March 24, 2006

Dear resident or business owner:

The San Diego County Water Authority is announcing the availability of the draft environmental impact report for the Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II, Pipeline Tunnel, and Vent Demolition Project. When complete, this proposed underground reservoir and pipeline would improve the regional water delivery system and help ensure a safe and reliable water supply for San Diego County. Project construction would primarily take place in the northwestern portion of Mission Trails Regional Park.

The draft environmental impact report will be available for public review beginning Monday, March 27, 2006. Copies can be viewed by appointment at the Water Authority, 4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123; please call (858) 522-6759. The draft document will be available for review and downloading from the Water Authority’s internet web page: http://www.sdcwa.org/infra/cip-missiontrailsEIR.pdf, and printed copies will be located at the following locations:

- City of San Diego Public Library - Government Publications Library
- Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center
- San Carlos Branch Library
- Tierrasanta Branch Library

Agencies and the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the draft document during a 45-day public comment period, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Written comments must be received by Wednesday, May 10, 2006 and should be sent to:

Mr. Mark Tegio, San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: (858) 522-6753

Public Hearing
The Water Authority will hold a public hearing to accept comments on the draft environmental document.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2006
Time: 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible
Location: San Diego County Water Authority, 4677 Overland Ave., San Diego

Project Background
The proposed project would provide flexibility in operating the Water Authority’s aqueducts and increase the amount of water delivered to water treatment plants serving the region. The proposed major project components consist of:

- Construction of an underground flow regulatory structure, or water reservoir,
- Construction of a pipeline tunnel and associated pipeline interconnects,
- Demolition of existing vent stacks in the park, and
- Construction of a stabilized river crossing of the San Diego River

Environmental Effects of the Project
The draft environmental impact report discusses the anticipated environmental impacts of the project. Environmental effects that can be avoided or mitigated to below a level of significance include: land use, aesthetics/visual quality, traffic/circulation, recreation, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, paleontological resources, public safety and hazardous materials, and utilities and public services. Unavoidable significant environmental effects that cannot be mitigated below a level of significance include air quality and noise. A Statement of Overriding Considerations will be required.

Later this year, the Water Authority will inform you by mail of the availability of the final environmental impact report, and the date when the Water Authority board of directors will consider certification of the environmental impact report and approval of the project. For more information, please call the toll-free project information line at 1-877-682-9283, ext. 7004. Your call will be returned within one business day.

Sincerely,

Habib Hariri, Project Manager
Mission Trails Regional Park Project

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 23 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support our region’s $150 billion economy and the quality of life of more than 3 million residents.
Mission Trails Project Area and Access Routes

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- Construction Sites
- Pipeline Tunnel
- Proposed Access Routes

Rueda Dr. and Calle de Vida may only be used for equipment that exceed the width and/or 30-ton maximum weight limit of the existing access bridge.