

The project is scheduled to be complete in December 2008, but this delay could push the end date to late 2009.

Questions and Comments During the Presentation:

Q. Do you ever give hardhat tours of the tunnel?

A. It's a very small space and it's hard to get in and out of the tunnel, so it's difficult to do tours of the tunnel.

Q. Are there people working on the machine the whole time it's down there boring?

A. Yes, there are men on the machine working and doing maintenance while it is boring.

Q. How much tunneling is occurring at the West Shaft now?

A. There is no tunneling at the West Shaft right now. They finished the 400-foot starter tunnel in October 2006 and there has been pretty much no activity there since then. The tunneling will begin again at the West Shaft when the TBM arrives.

Q. Have you hit much water in the tunnel?

A. No, there has been much less water than we expected. It's been about 10 to 15 gallons per minute.

Q. Do you anticipate that will continue to be the case as you keep going?

A. The volume will probably increase as we tunnel more.

Q. Have you been pumping the water to Canyon Hills Park?

A. We have not been pumping any water there so far, but as we continue, we may start doing that.

Q. If you start pumping water to Canyon Hills Park, will you please tell Ted Brengal, chair of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group? We want to make sure no vernal pools form because of the water you'll be pumping there.

A. Yes, we can tell Ted when pumping begins. We also have an environmental monitor that will watch the site and make sure vernal pools do not form.