

**San Diego County Water Authority**

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*Building Water Reliability  
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

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Dear Community Member,



*The Lake Hodges Projects are part of the Emergency Storage Project, a system of reservoirs, interconnected pipelines and pumping stations designed to make water available to communities in the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries.*

*The 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 the region's economy, job base and quality of life for more than 3 million residents.*

If you attended our recent quarterly update to the Del Dios Town Council on March 9, much of this information will be a recap, but some information will be new to you, so please read on.

Initial construction work that was expected to be performed by SDG&E crews to extend existing transmission lines and bring power to the construction site in January was delayed due to the recent heavy rains. SDG&E was able to begin work last Friday to begin grading. With cooperating weather, SDG&E will be able to have the transmission lines installed this summer.

The Water Authority began clearing and preparing two areas: one area at the future site of the pump station and pipeline tunnel portal, and the other area, near the former aquatic sports (windsurfing) rental facility, that will serve as a staging area for future construction. Part of this work included removal of trees at the pump station and staging area. Additional tree removal may be required, pending Raptor nesting.

Tunnel construction is on track to take place from July 2005 to the summer of 2007. The pump station 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

As always, if you are interested in learning more, please visit the Water Authority Web Site [www.sdcwa.org](http://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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Emergency Storage Project Information Line: **1-877-426-2010**