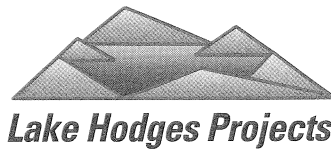


**San Diego County Water Authority**

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*Building Water Reliability  
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

January 6, 2006

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.*

Progress continues on the Lake Hodges Pipeline Project, which will connect the Olivenhain Reservoir with Lake Hodges, thereby linking the lake and reservoir with the San Diego County Water Authority's water delivery system. The Water Authority is committed to keeping you informed about the project. This letter provides an update on activities during the last month, and what's coming up.

**Coast to Crest Trail Status**

The Water Authority was able to keep the Coast to Crest Trail open seven days a week through the holiday season – from Thanksgiving through the New Year. The contractor now needs to resume site development work, which includes placing new fill over the current trail location. During this work, the trail will be closed Monday through Friday and possibly some weekends. Trail closures on weekends will be scheduled only when necessary for public safety. If you are planning to use the portion of the trail that passes by the construction site, please check the Water Authority's Lake Hodges Projects web page to determine the trail's current status.

**Saturday Work**

Starting Jan. 21, the contractor will begin working some Saturdays to place concrete on the tunnel floor, which will provide faster and safer truck access in and out of the tunnel. Working on Saturdays will allow the concrete to cure without delaying tunneling operations during the week. The Saturday work will include up to three concrete trucks trips to the site via Rancho Drive between 9 and 10 a.m. Concrete placement will occur between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Other than concrete deliveries, all Saturday work will be inside the tunnel.

**Tunneling / Pipeline Installation**

Kiewit has excavated approximately 1,700 feet of the tunnel through the first week of January; final tunnel length will be 5,800 feet. The tunnel has reached Del Dios Highway and is headed toward the Olivenhain Reservoir. Tunneling began in early September 2005 and should be completed on schedule in August 2006. Once the tunnel excavation is complete, the contractor will begin installing the pipe. The 10-foot-diameter steel tunnel liner pipe will be delivered to the Lake Hodges construction site in 40-foot sections.

**Pump Station Construction**

The next phase of the Lake Hodges Projects is pump station construction. Bids from construction contractors are due Jan. 24 to the Water Authority. The Water Authority plans to award the contract at its February board meeting.

The Lake Hodges Pump Station will move water to and from Lake Hodges. It will be constructed on the west side of the Coast to Crest Trail approximately where the stockpile of material from the tunnel has been stored. The building will be 120 feet below ground with an above-ground structure measuring 30 feet wide, 50 feet long, and 18 feet high. The Water Authority decided to build the majority of the pump station below ground to keep noise levels to a minimum and to preserve the ambience of the surrounding area.

With the start of pump station construction, truck traffic on Rancho Drive between Del Dios Highway and Lake Drive will increase. As we said before, a temporary traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Del Dios

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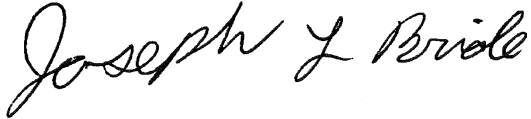
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Highway and Rancho Drive to help with this increased truck traffic. As requested by the community, a crossing button will be installed for both pedestrians and equestrians at the signal.

For more information, please visit the Water Authority's website at [www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org), click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and finally "Lake Hodges Projects." Del Dios Town Council meeting summaries of the Water Authority presentations about the Lake Hodges Projects are located on this site, along with copies of all community correspondence and the status of the Coast to Crest Trail. If you have questions, please call our toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Z. Briole". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joe Briole  
Contract Administrator, Lake Hodges Projects  
San Diego County Water Authority