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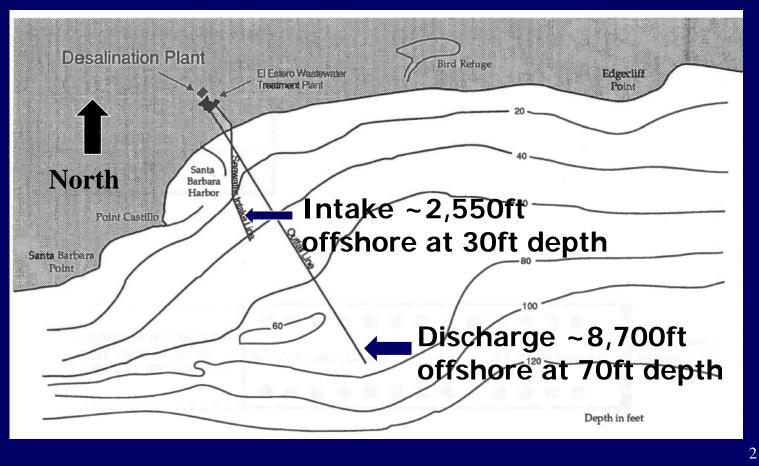
## City of Santa Barbara Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant Status Update

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# Location of WWTP, desalination facility, discharge and intake



#### **Timeline of Desalination Facility**

•Permitted, constructed and operated in early 1990's

•Desalination facility put into Standby Mode in 1994 as part of City's LTWSP

•City reactivating desalination facility due to drought

•CCWB January 2015 NPDES permit amendment considered facility existing under Ca Ocean Plan

#### SWRCB Desalination Policy Adopted in 2015

- Facility defined in the Ocean Plan as "existing"
- Other facilities require extensive studies and subsurface intake if determined feasible
- January 2015 determination of facility as existing meant no requirement for City to implement subsurface intake
- CCWB does not have authority to require subsurface intake

#### Environmental Projects Included in Permit Amendment

1. Wedgewire screen intakes

#### 2. \$500,000 to Devereux Slough Restoration Project

3. Study by 2017 to assess feasibility of subsurface intakes and potable reuse



### Subsurface Intake and Potable Reuse Studies

- RB accepted City's work plans for studies
- Plans went through a public process (NWRI) with an expert TAP before approval
- Channelkeeper objected to City using permitted capacity rather than startup capacity
- RB staff considers environmental effect of permitted capacity when evaluating projects
- City will present studies to CCWB at May 2017 meeting

# Summary of Status Update

- City plans on producing desalinated water in March
- CCWB 2015 permit amendment clarified City is not required to do a subsurface intake
- City will present subsurface intake and potable water reuse studies at May 2017 CCWB meeting