



*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.*

June 22, 2007

Dear Community Member,

The San Diego County Water Authority's Lake Hodges Projects team attended the June 13 Del Dios Town Council meeting to brief the community on the progress of the projects. The Lake Hodges Projects will help keep water flowing throughout the region if catastrophic events such as an earthquake or prolonged drought were to cut off imported water deliveries. A status update on each of the projects since the town council meeting is summarized below.

#### **Golden Watchdog Award Nomination**

The Water Authority was a finalist for the 2007 Regional Golden Watchdog Award for its commitment to clean, hydroelectric generation at the Lake Hodges Projects and for another hydroelectric facility in the county. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association annually recognizes public agencies for programs that exemplify efficient use of tax dollars, and the Lake Hodges Projects team was honored to be nominated for this award.

#### **Tunnel and Pipeline Update**

Kiewit Pacific, the Lake Hodges to Olivenhain Pipeline contractor, has completed the final work on the 1.25-mile-long pipeline and has moved off the project site. This \$34 million project was completed on time and within budget. The community's patience and understanding throughout this project has played a key role in the success of the pipeline project.

#### **Pump Station and Inlet-Outlet Tunnel Update**

With the main tunnel and pipeline project complete, the project team is focused on constructing the pump station and inlet-outlet structure. Archer Western, the pump station contractor, completed excavating the 120-foot-deep hole that will house the pump station below ground and started construction on the pump station building. The contractor has also excavated about 160 feet of the 200-foot-long inlet/outlet tunnel between the pump station and Hodges Reservoir. The tunnel is expected to be complete late this summer.

Archer Western works two shifts on the project site to keep the project on schedule. The first shift works from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the second shift works from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. As construction activities pick up within the cofferdam, on-site hauling of material from the cofferdam to another area within the project site will be required during both work shifts. These on-site hauling activities are similar to those conducted by Kiewit Pacific during construction of the pipeline tunnel. No trucks will leave the project site after 7 p.m. The construction team will take all possible precautions to minimize the noise and lighting effects. The Emergency Storage Project information line will continue to be answered by an on-site worker between 7 p.m. and

3 a.m. to address any community concerns regarding the night work. The toll-free Emergency Storage Project information line is **(877) 426-2010**.

### **Switchyard Update**

Both Archer Western and SDG&E's contractor, Black & Veatch, have begun construction on the electric switchyard. When complete, the electric switchyard will capture the renewable energy generated by the pump station, as well as provide energy to power the pumps.

### **Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee**

Water Authority staff has selected a landscape architect to design the landscaping for the project site. The contract is scheduled to go before the Water Authority's board of directors in late June. The landscape architect will work with the Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee to plan the landscaping for the pump station and staging areas. The landscape committee will consist of five community members. The Del Dios community will have three representatives: Suzette Amon, Joe Ferguson, and Mike Kratz. The Lake Hodges Hills community will have one representative: Dave Risoff. The Lake Hodges Native Plant Club will also have one representative on the committee. Community members are encouraged to provide input about the landscaping for the project site to their community representatives. The Water Authority expects the landscape committee meetings to begin in August. Three or four meetings will be held to solicit community input.

### **For More Information**

If you have questions, please call our toll-free project information line at **(877) 426-2010** or email us at **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org**. Also, visit the Water Authority's website at **www.sdcwa.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 presentation about the Lake Hodges Projects are located on the site, along with copies of all community correspondence.

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

Sincerely,

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

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