

**EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT**  
**San Vicente Pipeline**  
Briefing Summary

**DATE:** Sept. 19, 2005

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**ORGANIZATION:**

Mira Mesa Planning Group

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Mira Mesa Public Library

**PRESENTERS:**

Andrew Oleksyn and Shannon Reed, SDCWA

**STAFF RESOURCES:**

Rachel Kulis, Katz & Associates

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Shannon Reed introduced herself as a public affairs representative and Andrew Oleksyn as the assistant construction administrator. Shannon said that construction is getting underway for the San Vicente Pipeline, an 11-mile tunneled pipeline from the West Shaft, located adjacent to the Water Authority's Pressure Control and Hydroelectric Facility (PCHF) to the San Vicente Reservoir. The pipeline will not travel under any homes and will be under the SDG&E powerline easement in Scripps Ranch. She said the San Vicente Pipeline team is coordinating with the PCHF team regarding fencing, parking spaces and signage.

Andrew Oleksyn reemphasized that the pipeline will be built entirely in a tunnel. There will be four access points to the tunnel. Andrew said his presentation focus for Mira Mesa is the West Shaft since that is most likely the group's main interest.

The PCHF and West Shaft are located to the southwest of the I-15 Mercy Road exit, across from the Kentucky Fried Chicken. A new contractor, Shea/Traylor will take control of the site in September for the San Vicente Pipeline. The contractor will begin by setting up its office trailers, grading the site and delivering construction equipment.

Heavy construction is scheduled to begin in mid-January 2006. At the West Shaft a 90-foot deep shaft will be excavated. Blasting is anticipated because of the hard rock in that area. Controlled blasting will occur in 10-foot sections. Tunnel boring machine (TBM) related activity is expected to begin in September and the TBM will excavate from this location for approximately a year. Welding, backfilling and pipe lining activities will occur at the West Shaft but there will be no pipe installation from this location.

At the project's completion parking spaces will be built on the east side of the site, outside the security fence.

**Questions and Comments During the Presentation:**

Q. Will the site be joint use for the public and the Water Authority?

A: The site will only be used for the park. The Water Authority will need to access the site periodically.

Q: Where will the excavated material go?

A: The excavated material will be transported off-site. The contractor will decide where it will go. It may go to a landfill or be sold to a quarry. Shannon Reed said once the Water Authority knows where it is being transported, she'll let the Planning Group know.

It is estimated (from the Environmental Impact Report) that there will be 25 trucks per day hauling excavated material off the site (about two trucks per hour).

Q: Will all 25 trucks be at the site in the morning?

A: No, there will be no trucks queuing at the site. There will be room for the material to be stock piled for a certain period of time so trucking doesn't need to be constant. Excavated material comes out sporadically depending on the blasting schedule. To be sure, the contractor will want to not want to pay extra for trucks to wait at the site and will endeavor to be efficient as possible

C: I suggest having trucks begin hauling after 8:30 a.m., after the morning rush hour.

A: We will make note of your comment and discuss it at our next project meeting. A Water Authority representative is present tonight and is taking notes. Your suggestion will be placed on our website in the meeting summary.

Q: Will flagmen be used to help trucks enter Mercy Road?

A: No, we will use the existing traffic light to safely enter the road.

Q: Would you please briefly describe the Central Shaft which also impacts our community?

A: The Central Shaft is the mid-point for the pipeline and is located in the new residential community of Stonebridge Estates in Scripps Ranch off of Pomerado Road. No material excavated from the Central Shaft site will leave the site. This will lessen the number of trucks on the nearby roadways. The construction trucks accessing the site will bring pipe segments, tunnel lining segments and other materials needed for construction and will access the site using Scripps Poway Parkway through the Vulcan Materials Company. Smaller deliveries and employee vehicles will use Stonebridge Parkway.

C: I strongly recommend the Water Authority reconsider the traffic plan for haul trucks at the site. With such early morning hauling hours, these trucks are bound to create havoc during early rush hour traffic unless handled the right away.

Shannon Reed thanked the Planning Group for the opportunity to provide an update on the project.

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