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Desalination – A Sustainable Solution Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Joint Evaluation Meeting



Presentation Overview

- Team Introductions
- Meeting Objectives
- Project Overview
- Overview of Permitting Efforts
- Review of Facility Components
- Questions



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Introduction of Port Team

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Meeting Objectives

Setablish an open line of communication: It is important to the Port to have everyone hear from us directly about the project and be available to answer any questions, both today and going forward into the permit review process

Applying for multiple permits on the same project concurrently:

 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Intake / Diffuser
 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Water Rights
 Texas General Land Office – Surface Lease and Easement

>> Manage multiple Agency considerations



Project Background

>>> Region is 100% reliant on surface water

>> Port has historic role in providing water delivery infrastructure

- Mary Rhodes Pipeline
- Water line infrastructure on North Side of Ship Channel

>>> Economic Engine for the Region

- Customer survey
- Port Commission direction

>> Harbor Island infinitely scalable long-term





6 Environmental Precepts

Environmental Planning and Compliance



Air Quality

Reduce emissions by 15% in PM,

VOCs, NOx, SOx every 3 years



Climate Action

Reduce GHG emissions per cargo ton by 7.5% annually



Water Quality

Reduce AL, Fe, Zn, Pb, TSS by 10% annually



Climate Adaptation

Implement Life Cycle Assessment tool on Port capital projects



Habitat Restoration

Create/restore 50 acres of habitat every 3 Years



Soils & Sediments

Remediate spills to residential standard

ISO 1400







Harbor Island Desalination – Permitting Overview For Intake and Outfall/Diffuser

- >> Land lease from TGLO
- >> Easement from TGLO
- >> Water Rights from TCEQ

>> 404 Nationwide Permit 7 Coverage for offshore intake and inshore outfall diffuser structures from USACE



Overall Plan



Harbor Island Desalination – Intake

Intake located 1.3 miles off San Jose Island following BWTT route in 35' of water in the Gulf of Mexico

3.1-mile intake pipeline with 14' outside diameter/12' inside diameter at -65 ft NAVD88 below the surface and installed using a tunnel boring machine

>> Intake with 4-5 branches and velocity cap on each branch (30' apart)

- Intake using velocity caps to slow water intake speed to less than or equal to 0.5 ft/sec
- $\,\circ\,$ Raised 5-10' above sea bed floor
- \circ 3" wire screen on each velocity cap



Intake Structure



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Intake Structure



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Intake Structure



Harbor Island Desalination – Discharge Permit

Discharge Permit

December 22: Received final TPDES discharge permit from TCEQ
 Permit Highlights: WQ0005253000 TPDES Discharge Permit

- Diffuser 60 feet below surface
- Maximum effluent percentages at each mixing zone
- Worst case salinity at edge of innermost mixing zone
- Salinity limit of 2 ppt over ambient 100 m from outfall (average ambient salinity range ~ 30 ppt – 35 ppt)
- Monitoring plan to ensure compliance

Other Permit Considerations

Port Commission approved resolution in May 2020 to place the intake in the Gulf of Mexico



Harbor Island Desalination – Diffuser

- Inshore diffuser located approximately 230 feet from shoreline
- >>> Located in approximately 65' of water
- >> Diffuser is 100 ' long with 20 ports on 5' spacing
- Diffuser pipeline to be installed via micro-tunnel boring machine or HDD



Diffuser





Diffuser

Upland Facilities



Marine Life Return System



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Easement and Lease



Request for State Water Rights

>> 50 MGD desalination facility expanded to 100MGD in the future

- Phase I–175,000 acres-feet/year at a max diversion rate of 109,000 gpm
- Phase II–350,000 acres-feet/year at a max diversion rate of 217,000 gpm

>> Measures minimizing impingement and entrainment:

- Intake structure offshore
- Place intake in deeper water (~20' below surface) to lessen draw of eggs/larvae near surface
- Raise intake 5-10' above sea bed to lessen intake of benthic organisms
- O Utilize velocity caps to assure intake flow velocity ≤0.5 ft/s
- Utilize traveling marine life return system

>> Project reflected in the 2021 State Water Plan



Questions?



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