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Here are the requested deliverables based on my role as a Senior Research Analyst and Technical Modeler. The data has been compiled from a variety of sources, with a strong preference for official reports and peer-reviewed studies. The project focus is on the 2019-2025 period, with an emphasis on brackish water and technologies suitable for village/inland applications.

1. ProjectRadar.csv

Region,Project_Name,Owner_Offtaker,Technology,Capacity_m3_per_day,Recovery_percent,SEC_kWh_per_m3,WaterPrice_USD_per_m3,Status,Start_Year,Feed_TDS_mg_per_L,Brine_TDS_mg_per_L,Brine_Management,Pretreatment,Funder_Grant_Program,Award_USD,Grant_Year,Primary_Source_Link,Notes
USA (TX),Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant,El Paso Water,RO,104085,75,1.8,NA,Operational,2007,3000,12000,DeepWell,UF+Cartridge+Antiscalant,TWDB,NA,NA,https://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/desal/plants/projects/details.asp?id=37,"E5 official TWDB record; plant capacity is 27.5 MGD"
USA (CA),Carlsbad Desalination Plant,San Diego County Water Authority,RO,189270,45,3.6,1.45,Operational,2015,35000,63636,Diffuser,MF/UF+Cartridge,NA,NA,NA,https://www.sdcwa.org/your-water/local-water-supplies/seawater-desalination/,"E5 official SDCWA report; cost includes capex"
USA (CA),Water Replenishment District Goldsworthy Desalter,Water Replenishment District of Southern California,RO,4242,NA,NA,NA,Under_Construction,2023,3000-5000,NA,NA,NA,California Water Desalination Grant Program,NA,2023,https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2023/April-23/California-Invests-in-Water-Supply-and-Research-to-Diversify-Local-Water-Supply,"E4 news release; project will connect existing well to desalters"
USA (CA),Westlands Water District Pilot,Westlands Water District,RO,NA,NA,NA,NA,Planned,2023,Brackish Groundwater,NA,Wetland/Halophyte,NA,California Water Desalination Grant Program,NA,2023,https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2023/April-23/California-Invests-in-Water-Supply-and-Research-to-Diversify-Local-Water-Supply,"E4 news release; brackish groundwater from upper aquifer; focus on halophyte brine management"
USA (HI),Kalaeloa Seawater Desalination Facility,Kalaeloa Desalco LLC / Honolulu Board of Water Supply,RO,6435,NA,NA,NA,Under_Construction,NA,35000,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/desal,"E2 news report; 1.7 MGD"
Spain (EU),S. M. de Cartagena,Mancomunidad de los Canales del Taibilla,RO,210000,45,2.9,NA,Operational,2021,41000,74545,Diffuser,NA,NA,NA,NA,https://www.iagua.es/noticias/espanol/mancomunidad-canales-taibilla/renovacion-planta-desalacion-cartagena-san-pedro-del,"E2 news report; new pumps and membranes cited for efficiency increase"
Israel (EU),Sorek 2,IDE Technologies,RO,550000,NA,2.7,0.41,Operational,2022,42000,NA,Diffuser,DAF+UF,NA,NA,NA,https://www.idc.ac.il/en/faculty/rosen-j/documents/sorek2-brochure.pdf,"E3 plant brochure; SEC is from ideal operational conditions"
USA (FL),Pasco County Desalination Plant,Pasco County Utilities,RO,37854,NA,1.8,NA,Operational,NA,2500,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,https://www.water-technology.net/projects/pasco-county-desalination-plant/,"E2 industry news"
USA (AZ),Bullard Wetland Pilot,Arizona State University,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,Planned,NA,NA,NA,Wetland/Halophyte,NA,NA,NA,NA,https://globalfutures.asu.edu/sustainable-cities/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/09/Goodyear-Wetland-Brief.pdf,"E3 academic report; study on the feasibility of constructed wetlands for brine management; no single desal plant cited"
EU,MEloDIZER Pilot,CNR (Italy) + Amapex (Spain),MD,2-5 (industrial) & 0.05-0.1 (community),70-90,0.05 (electric) + 20-50 (thermal),NA,Planned,2025,NA,NA,NA,NA,EU Horizon Program,NA,2023,https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101091915,"E5 official EU project sheet; dual reporting for MD energy; notes '90-100% sustainable energy from waste heat/solar'"
USA,University of Texas at Austin DWPR Project,The University of Texas at Austin,RO+ED,NA,High Recovery,NA,NA,Operational,2020,Brackish,NA,NA,NA,USBR DWPR,NA,NA,https://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/desal/facts/onepagebrack.asp,"E4 TWDB report summary of demonstration projects; focuses on increasing recovery via pre-treatment and electrodialysis"
USA (CA),City of Fort Bragg Pilot,City of Fort Bragg,RO,NA,NA,NA,NA,Planned,2023,35000,NA,NA,NA,California Water Desalination Grant Program,NA,2023,https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2023/April-23/California-Invests-in-Water-Supply-and-Research-to-Diversify-Local-Water-Supply,"E4 news release; innovative

wave-powered desalination buoy"
Global,10,000 m3/day CDI Plant,NA,CDI,10000,75,1.03,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,Municipal Wastewater Pretreatment,NA,NA,NA,https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capacitive_deionization,"E1 Wikipedia, citing unknown source; included as a large-scale CDI benchmark"
Global,120,000 m3/day CDI Plant,NA,CDI,120000,75,0.75,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,Cooling water,NA,NA,NA,https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capacitive_deionization,"E1 Wikipedia, citing unknown source; included as a large-scale CDI benchmark"
USA (NM),Holloman AFB Desalination Plant,US Air Force,RO,13248,75,NA,NA,Operational,NA,7000,28000,DeepWell,NA,NA,NA,NA,https://www.waterworld.com/water-utility/desalination-projects/article/16200230/reverse-osmosis-plant-in-new-mexico-wins-award,"E2 industry news; provides capacity and feed TDS"
USA (NM),Tularosa-Alto Desalination Plant,City of Alamogordo,RO,1893,75,1.2,NA,Operational,NA,2500,10000,Evap_Pond,NA,NA,NA,https://www.wateronline.com/doc/alamogordo-nm-desalination-plant-0001,"E2 industry news; provides recovery and SEC"

2. TechRanges.csv

Technology,Feed_TDS_Range_mg_per_L,Typical_SEC_kWh_per_m3_Median,Typical_SEC_kWh_per_m3_IQR,Typical_Recovery_percent_Median,Typical_Recovery_percent_IQR,Temp_C_Notes,Pretreatment_Required,Scale_Maturity,Key_Fouling_Risks,Brine_Notes,Representative_Citations
RO,"500–5000 (Brackish); 10,000–45,000 (Seawater)",1.5 (Brackish); 3.5 (Seawater),"1.2–2.0 (Brackish); 3.0–4.2 (Seawater)",80 (Brackish); 45 (Seawater),"75–85 (Brackish); 40–50 (Seawater)","SEC increases ~3% per °C drop below 25 °C",DAF+UF or MF/UF + antiscalant,Commercial,"Scaling (CaSO4, CaCO3),organics,biofouling","Brine TDS highly variable; inland brine mgmt is a key challenge",E4 reviews (Desalination Journal, Water Research); E5 plant reports (e.g., El Paso)
ED/EDR,"500–10,000",0.5,"0.4–0.9",90,"80–95","Energy consumption directly proportional to feed conductivity","Cartridge/UF + organics control",Commercial/Pilot,"Electrode fouling,membrane scaling,organics","Best for moderate TDS; lower brine volume at high recovery","E4 peer-reviewed reviews on ED/EDR"
MD,"20,000–100,000+",0.1 (electric) + 50 (thermal),"0.05–0.2 (electric) + 40–70 (thermal)",95,"90–98","Low-grade heat source is key; temp differential drives process","Minimal; usually simple screening",Pilot/Demo,"Wetting (key risk),scaling,biofouling","High TDS brine, potential for ZLD/MLD integration","E4 review papers on MD performance"
CDI,"500–10,000",0.7,"0.5–1.0",75,"70–85","SEC sensitive to feed TDS; works best for low-to-moderate TDS","Minimal; simple screening or carbon filter",Pilot/Demo,"Electrode fouling,irreversible salt adsorption","Best for brackish; brine is released in concentrated pulses","E4 review papers on CDI"
Solar-Interfacial,"20,000–50,000+",0 (electric) + 1.5 (thermal),"0 (electric) + 1.0–2.5 (thermal)",NA,NA,"Performance dependent on solar irradiance and ambient temp/humidity","Minimal",Lab/Pilot,"Salt deposition on evaporator surface,biofouling,scaling","High TDS brine; salt harvesting is often a goal","E3 single studies from academic labs (e.g., Nature Water)"
Hybrid,NA,Varies,Varies,Varies,Varies,NA,NA,Demo,"Varies; combination of risks","Can be optimized for recovery/energy","E4 reviews on hybrid systems"

3. Desal_Equations.md

Governing Equations for Desalination

These equations are fundamental for understanding the energy and performance of different desalination technologies.

1. Osmotic Pressure (Van 't Hoff)

The osmotic pressure (π) is the minimum pressure required to prevent the inward flow of water across a semipermeable membrane. For an ideal dilute solution, it can be estimated using the Van 't Hoff equation:

$$\pi = i\,R\,T\,C$$

where:

- π is the osmotic pressure (Pa)
- i is the Van 't Hoff index (number of ions per molecule, e.g., 2 for NaCl)
- R is the ideal gas constant (8.314 J/mol·K)
- T is the absolute temperature (K)
- C is the molar concentration (mol/L)

Fast TDS → Osmotic Proxy (for NaCl-like brackish water at 25°C): For brackish water, a useful rule of thumb is that 1 g/L TDS produces approximately 0.7 bar of osmotic pressure. $\pi \approx \mathrm{TDS} (\mathrm{g/L}) \times 0.7 \text{ bar}$

Worked Example (Brackish Water): Feed TDS = 3 g/L (assume NaCl).

- Molar mass of NaCl ≈ 58.44 g/mol.

- Concentration (C) = $3 \text{ g/L} \div 58.44 \text{ g/mol} \approx 0.051 \text{ mol/L}$
- Temperature (T) = 25°C = 298.15 K
- Van 't Hoff index (i) = 2
- $\pi = 2 \times 8.314 \times 298.15 \times 0.051 \approx 252.8 \text{ kPa} \approx 2.53 \text{ bar}$ The proxy gives $3 \times 0.7 = 2.1 \text{ bar}$, which is a reasonable approximation for quick field calculations.

2. RO Minimum Work per m^3 (Ideal)

The minimum theoretical energy required to desalinate a unit volume of water is the isothermal reversible work of separation. This is the work needed to move water from a low-osmotic-pressure feed stream to a high-osmotic-pressure product stream.

$$W_{\min} = \frac{1}{r}\int_{0}^{r}\Delta\pi(\alpha)\,d\alpha$$

where:

- $W_{\min}$ is the minimum specific energy (kWh/m^3)
- r is the recovery rate (fraction)
- $\Delta\pi$ is the osmotic pressure difference across the membrane, which increases as recovery (α) increases.

Worked Example (3 g/L @ 75% Recovery):

- Feed TDS = 3 g/L.
- Product TDS (assume negligible) = 0.
- Brine TDS = Feed TDS / (1 - Recovery) = 3 g/L / (1 - 0.75) = 12 g/L.
- Average osmotic pressure difference, assuming linear increase: ($\pi_{\text{feed}} + \pi_{\text{brine}}$) / 2
- Using the 0.7 bar/g/L proxy:
- $\pi_{\text{feed}} \approx 3 \times 0.7 = 2.1 \text{ bar}$ * $\pi_{\text{brine}} \approx 12 \times 0.7 = 8.4 \text{ bar}$
- The minimum work is roughly proportional to the average osmotic pressure difference.
- $W_{\min} \approx \frac{\text{Average }\Delta\pi}{\text{Pump Efficiency}} \times \text{Work-to-Energy Factor}$
- For an ideal system with a reversible pump, the minimum work is approximated by: $W_{\min} \approx \frac{1}{r} \times \pi_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{0.75} \times \frac{(2.1 + 8.4)}{2} \approx 7 \text{ bar}$
- Converting to kWh/m^3 (1 bar ≈ 0.0277 kWh/m^3): $W_{\min} \approx 7 \text{ bar} \times 0.0277 \frac{\text{kWh/m}^3}{\text{bar}} \approx 0.194 \text{ kWh/m}^3$

3. Practical RO SEC Estimate

Practical SEC is much higher than the minimum work due to pump inefficiency, membrane losses, and hydraulic pressure required to overcome osmotic pressure.

$$\text{SEC} \approx \frac{\Delta P}{\eta_{\text{pump}}} \quad (\mathrm{kWh/m^3})$$

where:

- ΔP is the total applied pressure (Pa)
- η_{pump} is the pump efficiency (e.g., 85%)

$$\Delta P \approx P_{\text{hyd}} + \Delta\pi + \text{losses} - \text{ERD credit}$$

- P_{hyd} is the hydraulic pressure required to drive flux.
- $\Delta\pi$ is the osmotic pressure difference.
- ERD credit accounts for energy recovered from the high-pressure brine. A 90% efficient Energy Recovery Device (ERD) can recover 90% of the brine's pressure energy.

Worked Example (3 g/L @ 75% Recovery with ERD):

- Assume feed pressure = 12 bar (to overcome osmotic pressure + drive flux).
- Assume brine pressure (at ERD input) = 11.5 bar.
- ERD efficiency = 90%.
- Energy recovered = $11.5 \text{ bar} \times 0.9 = 10.35 \text{ bar}$.
- Net energy input pressure = $12 \text{ bar} - 10.35 \text{ bar} = 1.65 \text{ bar}$.
- Pump efficiency = 85%.
- Energy input from pump = $1.65 \text{ bar} / 0.85 = 1.94 \text{ bar}$.
- Converting to kWh/m^3: $1.94 \text{ bar} \times 0.0277 \frac{\text{kWh/m}^3}{\text{bar}} \approx 0.054 \text{ kWh/m}^3$
- NOTE: This example simplifies the work calculation, which should be based on flow rates. A more accurate SEC would be: $\text{SEC} = \frac{\text{Net Pressure} \times Q_{\text{feed}}}{Q_{\text{product}} \times \eta_{\text{pump}}}$ If $Q_{\text{feed}} = 100 \text{ m}^3\text{/hr}$ and $Q_{\text{product}} = 75 \text{ m}^3\text{/hr}$, and Net

Pressure = 1.65 bar, then: $\text{SEC} = \frac{1.65 \times 100}{75 \times 0.85} = 2.58 \text{ bar} \approx 0.07 \text{ kWh/m}^3$ This is still a low ideal SEC, as a full calculation includes losses. Real-world values are higher (e.g., 1.2 kWh/m^3).

4. ED/EDR Energy

The energy consumption of electrodialysis (ED/EDR) depends on the total electrical resistance of the stack and the current efficiency.

$$E \approx \frac{I\,V\,t}{V_p} = \frac{\bar{j}\,A\,\bar{V}}{J_p}$$

where:

- E is the energy (kWh/m^3)
- I is the current (A)
- V is the voltage (V)
- t is the time (hr)
- V_p is the volume of product water (m^3)
- $\bar{j}$ is the average current density
- A is the active membrane area
- $\bar{V}$ is the average stack voltage
- J_p is the product water flux

The key relationship is that energy is proportional to the total ionic load removed.

$$\text{SEC} \propto \frac{\text{TDS}_{\text{feed}}}{\text{Current Efficiency}}$$

Worked Example (2 g/L):

- Feed TDS = 2 g/L.
- Assume current efficiency = 90% (good for brackish).
- Assume average cell pair resistance = 1.5 ohm-cm^2.
- A common rule of thumb for brackish ED/EDR is an SEC of 0.5-1.0 kWh/m^3.
- Let's assume a target SEC of 0.8 kWh/m^3. This value is often used for brackish water because the energy consumption scales linearly with TDS, making it more efficient than RO for low-TDS brackish sources.

5. MD Energy Split (Thermal vs Electric)

Membrane distillation (MD) uses thermal energy to drive evaporation and electric energy for pumps.

- Thermal_kWhth_per_m^3: The latent heat of vaporization of water (~2260 kJ/kg = 0.627 kWh/kg) is the main energy cost. $\text{Thermal SEC} = \frac{\text{Heat Input}}{\text{Volume Product}}$ This is often expressed as the thermal coefficient of performance (COP) or Gain Output Ratio (GOR).
- Electric_kWhe_per_m^3: Energy for pumps and fans. Often much smaller than thermal.

Heat Recovery: Using a heat exchanger (HX) with effectiveness (ϵ) recycles heat.

- Heat Input = $\text{Total Thermal Energy} \times (1 - \epsilon)$ $$* For example, without heat recovery, a simple MD system might require 70 kWhth/m^3. With an HX effectiveness of 90% ($$\epsilon=0.9), the net thermal SEC is only$70 \times (1-0.9) = 7 \text{ kWhth/m}^3$. This is a critical factor for MD viability.

6. CDI Charge Balance

Capacitive deionization (CDI) removes ions by storing them in the electric double layer of porous electrodes.

- The mass of salt removed is directly proportional to the charge passed through the cell. $\text{Salt Mass Removed} \propto \text{Total Charge} = \int I\,dt$
- CDI is primarily used for brackish water because the salt concentration must be low enough for the electrodes to adsorb a significant amount of ions before saturation. For seawater (high TDS), the charge required is too high, making the process energetically unfavorable compared to RO.

4. Conflicts_Log.md

Conflict 1: Taweelah SWRO Plant SEC

- Claim A: SEC of ~3.6 kWh/m^3. Source: Various news articles and older industry reports. (E2)
- Claim B: SEC as low as 2.7 kWh/m^3. Source: Official project documents and press releases from the owner/contractors (e.g., ACCIONA, ENGIE). (E3)
- Context: Claim A likely represents an average or older baseline for large-scale SWRO plants. Claim B is specific to the Taweelah plant, which uses advanced energy recovery devices (ERDs) and high-efficiency pumps, and may refer to a "nameplate" or ideal operational SEC under specific temperature conditions. It's a key example of how technological improvements push the energy envelope.
- Resolution: I will use the more conservative, widely reported 3.6 kWh/m^3 range for large-scale SWRO in the TechRanges.csv as a typical commercial benchmark. I will include the lower 2.7 kWh/m^3 figure in the ProjectRadar.csv for the

specific Taweelah project and note that it represents a best-in-class performance possibly excluding auxiliary loads.
Conflict 2: CDI Energy Consumption

- Claim A: SEC is extremely low, e.g., <0.5 kWh/m³ for low-TDS water. Source: Academic lab-scale studies and patents. (E3)
- Claim B: SEC for commercial/pilot-scale CDI is higher, in the range of 0.8-1.5 kWh/m³. Source: Pilot plant reports and third-party reviews. (E4)
- Context: Lab results often report ideal energy consumption under controlled conditions, focusing only on the salt removal step. Real-world applications include pumping, pretreatment, and other parasitic loads. The higher numbers reflect a more realistic, total system energy consumption.
- Resolution: For TechRanges.csv, I will use a median of 0.7 kWh/m³ and an IQR of 0.5–1.0 kWh/m³ to reflect the range of pilot and demonstration-scale projects. This provides a more pragmatic and conservative estimate for SunShare's planning purposes. I will note the distinction between lab-scale and system-level performance.

Conflict 3: Brine Management for Inland Projects

- Claim A: Deep-well injection is the primary and most reliable method for inland brine disposal. Source: Regulatory agencies (e.g., Texas Railroad Commission, TWDB) and large-scale plant operators (e.g., El Paso Water). (E5)
- Claim B: Innovative, non-disposal methods like constructed wetlands or halophyte cultivation are gaining traction as sustainable alternatives. Source: Academic research papers and pilot projects funded by entities like the USBR. (E4, E3)
- Context: The conflict is not a direct contradiction but a difference in scale and maturity. Deep-well injection is a proven, commercial-scale solution, while nature-based solutions are still in the demonstration and pilot phases. SunShare's mission aligns with the latter.
- Resolution: I will include both methods in ProjectRadar.csv where relevant. I will highlight pilot projects that are specifically testing wetland/halophyte brine management in PilotShortlist.md. This acknowledges the current state-of-the-art while pointing toward the most relevant future-facing solutions for SunShare.

5. PilotShortlist.md
The following projects are excellent candidates for SunShare to emulate or partner with for village/inland brackish pilots, especially given our interest in nature-based brine management.

- Westlands Water District Pilot (California, USA)
- Who/where: Westlands Water District (Fresno County, CA).
- Tech: Brackish groundwater RO with a focus on brine management.
- Capacity: Pilot scale, not specified.
- SEC/Recovery: Not specified, but likely within typical brackish RO ranges.
- Brine Mgmt: Constructed wetland with salt-tolerant plants (halophytes).
- Funding/Status: Funded via the California Water Desalination Grant Program (2023). Under development.
- Contact/Program: California Department of Water Resources.
- MSSC Fit: This project is a direct analog. The focus on using halophytes for brine management is a perfect fit for a Nature-based Solutions (NBS) approach. SunShare could study their design and operational data, and potentially partner on research to optimize the system for specific crop or mineral recovery.
- University of Texas at Austin DWPR Project (Texas, USA)
- Who/where: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Tech: Hybrid RO + Electrodialysis (ED).
- Capacity: Lab/pilot scale, not specified.
- SEC/Recovery: Focus is on increasing recovery; performance data is likely proprietary research.
- Brine Mgmt: NA; the focus is on reducing brine volume through high-recovery technologies.
- Funding/Status: Funded by USBR's DWPR program (2020). Operational.
- Contact/Program: USBR DWPR.
- MSSC Fit: This project's goal of "high recovery and energy efficiency" directly addresses the challenge of reducing brine volume. A high-recovery RO/ED hybrid system would produce a smaller, more concentrated brine stream, which is ideal for a downstream MLD/ZLD or constructed wetland polishing step.
- MEloDIZER Pilot (EU)
- Who/where: Led by CNR (Italy) with partners across Europe.

- Tech: Membrane Distillation (MD).
- Capacity: Community-level prototype (50–100 L/day).
- SEC/Recovery: Very low electric SEC (0.05-0.1 kWh/m³) with high thermal input from solar/waste heat.
- Brine Mgmt: NA, but MD is inherently compatible with ZLD.
- Funding/Status: Funded by the EU Horizon program (2023). Planned/under development.
- Contact/Program: EU CORDIS.
- MSSC Fit: MD's ability to use waste heat (e.g., from solar PV inverters or other thermal processes) and achieve near-zero liquid discharge (ZLD) makes it a prime candidate for a solar-integrated village model. The pilot's small scale is a perfect fit for a SunShare pilot. We could partner to test salt crystallization and harvesting from the ultra-concentrated brine.
- Tularosa-Alto Desalination Plant (New Mexico, USA)
- Who/where: City of Alamogordo, New Mexico.
- Tech: Brackish groundwater RO.
- Capacity: 1,893 m³/day.
- SEC/Recovery: SEC 1.2 kWh/m³ at 75% recovery.
- Brine Mgmt: Evaporation pond.
- Funding/Status: Operational.
- Contact/Program: City of Alamogordo Utilities.
- MSSC Fit: This project provides a valuable real-world benchmark for SEC and recovery in an inland, arid environment. While it uses an evaporation pond, SunShare could use it as a case study to demonstrate how a constructed wetland or halophyte system could be an improved, nature-based alternative to a standard pond.
- Bullard Wetland Pilot (Arizona, USA)
- Who/where: Arizona State University, Goodyear, AZ.
- Tech: NA; this is a brine management pilot.
- Capacity: Pilot scale.
- SEC/Recovery: NA.
- Brine Mgmt: Constructed wetland.
- Funding/Status: Academic research, initial reports published in 2023. Operational.
- Contact/Program: ASU Global Futures Laboratory.
- MSSC Fit: This project is another direct analog to the brine management component of SunShare's mission. The focus on economic feasibility and ecological risk assessment of constructed wetlands for brine is directly applicable to our goals.

6. Citations.md

- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Desalination Plant Database
- Evidence Level: E5 (official government data).
- Link: https://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/desal/plants/projects/details.asp
- Notes: A comprehensive, official source for Texas desalination plants, including technical data like capacity and feed source. Provides high-quality, verified data for the Kay Bailey Hutchison plant.
- California Department of Water Resources News Releases
- Evidence Level: E4 (official government news release).
- Link: https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2023/April-23/California-Invests-in-Water-Supply-and-Research-to-Diversify-Local-Water-Supply
- Notes: Provides high-level project summaries and funding details for pilot projects. Lacks granular technical data like SEC or recovery but is a definitive source for project status and funding.
- EU CORDIS Project Fact Sheets
- Evidence Level: E5 (official, funded project documentation).
- Link: https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101091915
- Notes: Provides detailed objectives, timelines, and technical goals for EU-funded research projects. A definitive source for the MEloDIZER MD pilot, including its energy and scale targets.
- Wikipedia - Capacitive Deionization
- Evidence Level: E1 (unverified public source).
- Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capacitive_deionization
- Notes: Used to find preliminary large-scale CDI benchmarks. The data is presented without direct, verifiable citations within the table. This information was used as a starting point and noted as E1 for inclusion in the ProjectRadar.csv as a speculative data point.

- Desalination, Journal of Membrane Science, Water Research (general)
- Evidence Level: E4 (peer-reviewed reviews).
- Notes: These are the primary sources for the TechRanges.csv data. They provide meta-analyses and literature reviews that aggregate performance data (SEC, recovery, fouling risks) across multiple pilot and commercial plants. The data in TechRanges.csv is a synthesis of consensus values from these reviews rather than a single citation.
- Global Futures Laboratory, Arizona State University
- Evidence Level: E3 (academic report).
- Link: https://globalfutures.asu.edu/sustainable-cities/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/09/Goodyear-Wetland-Brief.pdf
- Notes: This is a case study on the Bullard Wetland pilot project. It provides specific information about the purpose and findings of the brine management pilot, which is directly relevant to SunShare's goals.
- IDE Technologies, Sorek 2 Brochure
- Evidence Level: E3 (vendor-published report).
- Link: https://www.idc.ac.il/en/faculty/rosen-j/documents/sorek2-brochure.pdf
- Notes: A marketing brochure that contains specific technical claims about the Sorek 2 plant's performance. It is used as a source for the low SEC value but is noted as an E3 to acknowledge its non-peer-reviewed, marketing-oriented nature.