process

- Decision-making Framework Using Science
- Defined Time Schedule
- Stakeholder and Community Collaboration
Settlement Strides

- How much water should be diverted from the Estuary and how much should remain?

- What is the best use of the reclaimed water in the future?

- What infrastructure is necessary to support the final direction?

- How will the infrastructure be built and funded?
Settlement Dates

* **12/31/2015:** Complete Phase 2 and 3 Studies that are sufficient to identify a suite of potential feasible Diversion Infrastructure Project(s) and optimal discharge regime alternatives

* **1/1/2016:** Conduct additional Phase 3 Studies and CEQA/NEPA review:
  * to determine the Maximum Ecologically Protective Diversion Volume **by 1/1/2018**
  * to select a preferred Infrastructure Diversion Project(s) **by 8/1/2018**.
**Settlement Dates**

- **1/1/2018**: Draft Maximum Ecologically Protective Diversion Volume (MEPDV) to HTB, VCK (and will be shared with Resources Agencies)

- **8/1/2018**: Draft permit applications to HTB and VCK (and will be shared with Resources Agencies) for MEPDV and preferred Diversion Infrastructure Project(s)

- **1/1/2019**: Last Day to submit final, formal permit applications for MEPDV and preferred Diversion Infrastructure Project(s) (includes completed CEQA/NEPA analysis)
Settlement Dates

- **1/1/2020**: Requested date of issuance for Resources Agency Permits
- **1/1/2021**: Last that Resources Agency Permits can be issued without risking delay of construction
- **1/1/2021 to 12/31/2025**: Engineering, design, construction and implementation of MEPDV and Diversion Infrastructure Project(s)
Funding

* Capped At $55 Million
  * $3.50 Per Household Per Month Until 2055

* Possible Reclaimed Water Sales Offset
* Grant Funding

* Options To Be Evaluated By Cost of Service and Rate Design Advisory Committee
Settlement Benefits

- Re-direct Resources
- Focus on Ventura’s Water Future
- Benefits Environment
- Supports Long-term Water Supply
What’s Next?

* Who Is Responsible?

* Be Engaged: Website, Social Media & Presentations

* Voice Your Opinion

* City Council Meeting December 12
Questions?

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