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The Mission Trails Project

Breaking News!

Mission Trails Project Component is Delayed

One of three main construction components of the Mission Trails Project will be delayed. Construction of the other two project elements, a pipeline tunnel and a stabilized river crossing at the San Diego River, will proceed as scheduled. The Flow Regulatory Structure II (FRS II), scheduled to begin construction this year, is now anticipated to begin in mid-2011 and last approximately two years. The project's postponement has no impact on the region's water supply reliability.



The Water Authority Board of Directors voted to delay the project, and several others, on January 8, 2009, to allocate \$130 million towards the Water Authority's [San Vicente Dam Raise](#) - funds needed earlier than expected. Under normal economic conditions, the Water Authority would issue enough debt to cover the \$130 million difference to proceed with constructing the other projects. However, with the recent swings in interest rates, the Water Authority is avoiding incurring potential higher-than-normal interest rates, which could lead to additional water rate increases.

The exact site impacts of the delay in construction of FRS II are not yet known. It is expected there will be fewer daily truck trips through Tierrasanta, but the duration of the project and trail closures will be extended. As soon as these and other impacts have been analyzed and are known, the Water Authority will share them in a future e-

The Mission Trails Project will upgrade critical water pipelines running beneath western portions of Mission Trails Regional Park, improving water reliability and increasing the amount of water delivered to treatment plants serving the central and south sections of the county.



Mandatory water restrictions and water supply shortages are increasingly likely, as dry conditions continue and court-ordered imported water restrictions from Northern California remain. It is essential for residents, businesses, and public agencies to increase water conservation. Everyone can help allay future water restrictions by joining the 20-Gallon Challenge - a statewide campaign to increase voluntary water conservation by 20 gallons per person, per day. [Please click here to learn more.](#)



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Construction Begins

Mission Trails Project construction officially began in November 2008. First on the project checklist is to prepare the main truck access point and project management offices. The Water Authority's contractor, L.H. Woods, began this work at the east end of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. The end of the boulevard will be home to construction equipment and temporary field office trailers.



"When complete, this water reliability project will allow the Water Authority to deliver more water to treatment plants that serve the central and south sections of the county," said Project Manager Mojgan Poursadighi.

The project includes constructing a new pipeline tunnel in Mission Trails Regional Park. This effort will include topsoil stockpiling, grading, and controlled blasting activities. By installing most of the new pipe in tunnels, impacts to the park and Tierrasanta neighbors will be reduced.

Another element of the Mission Trails Project is the construction of a new flow regulatory structure, which will begin in two years. When the new facilities are complete, eight of the 10 existing above-ground blue vent stacks visible on hilltops in the park will be removed and two will be replaced with shorter structures.

Trail Closures for Safety

Some trails in the northwest part of Mission Trails Regional Park will be closed to protect recreational users. The most notable closure is the trailhead and parking area at the east end of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, which was closed the second week of December to establish the construction field office area.



"The Water Authority worked with project planners and the park rangers to minimize trail closures," said Mojgan Poursadighi, project manager. "For trails that must be closed to ensure public safety, closure signs will be posted, and we encourage trail users to adhere to the closures for their own safety. Construction activities will be obvious, and it will be dangerous for people that try to use the trails with the construction equipment. I encourage trail users to download a copy of the trail closure map at

<http://missiontrails.sdcwa.org> to have as a handy reference."

During the construction period, alternative trail access locations can be found off of Corte Playa Catalina and Calle de Vida in Tierrasanta. The Clairemont Mesa Boulevard parking area and all closed trails will be reopened after construction is completed.

Other Activity in Mission Trails Regional Park

There are two additional Water Authority construction projects taking place in Mission Trails Regional Park; the Mission Trails to Lake Murray Pipeline 3 Relining Project that extends the life of the pipelines in the park, and pipeline repair work due to a pipeline failure in October 2008, just north of the San Diego River in Mission Gorge.

Due to the failure of Pipeline 4 in October in Mission Trails Regional Park, just north of the San Diego River, the Water Authority has fast-tracked relining approximately 1,200 feet of that pipeline near the river. Construction is anticipated to be performed on the pipeline from mid-February through mid-March, 2009.

Planning Habitat Restoration

A comprehensive environmental revegetation and restoration plan is currently being prepared for after project construction in Mission Trails Regional Park in mid-2011. Contract work, scheduled to be awarded in January 2009, includes:

- Conceptual landscape design plans for habitat restoration efforts,
- Habitat restoration plans preparation and performance specifications,
- Landscape and restoration plans implementation, and
- Habitat restoration construction, post-construction monitoring, and maintenance.

It is anticipated that the conceptual comprehensive plan will be available for public review in April 2009.

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