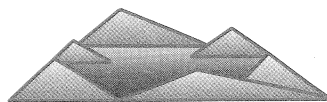


San Diego County Water Authority

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Lake Hodges Projects

*Building Water Reliability
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

March 27, 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.

Work continues at an aggressive pace on the Lake Hodges to Olivenhain tunnel and pipeline project. Tunneling is currently at the halfway point between the lake and Olivenhain Reservoir. Last month the San Diego County Water Authority awarded the pump station and inlet/outlet structure construction contract to Archer Western Contractors. The pump station will help move water between Lake Hodges and the Olivenhain Reservoir. The inlet/outlet structure will connect the pump station to the lake. Archer Western is expected to begin mobilizing for this work at the construction site by the end of March and into April.

Two contractors, Kiewit Pacific and Archer Western, will now share the Lake Hodges Projects site, and the community can expect increases in the overall level of construction-related activity at the site.

Tunnel Update - Trucking

Kiewit's original construction contract included hauling 56,000 cubic yards of material from the tunnel to a location off site (approximately 5,800 truck trips). In an effort to reduce trucking-related impacts to the community, the Water Authority revised Kiewit's contract to place as much tunnel material on site as possible. Kiewit was successful in placing about half of the material on site, which resulted in eliminating approximately 2,900 truck trips. Due to space constraints, not all of the material can be placed on site. However, the project team is preparing a plan to incorporate some of the remaining tunnel material into the inlet/outlet structure, which will limit most of the trucking and off-site disposal for the next couple of months. Afterwards, we anticipate trucking operations will resume. We will continue to monitor trucking operations and provide updates as construction progresses.

Pump Station Update

As Archer Western begins to mobilize its staff and construction preparation for the pump station progresses over the next two months, community members will notice an increase in traffic from workers accessing the site. Archer Western's workers are allowed to access the site after 6 a.m. though no work will actually begin until 7 a.m. The Water Authority project team will be working with Archer Western to coordinate and monitor access to the site as well as construction-associated traffic through the community to ensure the least amount of inconvenience.

Coast to Crest Trail Update

As most of you are aware, the Coast to Crest Trail has been closed due to site development work close to and on the trail. This work was done in preparation for the pump station construction, which will also take place close to and on the trail. Archer Western is scheduled to begin mobilizing excavation equipment for the pump station on April 3. The Water Authority will meet with Archer Western and the insurance carriers to evaluate whether the trail can be periodically opened during the next phase of construction. Public safety is the Water Authority's number one priority. The Water Authority's Lake Hodges web page will be updated if the status of the trail changes.



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For more information, please visit the Water Authority's website at 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. Residents can also contact the Del Dios Town Council board members who will pass information on to the project team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Z. Bride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

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