



Emergency Storage Project

Building Water Reliability

May 9, 2008

Re: Large Pipe Delivery Scheduled for May 19

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

In our April 11 Community Update Letter, we provided preliminary information on planned deliveries of three large sections of pipe for the Lake Hodges Projects that will connect the pump station to the pipeline from Olivenhain Reservoir. The delivery of the first two sections of pipe will occur next week. They will be delivered to the construction site on standard-sized delivery trucks between the normal construction hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The third and largest section of pipe is scheduled to be delivered on Monday, May 19 and will require the use of an oversized delivery truck. Because of its large size and weight – and to avoid causing traffic congestion – the California Highway Patrol requires the delivery to take place at night. To meet these requirements, the CHP and civilian escorts will guide the oversized truck from I-15 to the parking lot across from the Hernandez Hideaway restaurant. The delivery truck is scheduled to arrive between 3 and 5 a.m. and will remain in the parking lot. After 7 a.m., a pre-positioned crane, arriving shortly before the oversized delivery truck, will transfer the pipe to a smaller truck that will deliver the pipe to the site.

The parking lot will need to be vacant of all vehicles beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. Signs will be posted in advance about the lot closure. A parking lot light pole will be temporarily removed and replacement lighting provided until it is reinstalled. Some tree branches and vegetation have already been trimmed and additional trimming may occur to provide a clear pathway from the parking lot to the construction site. The Water Authority will take all possible precautions to reduce any inconveniences to the community. The toll-free Emergency Storage Project information line at **(877) 426-2010** will be answered “live” as the delivery takes place and until all work in the parking lot has been completed. Inquiries can also be emailed to ESPinfo@sdcwa.org.

If this schedule changes, we will notify you. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we construct these critical water facilities that will support our region's \$157 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

Sincerely,

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