

# **Today's Speakers**



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# **Background**

- 3 treatment plants:
  - 2 conventional lime softening (75 & 25 mgd)
  - 1 dual membrane (10 mgd)
- Surface water and alluvial groundwater
- 50+ remote facilities; 1400 miles of pipe
- Controlled from a single Control Center



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# **Background**

- Average day: 47 million gallons
- Peak day: 96 million gallons
- Board-governed
- 210 employees
- Union represented



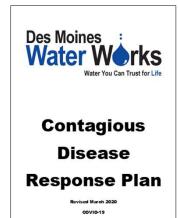


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# Background Regional water utility Retail and wholesale customers – more than 50% of water sold is wholesale More than 20 water supplies 500,000 customers (1/6 of lowa's population) Most have no other source of supply

# **Contagious Disease Response Plan**

- Four-Phase Plan
  - 1. Awareness
  - 2. Limited Contact
  - 3. Isolation
  - 4. Worst Case
- Developed in 2009
- Updated March 2020





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# **Awareness – Early March**

- · Watching events unfold tracking the spread
- · Outside the United States
- Updating our plan
- Customer communication
- Internal staff communication





## **Limited Contact – March 17**

- · Limit contact between employees
  - Meetings
  - Training
  - Work call
- Limit contact with customers
  - Suspended in-home customer service
  - Closed to walk-ins
  - Suspended terminations

Des Moines Water Works **General Office Closed** to Walk-in Customers



- Online Account: Login to your online account to pay by credit card (\$2.75 convenience fee), recurring credit card, direct pay or
- Phone: Please call (515) 283-8700, and a Customer Service Representative is available to assist you Monday-Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Pay by credit card (\$2.75 convenience fee) or electronic check (no fee)
- Drop Box: Place bill stub and payment in the payment drop box located at 2201 George Flagg Parkway.
- Mail: Mail bill stub and payment to PO Box 9227, Des Moines, lowa 50306-9227.
- Pay Stations: Customers may make monthly payment at most local HyVee and Wal-Mart stores. The pay station may charge a fee for this service; however, these fees are not collected by Des Moines Water Works.





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# Isolation - March 23

- Stockpiling chemicals and supplies
- Enhanced cleaning
- Work from home options
- Report from home implemented
- Restricted access
- Relocation
- Return to work restrictions
- Sequestering critical employees



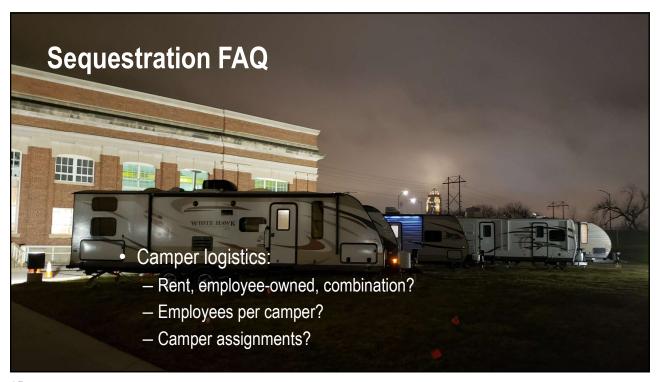
# Sequestration

- 21 employees across 3 treatment plants for the first 2 weeks
- Week 3: 18 employees
- Week 4: 15 employees
- Week 5: 10 employees
- Food and lodging provided
- Work 12 hour shifts 7 days a week



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# **Sequestration FAQ**

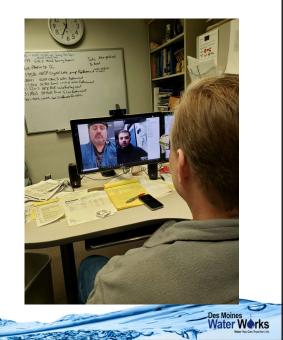
- Camper logistics:
  - Water and sewer hook-ups?
  - Food supplies?
  - Off-hour amenities?
  - Cleaning at the 14-day changeover?





# **Sequestration FAQ**

- Staffing
  - Critical positions?
    - Operations
    - Maintenance
    - Support
  - Volunteers or mandatory?
  - Pay structure?
    - · Sequestered
    - Not sequestered
  - Monitoring next crew to come in?



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# **Sequestration FAQ**

- Lab samples?
- Chemical delivery?
- Contractors?
- Relocation of other functions off-site?
- Protocol for employees in "emergency status"?



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- Employee buy-in and morale?
- Regulatory relief?
  - TCR samples





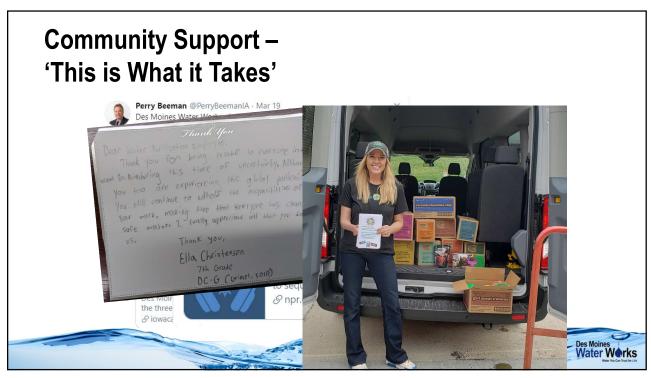
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# **Sequestration FAQ**

- Challenges?
  - Displaced functions
  - Winter maintenance
  - Capital projects



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Claude '*Bud*' Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant

Gilad Cohen, CEO, IDE Americas | April 9, 2020







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### Know your water partners: IDE Technologies



- > Established in 1965
- Technology leaders in Desalination & Water Treatment in both membrane & thermal technologies
- > Providing design, turnkey, O&M and development of Advanced Water Solutions
- > More than 400 installations in over 40 countries
- > Worldwide offices in Israel, US, China, India, Chile & Australia



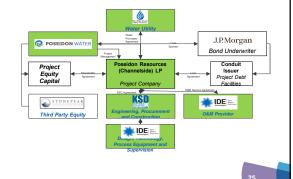
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### Claude 'Bud' Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant: Background

- The Carlsbad Desalination Plant ("CDP")is the largest seawater desalination plant in the US producing 50 million gallons of fresh water per day
- This supplies enough water for approximately 400,000 people, or 10% of the potable water distributed by the San Diego County Water Authority
- > CDP was developed as Public Private Partnership (PPP) project:
  - > Poseidon Water as the developer
  - Consortium of Kiewit-Shea (KSD) as the general contractor
  - > IDE Technologies as designer and technology and process equipment provider
    - Started as the operation and maintenance contractor in 2015





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### COVID-19 Plant shelter-in-place Operation Plan

- COVID-19 impact and initial CDC information first emerged in late February and early March
- Working alongside the plant owner and developer, Poseidon Water, IDE took emergency action early on, with the goal of ensuring operation continuity and minimizing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on water delivery
- We wanted to make sure the community and local, state and federal governments have one less thing to worry about
- On March 8, we implemented an "Essentials Only Policy," limiting entrance onto the premises of CDP
- On March 19, we implemented a full "COVID-19 Plant Shelter-in-Place Operation Plan," ahead of California's governor's mandate, including:
  - A crew of 10 volunteer employees for maintenance, operation and lab
  - Sheltering inside the plant for 21 days to minimize any potential outside world physical contact
  - > Supported from the outside by managers and experts







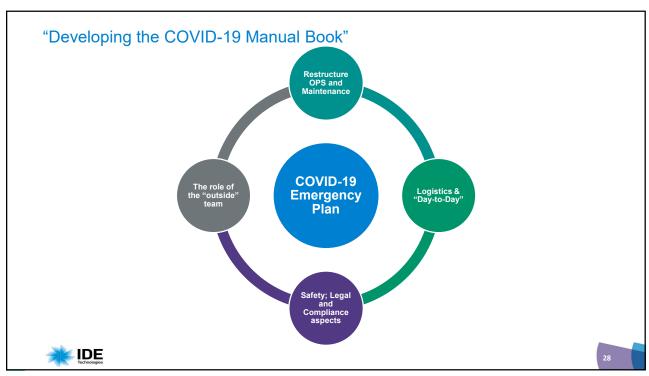


Determining essential volunteer roles needed to keep plant running

- CDP typically operates with about 40 IDE employees daily; three operators on shift; lab technicians and a large maintenance group
- We defined what would be the key functions and determined we would need 10 volunteers to shelter-inplace at the plant across a variety of roles
- IDE has every critical role on-site, including lab technician, operations team members and maintenance team
- It was clear from the start that IDE's employees were willing to step up for the San Diego community during this time
- Due to the willingness of many volunteers,10 ultimately were randomly selected for the 21 day stay
- It took IDE, Poseidon and the San Diego County Water Authority about 3 days to solidify the plan and prepare the plant for the volunteers to shelter-in-place



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### Restructuring OPS and Maintenance Routines and Workplan



- Shift structures:
  - > Routinely, the CDP uses 12-hour shifts with 3 operators
  - > We moved to 2 operators to a 12-hour shift, reducing assignment load
  - > Shifting more work to lab technician and maintenance support
- Maintenance work:
  - > Minimal team on-site, including an electrician, mechanical technicians and general labor
  - > Redefining priorities and work plan
  - > 8-hour shifts and 4 hours on call as needed, 7 days a week
- ) Lab:
  - > Continue supporting all monitoring requirements
  - > Assist with the operators sampling routine works
  - > 12-hour workdays, spread as needed
- > Outside monitor & support:
  - > Plant is continuously monitored by managers and chief operator from the outside
  - > Daily morning video meetings with the "inside" team to evaluate performance, workplan and team morale





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### Logistics & "Day to Day"

- 21 days on-site requires accommodation, food and other basic services
- Each employee has their own RV for lodging in the plant's parking lot supplied by the company.
- The RVs are a quiet space for them to rest and recharge during down time
- Food supply is managed through online shopping, with outside support by management as needed
- Purchased and installed for their use, volunteers have access to washers and dryers, and also the use of the plant's breakroom, cafeteria and showers
- While they are unable to leave the plant, they have built a collegial community and free time is similar to ours
- They're video chatting, texting and calling their families and friends and binge-watching shows like the rest of us





### Safety; Legal and Compliance Aspects



- > Even under emergency conditions, it remains our priority to <u>NOT</u> compromise on safety. We insist and monitor that the team uses their time between shifts to rest
- > CDP is subject to many regulation and compliance aspects:
  - The plan covers routine requirements; any modifications were designed collaboratively with the owner and regulators
  - > Reporting requirements remain the same and are being performed remotely by the "outside team"
  - > Pre-planned inspection by regulatory entities were addressed and postponed accordingly
- > Legal and contractual compliance:
  - > Agreement letters were exchanged to regulate the "new reality" with the owner and the county
  - > Employment rules were studied and addressed with the employees; we made all reasonable efforts to ensure everyone's rights are maintained
  - > We remain adaptable and responsive to the continual change and unknowns
- Communication is the key
  - > Daily and weekly communication in order to maintain transparency with employees; sync within management and corporate; Flow of information to owners; Keep the regulators in the loop



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### The Role of the "Outside" Team



- > Standby team for replacing the "inside" team if needed
- > Remote monitoring and advice, as needed
  - > With access to various technologies, the volunteers' colleagues and managers at IDE are providing support from their homes
  - > If one of the employees in the "inside" team has a question, our wider team is available ondemand to guide them
- Working in the off-site warehouse as needed
- > Using the opportunity for the "bottom of the list":
  - > Picking up on training plan gaps through remote training and e-learning
  - > Cross training between operations and maintenance
  - > Operations and maintenance policies updates



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### Heartwarming Support From the Community

- The greater San Diego community has also been kind enough to share hundreds of messages with words of encouragement and support to the volunteers
- > This has helped keep morale high for volunteers during their time at the plant and is greatly appreciated









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### What is the "Secret Sauce?"

- > First on the list is our employees who volunteered without questions or conditions to serve the cause
- Second is great management teamwork direct plant management, compliance, HR, finance and legal
  - > Working through the details together
  - > Confronting new dilemmas and challenges as they come
  - > Supporting each other as needed and beyond
- > Third is working as a team and communicating with the owner, the county and regulators
  - > Remarkable support, efficiency and level of cooperation from all sides
  - > Confronting any conflicts or complications together, as they arise
- > And finally, the community support, which provided a boost to everyone's morale



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### Looking at what's next for IDE's Desal Operations in California

- > On Thursday afternoon, a second 21-day cycle will begin:
  - > 10 fresh crew members will take over on-site
  - > As part of the transition, extensive cleaning and housekeeping are planned
  - The team leaving the plant will have a few days off to reenergize and will be reengaged afterwards with a similar training and working plan on the outside
- In parallel, IDE operates a second desalination plant in the City of Santa Barbara
  - The plant is smaller in size, providing 3 million gallons of potable water per day
  - However, the plant is significant in importance, producing about 30% of the city's drinking water
  - > While shelter-in-place is not an applicable option in Santa Barbara, team isolation measure are taken by deploying RVs on site as temporary offices and operation rooms







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## **Q & A**



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