

In the spirit of the Chair's final request to the staff for greater clarity and clearer goals in the Amendment and an earlier request from several people to have broad and general enough guidelines so that you don't have to repeat this process every couple of years as technology improves, I repeat my request that the Final Amendment state that the goal is to end all brine discharges of any sort. It could state that the smaller the discharge of RO effluent into the ocean the better, or the higher the percentage of the produced water the better.

This is not a request to make a rule or requirement for project approval, but to give direction to staff and new project applicants. Such a guidance would not require a new public hearing nor have to wait until another Amendment in the future.

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