

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

**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**EVENT:**

Scripps Ranch Planning Group Meeting

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

**PRESENTERS:**

Wade Griffis, SDCWA

**STAFF RESOURCES:**

Emily Powell, Katz & Associates

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Craig Balben, public affairs representative with the San Diego County Water Authority, announced information about the Water Authority's 20-Gallon Challenge which encourages residents to save 20 gallons of water per person, per day. He also directed people to [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com) and [www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org) to learn more about ways to conserve water. He introduced Wade Griffis as the construction administrator for the San Vicente Pipeline project.

Wade explained the San Vicente Pipeline will be 11 miles long and will connect San Vicente Reservoir to the Second Aqueduct located just west of I-15 at Mercy Road. The tunnel will be 12 feet in diameter and the pipeline is 8 ½ feet in diameter. It will allow water stored in San Vicente Reservoir to be pumped out to the Second Aqueduct to use in emergencies. There are four construction access points from which tunneling is supported – one at both ends, the San Vicente Portal and the West Shaft, and two in the middle, the Central Shaft and Slaughterhouse Shaft. At the time of this meeting, the tunnel is approximately 42 percent complete, which is about 4 ½ miles.

There are three areas where tunneling is currently under way. There is a machine working from the Slaughterhouse Shaft tunneling to the west near Goodan Ranch. West of the Central Shaft in the Beeler Canyon area, another machine just completed a 12,000 foot reach (approximately two miles) and it is resting while a 500 foot section is being drilled and blasted. The blasting should be completed in January 2008, and then the machine will start working again. Once that section is complete, the machine will continue in the direction of the West Shaft. From the West Shaft, the tunnel boring machine is mining to the east and is about 1,800 feet (one-fourth mile) into that tunnel section. The machine is currently under Scripps Poway Parkway east of I-15. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2010. The access points serve as a way to remove excavated material from the tunnel. At the Central Shaft there are currently three work shifts, and the Water Authority has not received any complaints from the community about the blasting activities. At the West Shaft, the material is trucked off site to MCAS Miramar. There are two truck trips a day, which occur during off peak hours.

**\*\* There were no questions or comments during the presentation. \*\***