



*Appendix X*  
*Construction Cost Estimates for*  
*Intake/Discharge Alternatives*

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*Renewal of NPDES CA0109223*  
*Carlsbad Desalination Project*

# **Carlsbad Desalination Plant Intake/Discharge Construction Cost Estimates**



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## 1. Introduction

The economic analysis presented below provides a relative comparison of the construction cost of the intake/discharge alternatives. These cost are included in the (per the Desalination Amendment), the life-cycle costs analyzed in Appendix N considered include permitting, design, land acquisition, financing, construction, operations, maintenance, mitigation, equipment replacement, insurance, taxes, management, and energy consumption over the lifetime of the facility. Savings considered include construction and operating allowances provided for in the Water Purchase Agreement between Poseidon and the San Diego County Water Authority (WPA) that are applicable to each of the of the intake/discharge alternatives and operational savings due reduced chemical consumption, extended membrane life, and reduced membrane cleaning frequency that is applicable to the subsurface intake alternatives.

### A. SIG Intake with Discharge Flow Augmentation

The Desalination Amendment provides the following guidance for assessing the feasibility of subsurface intakes:

*Subsurface intakes shall not be determined to be economically infeasible solely because subsurface intakes may be more expensive than surface intakes. Subsurface intakes may be determined to be economically infeasible if the additional costs or lost profitability associated with subsurface intakes, as compared to surface intakes, would render the desalination facility not economically viable.*

In August of 2014, Poseidon evaluated the cost of implementing a SIG intake with discharge flow augmentation and presented the evaluation to the SWRCB as part of comments to the proposed Ocean Plan Amendment. Since August of 2014, Poseidon has been engaged with the California Coastal Commission in the evaluation of alternative intakes for the proposed Huntington Beach Desalination Facility (HBDF). As a result of the HBDF intake evaluation (Report of Waste Discharge Appendix U), updates have been made to the design and layout of the SIG. Specifically, the updated design now provides stand-alone piping for each cell and the provision for an intermediate pump station, both resulting in additional costs compared to the design from August 2014. Since the cost evaluation from August 2014 already appeared cost prohibitive, and the new design would only increase project costs, the cost evaluation has not been re-performed. Rather, the cost evaluation from August 2014 is presented below and considered to be aggressive for the purposes of this intake evaluation.

The estimated construction cost for the SIG Intake with the Discharge Flow Augmentation (304 MGD) alternative is \$792,540,433.

<b>304 MGD Seafloor Infiltration Gallery (SIG)</b>							
Description	QTY	Unit	Labor \$	Equipment \$	Material \$	Sub \$	Total \$
<b>Dredging Operations</b>							
SIG Dredging	1,749,290	CY	\$9,183,773	\$2,604,868	\$0	\$0	\$11,788,641
Export Dredged Material	1,749,290	CY	\$3,935,903	\$2,736,064	\$0	\$61,225,150	\$67,897,117
<b>Dredging Total</b>							<b>\$79,685,758</b>
<b>Mechanical Operations</b>							
Junction Structures - 46 Each at 12' x 12' x 20'	46	EA	\$828,000	\$26,422	\$14,194,557	\$1,000,408	\$16,049,387
Fuse 12" & 24" HDPE Pipe for 76 Cells	157,168	LF	\$3,420,054	\$2,737,411	\$36,934,480	\$1,943,731	\$45,035,677
Set 12" & 24" HDPE Pipe for 76 Cells	76	EA	\$1,710,000	\$54,568	\$0	\$2,047,060	\$3,811,628
Fuse and Set 24" - 32" HDPE Conveyance Pipe	5,317	LF	\$102,126	\$81,742	\$1,249,495	\$58,042	\$1,491,405
Fuse and Set 42" - 63" HDPE Conveyance Pipe	5,388	LF	\$206,980	\$117,820	\$3,125,040	\$167,654	\$3,617,494
Wrap and Set 60" - 120" FRP Conveyance Pipe	6,572	LF	\$7,399,125	\$236,114	\$7,399,125	\$8,857,575	\$23,891,939
<b>Mechanical Operations Total</b>							<b>\$93,897,530</b>
<b>Engineered Fill</b>							
Make Grade - 1 Foot Thick	209,915	TN	\$1,102,054	\$30,144	\$5,479,411	\$1,130,812	\$7,742,421
Place Cell 1" Gravel Bedding - 1 Foot Thick	209,915	TN	\$1,102,054	\$30,144	\$5,479,411	\$1,130,812	\$7,742,421
Place Cell 1" Gravel Zone- 5.5 Feet Thick	1,118,115	TN	\$5,870,104	\$160,561	\$29,186,156	\$6,023,286	\$41,240,107
Place Cell 3/8" Gravel Backfill- 1 Foot Thick	209,915	TN	\$1,102,054	\$30,144	\$5,168,632	\$1,130,812	\$7,431,642
Place Cell Sand Backfill- 5 Feet Thick	1,049,574	TN	\$5,510,264	\$150,719	\$24,399,447	\$5,654,055	\$35,714,485
<b>Engineered Fill Total</b>							<b>\$99,871,076</b>
<b>Tie-In to Plant</b>							
120" Plant Tie-In	1	EA	\$45,000	\$10,406	\$0	\$25,500	\$80,906
<b>Tie-In to Plant</b>							<b>\$80,906</b>
<b>Schedule Related Equipment</b>							
Liebherr 895 Crawler Crane	4	EA	\$0	\$28,356,384	\$0	\$0	\$28,356,384
CAT 980 Loader	4	EA	\$0	\$12,797,236	\$0	\$0	\$12,797,236
Marine Vessel	2	EA	\$0	\$1,772,274	\$0	\$0	\$1,772,274
Lube Truck	1	EA	\$0	\$1,859,655	\$0	\$0	\$1,859,655
<b>Schedule Related Equipment</b>							<b>\$44,785,548</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$318,320,818</b>
Dilution Water Pump Station						Taken at 8% of Prior Sub Total	\$26,000,000
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$344,320,818</b>
Indirects						Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total	\$86,080,205
Insurance and Environmental						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$17,216,041
Contractor Overhead and Profit						Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total	\$86,080,205
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$533,697,268</b>
Engineering						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$26,684,863
Legal						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$26,684,863
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$587,066,995</b>
Contingency						Taken at 35% of Prior Sub Total	\$205,473,448
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$792,540,443</b>

Note: Proposal Based on Rates Effective May of 2014

## B. SIG Intake with Discharge Diffuser

Similar to the implementation of a SIG with discharge flow augmentation, Poseidon evaluated the cost of implementing a SIG with discharge diffuser in August of 2014. Since the cost evaluation from August 2014 already appeared cost prohibitive, and the new design would only increase project costs, the cost evaluation has not been re-performed. Rather, the cost evaluation from August 2014 is presented below and considered to be aggressive for the purposes of this intake evaluation.

The estimated construction cost for the SIG Intake (104 MGD) with the Discharge Diffuser alternative is \$545,126,147, the addition of the SIG (104 MGD) construction costs of \$231,494,147, plus the Diffuser construction cost estimate of \$313,632,000.

<b>104 MGD Seafloor Infiltration Gallery (SIG)</b>							
Description	QTY	Unit	Labor \$	Equipment \$	Material \$	Sub \$	Total \$
<b>Dredging Operations</b>							
SIG Dredging	592,018	CY	\$3,108,095	\$881,574	\$0	\$0	\$3,989,669
Export Dredged Material	592,018	CY	\$1,332,041	\$925,975	\$0	\$20,720,630	\$22,978,646
<b>Dredging Total</b>							<b>\$26,968,315</b>
<b>Mechanical Operations</b>							
Junction Structures - 15 Each at 12' x 12' x 20'	15	EA	\$270,000	\$8,616	\$4,628,660	\$326,220	\$5,233,496
Fuse 12" & 24" HDPE Pipe for 76 Cells	53,768	LF	\$1,170,019	\$936,483	\$12,635,480	\$664,961	\$15,406,943
Set 12" & 24" HDPE Pipe for 76 Cells	26	EA	\$585,000	\$18,668	\$0	\$700,310	\$1,303,978
Fuse and Set 24" - 32" HDPE Conveyance Pipe	2,300	LF	\$44,177	\$35,359	\$540,500	\$25,107	\$645,143
Fuse and Set 42" - 63" HDPE Conveyance Pipe	2,785	LF	\$106,986	\$60,900	\$1,615,300	\$86,658	\$1,869,844
Wrap and Set 60" - 120" FRP Conveyance Pipe	500	LF	\$562,500	\$17,950	\$562,500	\$673,375	\$1,816,325
<b>Mechanical Operations Total</b>							<b>\$26,275,729</b>
<b>Engineered Fill</b>							
Make Grade - 1 Foot Thick	71,042	TN	\$372,971	\$10,202	\$1,854,409	\$382,703	\$2,620,285
Place Cell 1" Gravel Bedding - 1 Foot Thick	71,042	TN	\$372,971	\$10,202	\$1,854,409	\$382,703	\$2,620,285
Place Cell 1" Gravel Zone- 5.5 Feet Thick	383,560	TN	\$2,013,690	\$55,079	\$10,012,067	\$2,066,238	\$14,147,074
Place Cell 3/8" Gravel Backfill- 1 Foot Thick	71,042	TN	\$372,971	\$10,202	\$1,749,232	\$382,703	\$2,515,108
Place Cell Sand Backfill- 5 Feet Thick	355,211	TN	\$1,864,858	\$51,008	\$8,257,590	\$1,913,522	\$12,086,978
<b>Engineered Fill Total</b>							<b>\$33,989,730</b>
<b>Tie-In to Plant</b>							
120" Plant Tie-In	1	EA	\$45,000	\$10,406	\$0	\$25,500	\$80,906
<b>Tie-In to Plant</b>							<b>\$80,906</b>
<b>Schedule Related Equipment</b>							
Liebherr 895 Crawler Crane	2	EA	\$0	\$8,092,054	\$0	\$0	\$8,092,054
CAT 980 Loader	2	EA	\$0	\$3,651,944	\$0	\$0	\$3,651,944
Marine Vessel	1	EA	\$0	\$505,753	\$0	\$0	\$505,753
Lube Truck	1	EA	\$0	\$1,008,675	\$0	\$0	\$1,008,675
<b>Schedule Related Equipment</b>							<b>\$13,258,426</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$100,573,106</b>
Indirects						Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total	\$25,143,277
Insurance and Environmental						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$5,028,655
Contractor Overhead and Profit						Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total	\$25,143,277
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$155,888,314</b>
Engineering						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$7,794,416
Legal						Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total	\$7,794,416
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$171,477,146</b>
Contingency						Taken at 35% of Prior Sub Total	\$60,017,001
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$231,494,147</b>

Note: Proposal Based on Rates Effective May of 2014

As noted in the Table below, the estimated cost of a 6,000 ft. outfall with a four multiport diffuser designed to discharge up to 54 MGD is \$313,632,000. Since the cost evaluation from August 2014 already appeared cost prohibitive, and the new design would only increase project costs, the cost evaluation has not been re-performed. Rather, the cost evaluation from August 2014 is presented below and considered to be aggressive for the purposes of this diffuser evaluation.

<b>54 MGD Outfall with High Energy Diffuser</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Unit Cost \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Direct Cost Work</b>				
<b>Tunnel Installation</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>LF</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>	<b>\$63,000,000</b>
<b>Pipe Installation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>
<b>Diffuser Installation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>
<b>Direct Cost Total</b>				<b>\$128,000,000</b>
<b>Project Management</b>	Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$32,000,000</b>
<b>Insurance and Environmental</b>	Taken at 15% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$19,200,000</b>
<b>Contractor Overhead and Profit</b>	Taken at 25% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$32,000,000</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>				<b>\$211,200,000</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$10,560,000</b>
<b>Legal</b>	Taken at 5% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$10,560,000</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>				<b>\$232,320,000</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	Taken at 35% of Prior Sub Total			<b>\$81,312,000</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>				<b>\$313,632,000</b>
Note: Proposal Based on Rates Effective August of 2014				

### C. Screened Intake with Discharge Flow Augmentation

Poseidon evaluated the cost of implementing a Screened Intake with Flow Augmentation (New Screen/Fish Friendly Pumping Structure) in August of 2015.

The estimated construction cost for the Screened Intake with the Flow Augmentation (299 MGD) alternative is \$31,699,730.

<b><u>Carlsbad New Screening/Fish Friendly Pumping Structure</u></b> <b><u>&amp; Fish Return System</u></b>							
Description	QTY	Unit	Labor \$	Equip- ment \$	Material \$	Sub \$	Total \$
<b>Civil Operations</b>							
<b>Civil Work</b>							
Excavate & Set Grade	26,500	CY		\$30		\$1,550	\$796,550
Backfill	16,800	CY		\$20		\$0	\$336,000
L/R/F Base	601	TON		\$50		\$0	\$30,050
Exc/BF 12" Fish Return Line	232	LF		\$74		\$0	\$17,168
Set Up / Tear Down Access	1	LS		\$112,320		\$0	\$112,320
Shoring Systems	15,797	SF		\$0		\$1,597,000	\$1,597,000
Civil MHR ST&S		MHR		\$83,045		\$0	\$83,045
<b>Civil SUB</b>							
Excess Soil Haul Off	14,326	CY		\$0		\$573,040	\$573,040
Dewatering	12	EA		\$0		\$1,188,000	\$1,188,000
Water Treatment	1	LS		\$0		\$675,000	\$675,000
AC Paving	13,181	SF		\$0		\$39,543	\$39,543
Underpinning	815	SF		\$0		\$211,900	\$211,900
<b>Civil Operations Total</b>							<b>\$5,659,616</b>
<b>Structures Operations</b>							
<b>Structures Work</b>							
Concrete	3,974	CY	\$1,307,446	\$0	\$1,138,630	\$667,632	\$3,113,708
2' Thick CIP Retaining Wall	210	CY	\$69,531	\$1	\$60,169	\$27,720	\$157,421
Temporary Stop Logs	4	EA	\$33,660	\$0	\$136,340	\$0	\$170,000
Permanent Stop Logs (Off-Load Only)	2	EA	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440
Flow Distributors	16	EA	\$134,642	\$0	\$2,548,960	\$0	\$2,683,602
Structures MHR ST&S		MHR		\$171,470		\$0	\$171,470
<b>Structures SUB</b>							
H2O Grating	262	SF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,060	\$34,060
Access Fence and Gate	68	LF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,625	\$19,625
Paintings / Coatings	1	LS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$195,000	\$195,000
<b>Structures Operations Total</b>							<b>\$6,546,327</b>



Mechanical Operations							
Misc. Small Bore	1	LS	\$14,416	\$0	\$1,077	\$0	\$15,493
108" FRP Dilution Pipe	367	LF	\$66,520	\$0	\$191,974	\$0	\$258,494
72" FRP Process Pipe	130	LF	\$62,474	\$0	\$52,277	\$0	\$114,751
24" FRP Fish Return Line	275	LF	\$11,625	\$0	\$74,951	\$0	\$86,576
16" FRP Pump Risers	90	LF	\$56,021	\$0	\$21,150	\$0	\$77,171
Encasement/Pipe Supports	515	CY	\$23,566	\$0	\$147,558	\$106,620	\$277,744
Intake Screens	8	EA	\$151,680	\$0	\$3,674,376	\$0	\$3,826,056
Axial Flow Pumps	4	EA	\$35,932	\$0	\$1,051,315	\$0	\$1,087,247
Mechanical MHR ST&S		MHR	\$56,628			\$0	\$56,628
<b>Mechanical Operations Total</b>							<b>\$5,800,161</b>
Electrical Operations							
Electrical, I&C,HVAC Operations						\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>Electrical Operations Total</b>							<b>\$2,500,000</b>
Channel Tie-In							
Pump Down Channel	2,006,400	GAL	\$20,720	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$40,720
Concrete Core Intake Tunnel	12	EA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$551,218	\$551,218
Dilution Pipe Channel Connection (DEMO)	1	EA	\$5,200	\$0	\$0	\$75,581	\$80,781
Tie-In Hot Taps	2	EA	\$10,400	\$0	\$0	\$151,163	\$161,563
Dispose Concrete	97	CY	\$1,920	\$0	\$0	\$9,650	\$11,570
Channel Tie-In ST&S		MHR	\$2,680			\$0	\$2,680
<b>Channel Tie-In Total</b>							<b>\$848,532</b>
Schedule Based Costs							
Direct Supervision	400	WKS	\$1,920,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,920,000
300 Ton Crane	64	WKS	\$0	\$773,164	\$0	\$0	\$773,164
185 CFM Compressor	91	WKS	\$0	\$54,266	\$0	\$0	\$54,266
24 kW Generator	64	WKS	\$0	\$38,168	\$0	\$0	\$38,168
RT Scissor Lift	64	WKS	\$0	\$103,760	\$0	\$0	\$103,760
10,000# Extendable Forklift	64	WKS	\$0	\$172,448	\$0	\$0	\$172,448
<b>Schedule Based Equipment Total</b>							<b>\$3,061,805</b>
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$24,416,441</b>
Engineering	Sub Total						\$2,000,000
<b>Sub Total Cost</b>							<b>\$26,416,441</b>
Contingency	Taken at 15% of Prior Sub Total						\$5,283,288
<b>Total Cost</b>							<b>\$31,699,730</b>

#### **D. Screened Intake with Discharge Diffuser**

As noted in the Tables above, the estimated construction cost for the Screened Intake with the Flow Augmentation (299 MGD) alternative is \$31,699,730. A Screened Intake without Flow Augmentation (127.5MGD) is estimated to cost \$12,680,000, approximately 40% of the Screened Intake with Flow Augmentation. In addition, also as noted above, the estimated construction cost of a 6,000 ft. outfall with a four multiport diffuser designed to discharge up to 67 MGD is \$313,632,000. Therefore the estimated construction cost for the Screened Intake with Discharge Diffuser is \$326,312,000.