

EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT
San Vicente Pipeline
Briefing Summary

DATE: Sept. 28, 2005

TIME: 7 p.m.

ORGANIZATION:

Beeler Canyon Community

MEETING LOCATION:

Mira Mesa Public Library

STAFF RESOURCES:

Tad Brierton, Andrew Oleksyn and Shannon Reed, SDCWA
Rachel Kulis, Katz & Associates

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Shannon Reed introduced herself as a public affairs representative, Andrew Oleksyn as the assistant construction administrator and Tad Brierton as a right-of-way agent.

A formal presentation on the project was not provided as the attendees indicated they had a basic understanding of the project.

Questions and Comments:

- Q. There are some new gates near Vulcan. How will the Water Authority get the trucks past the gate?
- A. The Water Authority has an access key. Once some of the oleander plants are removed it will be a straight shot across the road.
- Q. Will the barriers stay?
- A. Yes, we believe McMillin plans to keep the barriers there until their project is complete.
- C. People who live beyond the barriers have an access key to get through. But sometimes the barrier gate is left open and at other times, people without keys get locked in back there.
- A. The Water Authority does not have control of the gate McMillin put up. We would prefer that the gate remain for as long as possible since it will deter any of our traffic from straying down Beeler Canyon.
- C. There was discussion about grade differences and the cul-de-sac work.
- A. The Water Authority plans to proceed with installing our gate and coordinate with McMillin regarding the remaining work they needed to do and our access through the area.
- Q. A flagger was agreed upon by the Water Authority to help keep trucks on the correct access road. Will there be a flagger?
- A. A flagger will only be needed if the barrier is removed or not functional. If McMillin moves the barrier gate, the Water Authority will monitor that access point. Mike Owsley has indicated he's having problems with keeping that gate closed.

- C. There is still great concern about the gates and access onto Beeler Canyon Road.
- A. We have established fines as a financial incentive for the contractor to keep his trucks and employee's vehicles from using the road. The construction manager will police this. If you notice unauthorized road access, please contact the Water Authority's public affairs department on the same day of the infraction. We'll do our best to track it.
- Q. To clarify, if there are no deliveries to the construction site, the Water Authority gate will be closed?
- A. Yes. This will be a standing discussion item at our weekly construction team meetings.
- Q. When will we begin to notice deliveries?
- A. In October or November 2005.
- Q. I would like to have equestrian access past the barrier. Currently there isn't enough room to go through and access trails in Sycamore Canyon. Is it safe for equestrian riding?
- A. We will request that McMillin provide sufficient room for horses to pass through. Riders need to be aware of the construction trucks driving on that road. We expect 20 delivery vehicles to use that road per day (about two to three trucks an hour).
- Q. I have blasting concerns. Will the Water Authority notify us when blasting is planned?
- A. General blasting information will be mailed. This site is mostly conglomerate, which means no blasting is expected until several thousand feet into the tunnel. It is highly unlikely you'll hear anything. There may be some boulders that the digging machine can't handle and which may need to be blasted.
- Q. Beeler Creek has been suffering from greater than normal water flows and was badly flooded recently – costing a considerable amount of money to restore. If water needs to be pumped out of the tunnel, where will it be discharged?
- A. The Water Authority is allowed to discharge into local creeks but must meet local discharge requirements. However, we don't expect to need to discharge water because the tunnel will be above the water table in this area. Water coming into the tunnel will be minimal since as the tunnel progresses, a liner is placed , which will reduce seepage.
- Q. Will you let us know if you need to pump and discharge water at the Central Shaft?
- A. Yes. We expect to discharge water at the Slaughterhouse Shaft, which is three or four miles away.
- Q. How is the generator powering the tunnel boring machine expected to impact air quality?
- A. The tunnel boring machine will be powered by electricity pulled off the SDG&E grid.
- Q. Will there be extra lighting?
- A. There will temporary lighting at the project site at night. Construction trucks will use their headlights if they're driving after sunset during delivery hours.
- Q. Are you still monitoring local wells?

- A. Yes. We are planning to send out another well monitoring report to well owners shortly. Well owners may see a trend in their water levels – levels get higher during the rainy season and lower during the drier months.
- Q. What are the shift hours?
- A. The current shift is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Once tunneling begins (around May), there will be two shifts: one from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the other from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- Q. When is the current project end date?
- A. December 2008.
- C. This project may be a big waste of money. An earthquake may destroy the pipeline.
- A. The purpose of the Emergency Storage Project and San Vicente Pipeline is to improve water reliability during an emergency such as an earthquake severing imported water pipelines. This project is being built to withstand most major earthquakes. The San Vicente Pipeline route does not travel near any major fault lines.

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