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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.*

The San Diego County Water Authority's Lake Hodges Projects, part of the Emergency Storage Project, 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 the projects is summarized below.

#### **Large Pipe Delivery Update**

A large piece of pipe weighing 98 tons and measuring 21 feet in width and length was delivered to the Lake Hodges Projects construction site on May 30. The "Y"-shaped pipe will connect the pump station to the 1.25-mile-long pipeline between the Hodges and Olivenhain reservoirs. *Please see photo on page two.*

#### **Construction Update and Blasting Notification**

As you may recall, soft ground conditions halted work within the cofferdam and impacted the construction schedule, delaying the estimated project completion date to late 2009. Crews have reinforced the cofferdam to counteract the soft ground conditions and restarted excavation work. Crews estimate resuming occasional blasting activities inside the cofferdam beginning the week of August 11 to finish excavating rock on the lake floor and complete a remaining 40-foot section of the 200-foot tunnel. This tunnel will connect the inlet-outlet structure to the pump station. The contractor has conducted blasting at the site in the past and anticipates that necessary blasting activities will continue through the winter. The Water Authority will continue requiring the contractor to adhere to all safety regulations and minimize impacts to the community. If you have questions about the blasting activities please call the toll-free information line at **(877) 426-2010** or email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org**.

#### **Construction Work Hours**

Normal construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Occasional as-needed Saturday work is also conducted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. To keep the project on schedule, the contractor may make use of a second shift once again, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. We will provide notice if the use of a second shift is required. This work would not be different from night work that has occurred previously on the pump station construction.

#### **Del Dios Town Council Briefing**

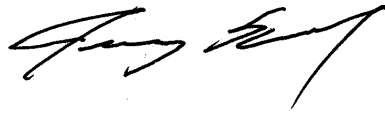
The Water Authority's project team attended the May 14 Del Dios Town Council meeting and provided the community with an update on the project. The meeting notes are posted on the Water Authority's website. The next project presentation will be at the August 13 meeting at the Del Dios Fire Station at 7 p.m.

### For More Information

To view a photo tour of the project construction, read more information about the Lake Hodges Projects or to subscribe to the email project update list, visit the Water Authority's website at [www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org), click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and finally "Lake Hodges Projects." Notes from the community meetings are also posted. Any questions or concerns can be placed to the toll-free information line at (877) 426-2010. Your inquiries can also be emailed to [ESPinfo@sdcwa.org](mailto:ESPinfo@sdcwa.org). Phone calls and emails will be returned within one business day.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we construct these critical water facilities for the region to support the region's \$157 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

Sincerely,



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San Diego County Water Authority



A 98-ton section of pipe that extends 21 feet in length and width arrived at the project site on May 30. This integral section of pipe will connect the pump station to the 1.25-mile-long pipeline between the Hodges and Olivenhain reservoirs.