

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.

Earlier this month, Kiewit Pacific Corporation, the Water Authority's pipeline contractor, began to excavate the tunnel. Initially, tunnel excavation will occur during two working shifts and will include two blasts each day. The morning blast takes place around 8 a.m. and the afternoon blast generally will take place between 3 and 4 p.m. Blasting will continue for approximately the next six to seven months as the contractor works to construct the 5,800-foot long, 12-foot diameter tunnel to connect Lake Hodges to the Olivenhain Reservoir. All blasts will be monitored by independent subcontractors using specialized equipment to measure noise and vibration levels to ensure strict compliance with the state and county ordinances required for this category of work.

Dust Mitigation

Kiewit Pacific has been applying water several times a day to all unpaved access roads to reduce dust impacts. They also will be adding gravel to the city of San Diego's parking lot adjacent to the project entrance and will pave a portion of the road that leads into the site. In addition to minimizing dust, the road paving will help reduce noise from trucks entering the site. We hope neighbors will notice the difference these measures make.

Safety - Coast to Crest Trail

The Coast to Crest Trail is now closed during all active construction hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The trail is accessible to trail users during non-construction hours and on weekends. These measures are in place to protect trail users and construction workers.

Well Monitoring

In response to several requests by area residents, we will expand our earlier well monitoring program for this tunnel project. Many of the existing wells in the earlier program, as well as several new wells in the vicinity of the tunnel will be included in the monitoring program. Data collected from the monitoring program will be made available to individual owners at their request. Data and conclusions from the earlier well monitoring effort have recently been compiled and will soon be available for public review.

Our team will conduct its regular quarterly briefing at the Del Dios Town Council on Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Del Dios Fire Station. Please attend to learn more information on the Lake Hodges Projects.

As always, for more information, please visit the Water Authority's Web site at www.sdcwa.org, click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and then "Lake Hodges Projects." Del Dios Town Council meeting summaries of the Water Authority presentations about the Lake Hodges Projects are also located on this site. If you have questions, please contact our toll free project information line at 1-877-426-2010.

Sincerely,

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