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LB Desalination Engineers Awarded for Technical Merit

Technical findings and research of LB alternative ocean
intake system recognized by industry peers

LONG BEACH, CA - Four of the Long Beach Water Department's top engineers have been recognized for technical merit in presenting research findings for the [Long Beach Desalination Project's Under Ocean Floor Intake and Discharge System](#), displayed at the 2008 Water Quality Technology Conference and Exposition in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference, hosted by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), keeps thousands of water quality professionals from across the globe up-to-date with the latest research, regulations, and technological advances for keeping drinking water safe. Long Beach Water General Manager, [Kevin Wattier P.E.](#), Assistant General Manager, [Dr. Robert Cheng P.E.](#), Director of Water Treatment, Tai Tseng P.E. and Research Assistant, Jason Allen P.E., authored the technical poster that received a second place award for its relevance and innovation in advancing water treatment and quality around the world.

The Long Beach Desalination Project is the largest seawater desalination research and development project in the country. The United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation is a major funding partner of the project. Among the [research activities](#) currently underway is operation of the Under Ocean Floor Intake and Discharge Demonstration System, which was constructed earlier this year to demonstrate a cost-effective, environmentally responsive alternative to the more traditional practice of open ocean intake. Research findings presented at the conference confirm operations at the Under Ocean Floor Intake and Discharge System consistent with water production goals.

For more information on the Long Beach Desalination Project, including pictures, video and other links, click [HERE](#)

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