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San Vicente Dam Raise Construction Starts in July

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**San Diego County
Water Authority**

The San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The Water Authority works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$171 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

Dear Community Member,

The first construction phase of the San Vicente Dam Raise project is scheduled to begin in early July. The contractor for this first phase of work will be Barnard Construction Company, Inc., whose contract was awarded at the Water Authority's May 28 board meeting.

For the next year, construction crews will prepare the existing 220-foot-tall San Vicente Dam to be raised 117 feet. The contractor will excavate the foundation for the raised dam, fill any crevices with concrete, and prepare the face of the existing dam to create



a good bonding surface for the new concrete. This first phase of construction will include some blasting work, which is expected to begin later this summer, but the Water Authority will notify nearby community members before any blasting begins. This work is expected to be completed in summer 2010.

The next phase of construction, installing the concrete to raise the height of the dam, is scheduled begin in spring 2010, and the entire project is expected to be complete by late 2012.

The San Vicente Dam Raise project will raise San Vicente Dam by 117 feet to more than double the reservoir's water storage capacity. By raising the dam, the Water Authority will be able to store an additional 152,000 acre-feet of water for two purposes: to use if the San Diego region's imported water supply is cut off, and to store water during wet seasons to carry over for use during dry seasons. The Water Authority is committed to keeping the local community informed about the San Vicente Dam Raise project throughout construction.

For more information about the project, please call the toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010, email ESPinfo@sdcwa.org, or visit the project website at cip-esp.sdcwa.org and click on "San Vicente Dam Raise."

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