

**Affordable Desalination Collaboration
Monthly Technical Progress Report
Covering the Month of September-2010**

TWDB Contract No. 0804830845

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RESEARCH PROJECT – Optimizing Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis for Affordable Desalination

BOARD APPROVAL DATE – April 21, 2008

CONTRACT INITIATION DATE – September 15, 2008

STUDY COMPLETION DATE – June 13, 2011

FINAL REPORT DEADLINE – June 13, 2011


TOTAL STUDY COSTS – \$ 1,356,683

BOARD SHARE OF THE TOTAL STUDY COSTS- the lesser of \$496,783 or the total combined amount corresponding to the percentages of TWDB funding for each of the tasks shown in exhibit C.

LOCAL SHARE OF THE TOTAL STUDY COSTS - \$859,900 in cash and \$0.00 in-kind services or the amount remaining after the total combined amount corresponding to the percentages of TWDB funding for each of the tasks shown in Exhibit C.

PAYMENT SUBMISSION SCHEDULE - Monthly

Date Submitted: 10-10-10



Signed, Reviewed by designated representative

1. **Project Objective:** The objectives of the Affordable Desalination Collaboration (ADC) are to demonstrate affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible reverse osmosis desalination technologies and to provide a platform by which cutting edge technologies can be tested and measured for their ability to reduce the overall cost of the reverse osmosis (RO) treatment process
2. **Project Description / Background:** A key challenge facing inland desalination today is to develop a new generation of reverse osmosis plants that deliver high-quality, fresh water at reduced economic and environmental cost. Two key areas of focus that will help achieve these goals are the energy consumption and the achievable RO recoveries of inland brackish water systems.

The ADC was formed in 2004 to fund and execute the first part (ADC I), which became a multiple phase project funded under the California Department of Water Resources Proposition 50 program. Under the program the ADC built and operated a demonstration plant at the United States Navy's Seawater Desalination Test Facility in Pt. Hueneme, California. The ADC achieved remarkable results by desalinating seawater at energy levels between 6.0-6.9 kWh/kgal (1960-2250 kWh/acre-ft).

This project funded by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and titled "Optimizing Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis for Affordable Desalination" will pursue the following demonstration, and development tasks.

1. Test and demonstrate state of the art isobaric energy recovery technology in an optimized brackish water design. The ADC expects to achieve 15-30% energy savings over traditional brackish water systems even where energy recovery turbines are applied.
2. Develop and demonstrate new process designs that are possible as a result of the isobaric energy recovery technologies. As a natural result of the pressure exchanger (PX) technology in particular, there are new kinds of flow schemes that can improve the performance of higher recovery brackish water systems. We will use the ADC pilot system to test and demonstrate these new flow schemes in order to push the recoveries beyond what has been traditionally achievable.

The ADC represents a unique collaboration leading government agencies, municipalities, RO manufacturers, consultants and professionals that are working together to improve the designs and technology applied in state of the art desalination systems. Our demonstration plant, processes and personnel have been pre-qualified and proven to meet project goals and produce valid data on the operation of desalination systems. Our outreach and information sharing efforts have been extensive and reached a wide range of audiences. In short, the ADC is an established leader in the field of reverse osmosis technology and we are uniquely qualified to conduct the proposed project and disseminate the results to the appropriate audiences.

3. Monthly Progress and Status:

Our pilot system was shutdown most of September while we awaited a new set of second stage RO membranes to ship from Hydranautics. The membranes arrived on September 28th and were installed on September 30th and October 1st. The plant was restarted on October 1st and set to the base line point of 14.9 gfd and 80% recovery. We plan to run the plant for approximately 2 weeks at the base line to ripen/break in the new membranes and then we will begin the 2 month unbalanced demonstration point (task 9) at 75% RO-85% system recovery and 14.9 gfd.

4. Percent Complete of Total Project: ~ 80 %

5. Deliverables:

Trade Show/Conference/Publication	Date(s)	Author(s)	Presenter	TWDB Submittal
Joint ADC-AMTA workshop, Annual Conference, Austin, Texas	July 2009	n/a	Various	Q2-09
Innovative Designs to Be Tested in ADC	Sept/Nov 2007	John P. MacHarg	n/a	Q2-09
Q2 and Q3 2009 Progress Report	Nov 2009	John MacHarg	n/a	Nov-2009
October 2009 Progress Report	Oct-2009	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
November 2009 Progress Report	Nov-2009	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
December 2009 Progress Report	Dec-2009	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
January 2010 Progress Report	Jan-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
February 2010 Progress Report	Feb-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
March 2010 Progress Report	Mar-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	April-2010
April 2010 Progress Report	May-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	May-2010
May 2010 Progress Report	June-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	June-2010
June 2010 Progress Report	July-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	July-2010
July 2010 Progress Report	Aug-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	Aug-2010
August 2010 Progress Report	Sept-2010	John MacHarg	n/a	Sept-2010

6. Schedule Status: The project is on schedule.

7. Plans for Next Month: In October we will “break in” the new second stage membranes and begin the demonstration phase of the unbalanced test protocol (Task 9).

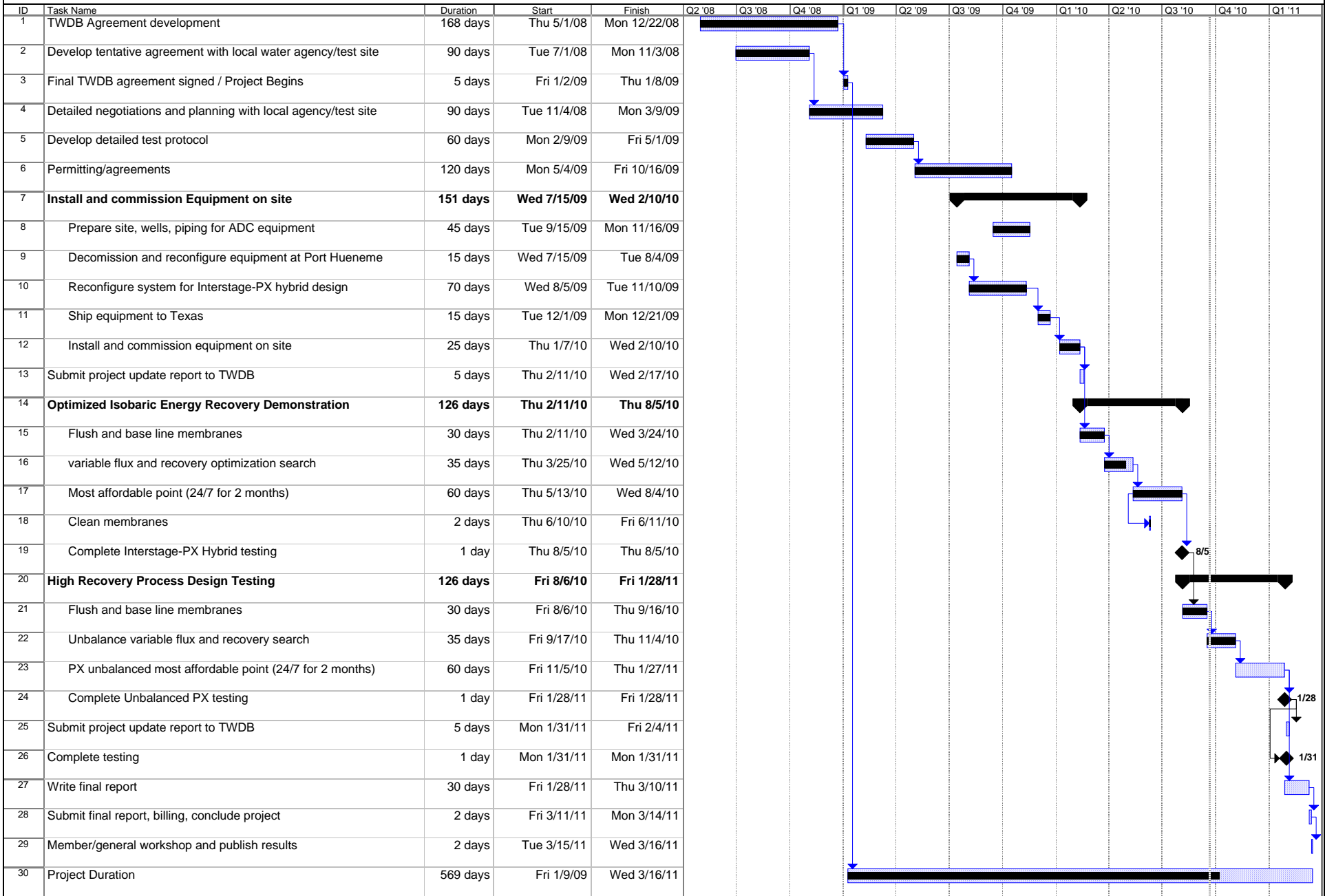
8. Attachments: n/a

Task and % Complete Progress Table

Agreement Number 0804830845	Starting Date: 7-09	Completion Date: 13-11	Month-Year September-10	13	PERCENT OF								
Grantee Agency Name: Affordable Desalination Collaboration		% Time Elapsed 78%	Total Grant Funds used \$ 227,976	Billing this report n/a									
Name of Project: Optimizing Brackish Water Reverse Osmosis for Affordable Desalination													
TASKS	YEAR	2009				2010				Project	Task Complete Last Report	Task Complete This Report	Project Complete
	MONTH	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4						
Task 1: Finalize Agreements with local test site/agency									7%	100%	0%	7%	
Task 2: Attain permits									7%	100%	0%	7%	
Task 3: Reconfigure system for interstage optimized design									13%	100%	0%	13%	
Task 4: Decommission equipment at Port Hueneme									8%	100%	0%	8%	
Task 5: Install and commission equipment on site.									8%	100%	0%	8%	
Task 6: Execute multiple point optimization search									10%	100%	0%	10%	
Task 7: Run 2 month demo at most affordable point									17%	100%	0%	17%	
Task 8: Execute unbalanced multiple point optimization search									10%	100%	0%	10%	
Task 9: Run 2 month demo at unbalanced most affordable point									17%	0%	0%	0%	
Task 10: Member/general workshop									3%	0%	0%	0%	
Show Progress by Use of Bar Chart	Scheduled =								100%			80%	
	Completed =												

Schedule

Project Schedule Gant Chart.



Project: ADC TWDB Brackish Demons Date: Mon 9/20/10	Task		Summary		Rolled Up Progress		Project Summary	
	Progress		Rolled Up Task		Split		Group By Summary	
	Milestone		Rolled Up Milestone		External Tasks		Deadline	

Data

TIME	CALCULATED PARAMETERS										FLOWS										MAIN PANEL KW METER				VFD KW METER			Notes						
	Date	Time	Operation	System	RO	Ave. Sys. Flux	1st Stage Flux	2nd Stage Flux	Power	Influent	Temp F	P _{CF-in}	P _{CF-out}	P _{PX-feed in}	P _{PX-conc out}	P _{HP-out RO 1}	P _{RO 2 feed}	P _{RO1 PX Booster}	P _{C-RO2}	P _{D-SYS}	Q _{EX-HP Pump}	Q _{EX-HP-out}	Q _{feed PX in}	Q _{D-Stage 1}	Q _{D-Stage 2}	Q _{D-SYS}	A _{sys}		P HP/PX	P booster	Power	PX power	HP Power	Feed Pump
MM/DD/YY	hh:mm	hh:hh	Recovery %	Recovery %	Gfd	Gfd	Gfd	kWh/m3	Temp F	17	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(gpm)	(gpm)	(gpm)	(gpm)	(gpm)	(gpm)	amp	(kw)	(kw)	Factor	(kw)	(kw)	(kw)	(kw)
08/02/10	11:48	14678.9	71.3%	80.6%	14.88	18.13	7.71	0.63	78.0	34.9	30.2	29.4	24.9	181	199	160	185	6.0	88.0	20.89	34.98	70.50	15.00	86.8	19.19	12.46	2.554	0.785	1.20	10.2	1.7			
08/03/10	12:55	14704.0	71.5%	81.1%	14.91	18.26	7.77	0.63	78.0	35.0	30.1	29.2	24.8	181	199	160	185	6.0	88.0	20.21	34.75	71.00	15.10	87	19.51	12.43	2.546	0.784	1.20	10.2	1.8			
08/04/10	12:06	14727.2	71.4%	80.5%	14.93	18.00	7.71	0.63	79.0	34.9	30.1	29.3	24.8	182	199	160	186	5.9	88.2	21.05	34.97	70.00	15.00	87.1	18.74	12.48	2.853	0.787	1.20	10.2	1.8			
08/05/10	12:23	14751.5	71.4%	80.5%	14.90	18.00	7.66	0.63	79.0	35.0	30.2	29.1	24.8	182	199	160	185	6.0	88.0	21.10	34.85	70.00	14.90	86.9	18.92	12.49	2.698	0.786	1.20	10.2	1.5			
08/07/10	14:13	14775.2	71.4%	81.0%	14.85	18.00	7.71	0.62	79.0	34.9	30.1	29.3	25.0	180	198	158	181	5.7	88.1	20.30	34.66	70.00	15.00	86.6	18.57	12.24	2.858	0.786	1.10	10.0	1.9			
08/08/10	12:57	14798.0	71.1%	80.6%	14.78	17.74	7.71	0.63	79.0	34.9	30.2	29.3	24.9	180	198	158	182	5.9	88.2	20.75	34.96	69.00	15.00	86.2	18.73	12.28	3.062	0.781	1.20	10.0	2.3			
08/09/10	10:45	14819.8	77.7%	81.1%	14.81	18.00	7.66	0.62	78.0	35.0	30.1	29.4	24.9	180	198	158	182	5.7	88.0	20.20	24.74	70.00	14.90	86.4	18.78	12.26	3.007	0.783	1.10	10.1	2			
08/11/10	12:27	14868.9	71.3%	80.4%	14.88	18.00	7.71	0.63	79.0	35.1	30.3	29.3	25.0	180	199	159	181	5.8	89.0	21.22	34.95	70.00	15.00	86.8	19.07	12.38	3.034	0.780	1.20	10.1	2.1			
08/12/10	12:58	14893.4	71.3%	80.9%	14.86	18.00	7.66	0.63	79.0	35.2	30.1	29.5	25.0	181	199	159	185	5.9	88.0	20.51	34.82	70.00	14.90	86.7	18.79	12.36	2.631	0.788	1.10	10.2	1.8			
08/17/10	16:57	14894.6	71.5%	81.0%	14.85	16.20	11.06	0.62	82.0	33.1	30.1	29.5	25.0	169	189	145	171	5.8	88.2	20.31	34.44	63.00	21.50	86.6	18.07	12.15	2.792	0.783	1.40	9.6	1.6			
08/18/10	12:09	14913.9	71.5%	80.6%	14.85	16.46	10.70	0.61	81.0	33.5	30.2	29.6	25.0	169	188	143	171	5.5	88.2	20.90	34.56	64.00	20.80	86.6	18.57	12.09	2.95	0.785	1.40	9.5	1.1			
08/19/10	12:40	14938.4	71.6%	80.5%	14.85	16.97	10.03	0.62	80.0	33.3	30.1	29.5	25.0	170	190	148	175	5.8	89.0	20.97	34.40	66.00	19.50	86.6	18.60	12.14	3.042	0.785	1.40	9.6	1.4			
08/21/10	19:19	14969.8	71.6%	80.9%	14.85	16.97	9.77	0.61	80.0	33.5	30.2	29.3	25.0	170	189	148	172	5.8	88.0	20.45	34.35	66.00	19.00	86.6	18.39	12.01	3.135	0.778	1.30	9.7	1.5			
08/22/10	18:54	14993.4	71.5%	81.0%	14.86	15.43	9.51	0.62	80.0	33.2	30.2	29.3	25.0	171	189	148	173	5.9	89.0	20.30	34.52	60.00	18.50	86.7	18.23	12.14	3.382	0.778	1.30	9.7	1.9			
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