

with the opportunities within the field of desalting and does not attempt to compare the merits of the recommended program with those of other competing uses for the same funds.

Objectives of a Desalted Water Policy

A rational policy in any area should achieve benefits in excess of the costs and should also have definable goals that are capable of achievement within the limits of foreseeable funds and other resources. The policy should encompass a plan for development with milestones by which progress toward the overall goal can be measured as the task progresses. The policy recommended in this report is believed to meet these criteria.

How then might the goals of a Federal desalting water policy be expressed? Broadly speaking, it could be to invest Federal resources to provide for the accelerated development of the promising technology of desalting water to provide an economical alternative for meeting