

San Diego County Water Authority

4677 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123



Emergency Storage Project

Building Water Reliability

April 27, 2007

Dear Community Member,

The Emergency Storage Project is a system of reservoirs, interconnected pipelines and pumping stations designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries.

The Emergency Storage Project is part of the Authority's Capital Improvement Program to enhance and increase the operational flexibility of its water delivery system.

Work continues at a good pace on the Lake Hodges Projects, with all construction on target for completion in late 2008. These projects will allow for the transfer of water between Olivenhain Reservoir and Lake Hodges and are an important part of the Emergency Storage Project that will increase the amount of water available within the county for use during emergencies.

SDG&E Starting Work on the Site

In mid-May, San Diego Gas & Electric's contractor, Black & Veatch, will begin construction on the electric switchyard that supports the Lake Hodges Pump Station. The fenced-in switchyard will be constructed on an existing graded site near the pump station, and should be completed by late 2007. Construction activities will include excavation for footings, the erection of steel structures to support electric equipment, wiring, and construction of a small control shelter. Construction personnel working on the electric switchyard will range from 4 to 10 workers at any given time. Final testing and commissioning of the switchyard will take place in early 2008.

If you have any questions about the SDG&E work, please contact SDG&E Public Affairs Manager Juanita Hayes at (760) 480-7650 or at jhayes1@SempraUtilities.com.

Tunnel & Pipeline Update

In March, Kiewit Pacific completed the grouting operations on the tunnel and pipeline connecting Olivenhain Reservoir and Lake Hodges. With the tunnel's main construction activities completed, Kiewit began demobilizing a considerable number of its construction crews from the site this month. The remaining crews will complete the final touches and testing of the pipeline. Kiewit is scheduled to complete the tunnel and pipeline and demobilize the rest of its construction crews by June.

Pump Station, Inlet/Outlet Structure Update

Archer Western's excavation work for the pump station is near completion and tunneling on the 200-foot-long inlet/outlet tunnel connecting Lake Hodges to the pump station began in late April. Tunneling at the inlet/outlet tunnel already has advanced nearly 40 feet. Prior to starting work on the inlet/outlet tunnel, Archer Western completed construction of the cofferdam, a temporary enclosure from which water is pumped to create a dry area to allow construction of the inlet/outlet tunnel.

In the summer of 2006, Archer Western began blasting work on the pump station. Since then, the Water Authority restricted the blasting hours to 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. This month it was necessary to conduct two isolated blasts outside the blasting hours to maintain California

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Emergency Storage Project Information Line: **1-877-426-2010**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration blasting requirements. The Water Authority appreciates your patience for these occasional exceptions.

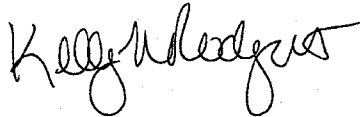
Honoring Community Agreements

In April, the Water Authority enforced existing community agreements by fining a delivery truck subcontractor. The subcontractor was fined for arriving earlier than the permitted trucking hours and for parking his truck in the city of San Diego parking lot outside the project's entrance. The Water Authority is committed to honoring community agreements and reducing impacts to its neighbors.

For More Information

If you have questions, please call our toll-free project information line at **(877) 426-2010** or email us at **ESPinfo@sdewa.org**. Also, visit the Water Authority's website at **www.sdewa.org**, click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and finally "Lake Hodges Projects." If you would like to subscribe to the email project update list, please visit the website. The Del Dios Town Council meeting summaries of the Water Authority's presentations about the Lake Hodges Projects are located on this site, along with copies of all community correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Rodgers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "R".

Kelly Rodgers, P.E.
Project Manager, Lake Hodges Projects
San Diego County Water Authority

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