

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FOR POSEIDON'S DESALINATION PROJECT

**WHEREAS,** access to clean and affordable water is critical for all people who live in California, particularly in Orange County, including its estimated one-million Latino residents.

**WHEREAS**, given our dependence on imported water, it is time for all residents to come together and support innovative drought-proof water supplies, including desalination.

**WHEREAS**, Orange County is at least 50% dependent on imported water from two increasingly unreliable sources.

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong concern of a "mega-drought" in the region, including Orange County-and we know that we are not at "zero population." The population will grow by 30,000 by 2020 and will reach 50 million by 2049.

**WHEREAS**, the Poseidon Desalination project in Huntington Beach can provide a "drought-proof" of 50 million gallons of water per day for Orange County at a cost of less than a penny per gallon.

**WHEREAS**, today, the cost of imported water has gone up at more than 6% a year; even as the Orange County Water District (OCWD) has calculated that imported water would be more expensive than desalinated water.

WHEREAS, the project WUI will be able to supply increasing jobs for our OC residents.

**WHEREAS,** LULAC is the oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States representing more than 200,000 members nationally across 1,200 councils.

**WHEREAS,** California LULAC is a participant in OC Wise, a collaborative body of various local groups and community based organizations.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT;** California LULAC should continue its strong support for the development of Poseidon's proposed desalination facility in Huntington Beach and its participating role in OC Wise to meet at the end goal of utilizing goals of meeting the needs of people with life-sustaining water.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED;** that Orange County LULAC District #1, with active front-line efforts and assistance by Santa Ana LULAC #147 to seek the adoption of this resolution at the upper state and national organization levels of LULAC for the realization of the Desalination Project by Poseidon.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

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