



*Building Water Reliability  
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

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*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.*

Dear Community Member,

Significant progress has been made this past month to extend power lines to the pump house site. Grading work and construction of new power poles by SDG&E and their contractors is continuing. Construction crews were delayed with rains earlier this year, but recovered lost time so that transmission lines will be installed this summer as expected. SDG&E representatives report that no further Saturday work will be needed.

The San Diego County Water Authority has selected its contractor to build a 10-foot diameter tunnel connecting Lake Hodges to the Olivenhain Reservoir. Kiewit Pacific Corporation will begin mobilizing materials and heavy construction equipment the week of June 6. Initial work will include clearing remaining vegetation, adding erosion control measures and setting up temporary field offices for construction personnel. As early as July, significant grading activities will take place to re-route Lake Drive and the Coast-to-Crest Trail. Actual tunnel construction will begin in August and is scheduled to be completed by March 2007.

Construction of the pump house will begin early next year, and will be complete by December 2007. Additional details on construction activities will be presented at the next Del Dios Town Council quarterly update, scheduled on June 8 at 7 p.m.

Until then, if you have any questions about the SDG&E project or the Water Authority's 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." Meeting summaries of the Water Authority presentations to the Del Dios Town Council about the Lake Hodges Projects are located on this site.

Sincerely,

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