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### **Topics for the Expert Panel**



1. Intake Entrainment

2. Diffuser Entrainment

**3.** Mitigation Fee Assessment

**4.** Brine Discharge Considerations

#### 1. Intake Entrainment



- Continue to endorse the "Adult Equivalent Life" approach for Entrainment Mortality
- Safeguard marine populations by protecting adults, juveniles and mature larvae

#### 2. Diffuser Entrainment



- Assess the mortality due to diffuser entrainment
- Evaluate the diffuser entrainment mortality using the "Adult Equivalent Life" approach

#### 3. Mitigation Fee Assessment



- Standardized approach to the mitigation fee structure
- Seek consensus from regulatory bodies
- Fee should be based on the Area of Production Foregone
- Mitigation fee should have a direct nexus for a specific project

#### 4. Brine Discharge Considerations



- All projects should be assessed from a site specific perspective
- Impact assessments should be placed on benthic organisms while organisms in the water-column are unaffected by the hypersaline plume



### West Basin's Intake Effects Assessment Study

# Intake Effects Assessment Study



January 2011	Sampling and implementation plan finalized
March 2011	Start of biweekly intake and monthly source water sampling
March 2011	Final monthly source water survey
July 2012	Attempt at special study – postponed due to low larvae abundance
August - September 2012	Tracking larvae abundances for the special study
December 2012 - Present	Tracking larvae abundances
Present – March 2013	High larvae abundance sampling to occur
June 2013	Final Report





























# Intake Effects Assessment Study

- 1. No impingement
- 2. Life stages of larvae dictate entrainment efficiency
- 3. Be scientific with metallurgy
- 4. Consider unique marine environment in structural design
- 5. Wedge wire does NOT foul



## Initial Sampling Procedures

Reasons to Modify Procedure

 Verify clean intake lines for no predation
 Sampling height in the water column
 Drifting "open intake"
 Lack of larvae abundance

#### West Basin's Initial Sampling Procedures





~30′



~10′

2000' of Pipe to On-Shore Sampling Nets

#### West Basin's Modified Sampling Procedures

1 mm

2000' of Intake Piping Not Being Utilized

2 mm

~240 GPM

## **Modified Sampling Procedures**



- No predation
- Same depth
- Same intake location
- All samples will be processed on the boat
- Weekly larvae abundance sampling
- 72 hour sampling event
  - Drawing samples every 2 hours
  - Sampling throughout the night



#### Conclusions



# Thank You

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