



Building Water Reliability

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The Emergency Storage Project is a system of reservoirs, interconnected pipelines and pumping stations designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries.

The Emergency Storage Project is part of the Authority's Capital Improvement Program to enhance and increase the operational flexibility of its water delivery system.

Dear Community Members:

Environmental mitigation work scheduled to take place along Escondido Creek last year was postponed due to permitting issues and the migratory bird-breeding season. The project work will be conducted beginning later this month and continue through February of next year.

If you recall, the work entails the removal of invasive, non-native plants and vegetation and replacing it with native species. The work area covers approximately 95 acres of habitat in and along Escondido Creek.

The initial clearing work will be accomplished by a trained team of California Conservation Corps volunteers. They will work along the city of Escondido sewer road, with some access on Harmony Grove Road and Via Ambiente and use the abandoned trailer park for their work staging area. No trails in the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve will be permanently closed during this project, but temporary closures may be necessary where work is taking place.

Ultimately, the cleared areas will be re-planted and revegetated, then monitored and maintained for a period of five years.

During the clearing activities, an average of five truck trips a day will be needed to haul trees and brush. The team will maintain a water supply or water truck on site during clearing for fire control.

This mitigation work is being closely coordinated with the Escondido Creek Conservancy and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District to ensure overall continuity of work conducted by the three organizations in the Elfin Forest area.



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