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# PRESS ALERT

## Long Beach Seawater Desalination Facility Opening

### Who:

[Kevin L. Wattier](#), General Manager, Long Beach Water Department  
[Helen Z. Hansen](#), President of the Board, Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners  
[Congressman Dana Rohrabacher](#), United States House of Representatives  
[Michael Gabaldon](#), Director, Technical Resources, United States Department of Interior,  
Bureau of Reclamation  
[Mary Nichols](#), President of the Board, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power  
[Dennis Underwood](#), CEO, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
[Stephen T. Conley](#), President-Elect, Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners

### What:

Local, state and federal officials, water industry leaders and environmental advocates will attend the technology demonstration and research launch event of the Long Beach Seawater Desalination Research and Development Project.

The 300,000 gallon-per-day [Long Beach Seawater Desalination Research & Development Facility](#) will begin operations on Friday of this week, providing local, state and federal policy-makers and water officials with the latest operating information on new advances in technology that may demonstrate a more cost-effective and environmentally-responsive approach to seawater desalination, providing a template for seawater desalination facilities along the California coast, and throughout the United States. This facility is a partnership between the Long Beach Water Department, the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. It is the largest seawater desalination project of its kind in the United States.

Local, state and federal officials will discuss the significance of the research that will be conducted at this facility, as well as the impact this research will have on planning, designing, constructing and funding seawater desalination facilities throughout the United States. Long Beach Water Department officials will power-up the facility and open the site for tours, pictures and technology demonstration.

Long Beach officials will also discuss the construction of an [Under Ocean Floor Intake and Discharge Demonstration System](#) that may demonstrate a more cost-effective, environmentally responsive alternative to open ocean intake and discharge practices.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will announce a recently signed production incentive contract with the Long Beach Water Department that will provide Long Beach with up to \$62.5 million over a 20-year period for desalinated seawater.

[Full Color Graphic of the Newly Constructed Long Beach Desalination Facility can be Downloaded Here](#)

### **Where:**

The Haynes Generation Station  
6801 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Beach, California 90803

[MAP HERE](#)

### **When:**

**Friday, September 30, 2005**  
**10:00 A.M.**

### **RSVP:**

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### **Important Information!**

**Please RSVP for this event so that special arrangements can be made for your media vehicle, as this event will be heavily attended and parking space will be limited.**

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