



Hialeah-Miami Dade Groundwater Desalination Project

Hialeah used the design-build-operate-maintain contracting method to procure one of the largest brackish groundwater desalination projects in Florida (10 mgd, expandable to 17.5 mgd). Hawkins served as owner's lead counsel to the City for the transaction and played a central role in the development of the RFEI, RFQ and RFP solicitation documents and the drafting and negotiation of the DBOM contract with the successful proposer. The project serves the water supply needs of both Hialeah and Miami-Dade County and received substantial financial support from the state of Florida for planning, permitting, design and construction costs.

Clients: Hialeah-Miami Dade County, Florida

Role: Owner's Lead Counsel

Distinction: First DBOM Groundwater Desalination Project in Florida

Delivery Method: Design-Build-Operate-Maintain

Project Size: 10 MGD

Capital Cost: \$60 Million

Contract Value: \$120 Million

Contract Term: 20 Years

Contract Counterparties: AECOM, Inima and Severn-Trent

Attorneys

- Eric S. Petersen
- Joseph Sullivan
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Practice

- Alternative Project Delivery

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Industry

- Water