



*Building Water Reliability*

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Dear Lake Hodges Hills 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 Water Authority's Capital Improvement Program to enhance and increase the operational flexibility of its water delivery system.*

The San Diego County Water Authority, as part of its outreach to the public, would like to keep your community updated about the Lake Hodges Projects. The projects have been under construction near the Del Dios community since May 2005 and are scheduled for completion in late 2008.

The Lake Hodges Projects will help keep water flowing throughout the region if catastrophic events such as an earthquake or prolonged drought cut off imported water deliveries. The projects will connect Hodges and Olivenhain reservoirs and provide 20,000 acre-feet of water storage at Hodges Reservoir for emergency use. The connection will also make water from Hodges, which currently is used only by customers of the Santa Fe Irrigation District and San Dieguito Water District, available for use throughout the region.

Additionally, the projects will help keep Hodges Reservoir at a more consistent level during dry seasons and provide the ability to capture water before it spills over the Hodges Dam during rainy seasons. During the transfer of water from Olivenhain Reservoir to Hodges Reservoir, the Lake Hodges Projects will also generate 40 megawatts of hydroelectric energy — enough power to annually sustain nearly 26,000 homes.

We have included the Lake Hodges Projects and Emergency Storage Project fact sheets to provide more information on these projects that will help provide the region with a safe and reliable water supply.

The Water Authority sends community update letters and the ESP Update newsletter periodically throughout the year. For more information, or if you would prefer not to be on the mailing list, please call our toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010 or email [ESPinfo@sdcwa.org](mailto:ESPinfo@sdcwa.org). You may also visit the project website at [www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org), click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," then "Lake Hodges Projects" for more information or to sign up to receive email project updates.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we construct these critical water facilities for the region.

Sincerely,

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*The Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The Water Authority works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$150 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.*