



Emergency Storage Project

Building Water Reliability

December 14, 2004

Dear Community Member,



The Emergency Storage Project is a system of reservoirs, interconnected pipelines and pumping stations designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries.

The Emergency Storage Project is part of the Authority's Capital Improvement Program to enhance and increase the operational flexibility of its water delivery system.

For over two years, the San Diego County Water Authority briefed the Del Dios Town Council with quarterly updates on the Lake Hodges Projects, components of the Water Authority's Emergency Storage Project. Now that construction work on the Lake Hodges Projects is approaching, you will receive periodic letters informing you about ongoing construction activities. We will continue these letters until the projects are finished.

Initial construction work will be performed by SDG&E crews to extend existing transmission lines and bring power to the construction site. The first week of January 2005, the Water Authority will begin clearing and preparing two areas: one area will be the future site of the pump station and pipeline tunnel portal, and the other area, near the former aquatic sports (windsurfing) rental facility, will serve as a staging area for future construction. Once the sites are cleared and prepared, SDG&E will lay the foundation for the power transmission line poles. Pole installation will be complete by July 2005.

Future work includes construction of a tunnel to connect the Lake Hodges Reservoir to the Olivenhain Reservoir. Tunnel construction will take place from July 2005 to the summer of 2007. The other major item of work is the pump station, which will be under construction from December 2005 to December 2007.

If you have any questions about the project or this work, you may contact:

- SDG&E Public Affairs Representative for questions about the extension of power transmission lines and poles: 858-654-6451
or
- Water Authority Emergency Storage Project Toll-Free Information Line for general questions about the Lake Hodges Projects: 877-426-2010

I have included a fact sheet on the Lake Hodges Projects with this letter, to provide you with some additional information. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the Water Authority Web Site www.sdcwa.org, click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and then "Lake Hodges Projects." Summaries of Water Authority presentations to the Del Dios Town Council about the Lake Hodges Projects, are located here.

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Sincerely,

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