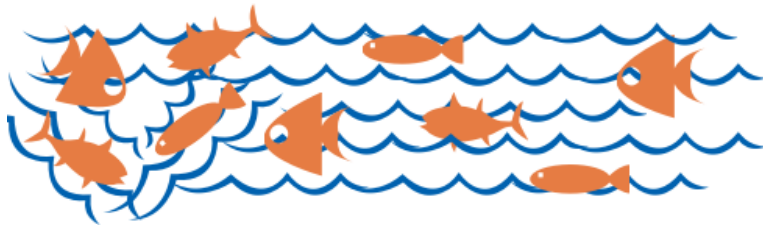


THE TRUE COST OF DESALINATION



How much will Poseidon's Huntington Beach Desalination Plant cost you?

\$1 BILLION



Simply building the plant will cost ratepayers \$1 billion.

20 PERCENT



The price of desalinated water is 20 percent higher than the price of treated imported water for the first 15 years and it will never be less costly than treated imported water.

\$80/ACRE FOOT



Desalinated water gets stored in aquifers until it is needed. The cost of re-treating this water is never mentioned in the price tag.

\$100 MILLION



The price of water distribution and pipe construction are additional costs that will be built into the water rates - a sleazy way of hiding the true cost of desalinated water.

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Over the next 50 years, the Poseidon plant will be at risk of flooding due to sea level rise and seismic issues. Additional costs of protecting the site will fall on taxpayers.



The enormous cost of desalination is not worth the financial and environmental burden, especially when Orange County Water District can't prove the need for the water.