

### SUSTAINABLE DESALINATION

SEAWATER REVERSE OSMOSIS
DESALINATION (SWRO)

**AND** 

WASTEWATER RECLAIM DESALINATION (WWRO)

A SOLUTION FOR SEA LEVEL
DEFENSE AND WATER
SUPPLY WITHOUT USING
FOSSIL FUELS



#### **SUMMARY**

- INCREASING SEA LEVEL PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR DESALINATION PLANT UTILIZATION AND PLANT SITING
- ALTERNATIVE ENERGY CAN SUSTAINABLY DRIVE DESALINATORS
- ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DESALINATORS RECLAIM WASTEWATER
- DESALINATED WATER (SWRO OR WWRO)
   CAN BE STORED IN RESEVOIRS AND USED
   TO CREATE HYDROELECTRIC POWER



# LEGISLATIVE ANALYST OFFICE (LAO) CA REPORT AUGUST 2020

- SEA LEVEL RISE (SLR) COULD COST
   \$8 \$10 BILLION IN CA BY 2030
- BY 2100 SLR COULD REACH 7 FEET
- STORM SURGE, KING TIDES AND EL NINO EVENTS COULD INCREASE SLR SIGNIFICANTLY



#### DESALINATION GROWTH

- GLOBAL WATER DEMAND HAS RESULTED IN RAPID GROWTH OF DESALINATION
- GLOBAL POPULATION GROWTH DRIVES DEMAND
- GROWTH HAS DUAL IMPACT OF INCREASED WATER CONSUMPTION AND WASTEWATER POLLUTION



#### GLOBAL GROWTH IN RO DESALINATION

NEW CONTRACTS FOR RO TECHNOLOGY-GLOBALLY

2015--528 MGD SEAWATER (SWRO)
--264 MGD BRACKISH WATER(BWRO)

2019--2.1 BGD SEAWATER (SWRO)
--264 MGD BRACKISH WATER (BWRO)

**SEAWATER RO GROWING 40% PER YEAR** 



# TYPICAL SWRO DESALINATORS

#### Hadera







#### Ashkelon









# SWRO DESALINATION CONCERNS

- ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS TOO HIGH
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
  - SEAWATER INTAKE KILLS PLANKTON
  - HIGH SALINITY BRINE DISCHARGE DAMAGES
     OCEAN FLORA AND FAUNA
- SOCIAL CONCERNS
  - ONLY WEALTHY CAN AFFORD DESAL
  - DESAL PLANTS MY DISPLACE LOW INCOME FAMILIES FROM BEACH COMMUNITIES



## NON-FOSSIL FUEL DESALINATION SOLUTION

- SUBMERGED DESAL SYSTEMS OPERATE WITHOUT FOSSIL FUEL CONSUMPTION
- HYDROSTATIC WATER PRESSURE DRIVES PROCESS
- SOLAR OR WIND POWER
   TRANSFERS FRESH WATER TO
   SHORE

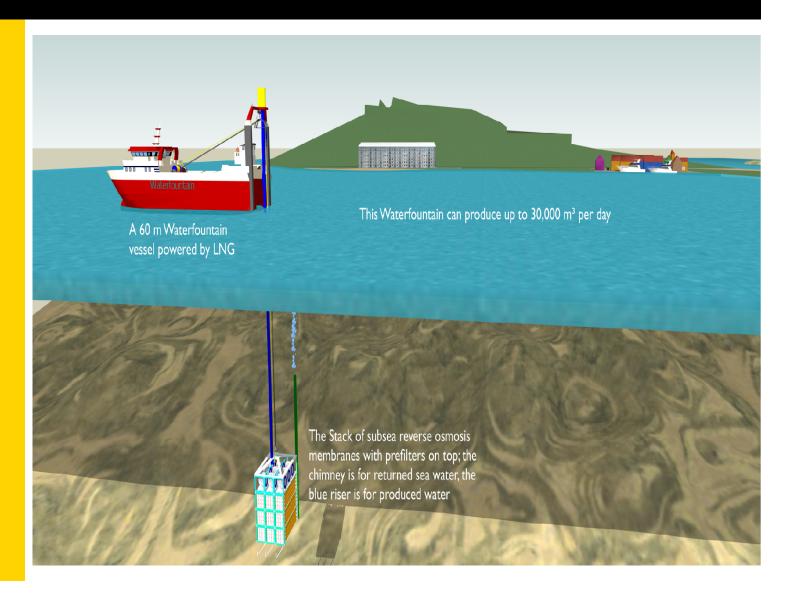


### CHALLENGE OF SUBMERGED SWRO DESALINATORS

- SUBMERGED SWRO INTRODUCED IN 1970'S BY DR. THOMAS PETERS
- WATER FOUNTAIN IS EUROPEAN COMPANY PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY TODAY
- ADOPTION HAS BEEN SLOW AS SHORE BASED DESAL POWERED BY CONNECTION TO THE GRID HAS LOWER CAPITAL COST



### WATER FOUNTAIN SUBMERGED SWRO





### SUBMERGED SWRO ADDRESSES CONCERNS

- ENERGY IS PROVIDED BY HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE AT A DEPTH OF 1000 TO 1500 FEET
- PLANKTON AND OTHER ORGANISMS NEAR SURFACE ARE NOT IMPACTED
- BRINE DISCHARGE IS NEAR NATURAL SEAWATER SALINITY
- SOLAR POWER CAN TRANSFER FRESH WATER TO THE SURFACE AND TO STORAGE ON SHORE
- BATTERY STORAGE NEEDED FOR NIGHTTIME OPERATION



### SUBMERGED SWRO DESALINATION--DIFFERENTIAL

- CAPITAL COST IS HIGHER
- LOCATION REQUIRES 1000 FOOT SEA DEPTH NOT TOO FAR OFF SHORE
- SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MUST BE COUPLED WITH DESAL PLANT
- BATTERY ARRAY REQUIRED TO POWER DESAL WHEN SUN IS NOT AVAILABLE
- NEW WATER SUPPLY WITHOUT FOSSIL FUEL CONSUMPTION



# WWRO DESALINATION CAN BE DRIVEN BY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- WASTEWATER (WWRO) RECLAIM IS USED GLOBALLY TO RECYCLE MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER
- WWRO IS GROWING AS FAST AS SWRO
- APPROX. \$800 MILLION INVESTED IN 2019 ON WWRO INSTALLATIONS
- WWRO USES LESS ENERGY THAN SWRO



#### OCWD WWRO RECLAIM DESALINATOR-FIRST INSTALLATION 1977





# WWRO DESALINATION IS A SUCCESS GLOBALLY

- OCWD FIRST LARGE WWRO INSTALLED IN 1977 AND HAS SINCE EXPANDED TO OVER 130 MGD
- SULAIBAYA KUWAIT, CHANGI SINGAPORE, LUGGAGE POINT AUSTRALIA AND OTHER LARGE SUCCESSFUL WWRO DESALTING PLANTS ARE IN OPERATION GLOBALLY



# ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND WWRO DESALINATION

- MOST WWRO RECLAMATION SYSTEMS ARE "INDIRECT" RECYCLERS. TREATED WATER IS STORED IN RESEVOIRS AND BLENDED WITH OTHER SUPPLY
- WWRO PLANTS OPERATE CONTINUOUSLY 24 HOURS PER DAY
- WWRO DESALTORS CAN EASILY BE POWERED BY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY WITH SOME FORM OF BATTERY STORAGE



#### OPTIONAL FUTURE SOLUTION

- DISCHARGE WWRO EFFLUENT INTO RESEVOIRS WITH HYDROELECTRIC GENERATORS AT THE OUTFALL
- THE WATER FILLING THE RESEVOIR
  WOULD CONSUME NO FOSSIL FUEL AND
  THE ENERGY CREATED AT THE OUTFALL
  WOULD HELP OFFSET THE ALTERNATIVE
  POWER CONSUMED
- HYDROELECTRIC POWER IS AVAILABLE AT NIGHT AND/OR WHEN NO WIND IS AVAILABLE



#### **PROPOSITION**

- SEAWATER LEVELS ARE RISING
- THE USE OF FOSSIL FUEL AND THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE ARE BEING RESTRICTED
- NEW SOURCES OF FRESH WATER ARE NEEDED
- DESALINATION POWERED BY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROVIDES A SOLUTION ADDRESSING ALL OF THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES