



*Building Water Reliability*

December 4, 2008

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 is working to ensure that the San Diego region continues to have a safe, reliable water supply. The Lake Hodges Projects, part of the Emergency Storage Project, will help keep water flowing throughout the region if a catastrophic event, such as an earthquake or prolonged drought, were to cut off our imported water deliveries. A status update on the projects is summarized below.

### **Construction Update**

Overall construction of the Lake Hodges Projects is approximately 80 percent complete. The contractor has finished the drilling and blasting activities on the project site. These activities centered on digging and blasting through hard rock to construct a 200-foot-long underground tunnel, establishing a 10-story underground pit to house the pump station, and excavating within the cofferdam to place the inlet-outlet structure. The contractor is now focusing on work within the inlet-outlet structure and pump station.

### **Construction Work Hours**

Most construction work is conducted during the first shift, which is Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. When needed, a second shift or Saturday work is conducted to help keep the project on schedule. The second shift works from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Second shift or Saturday work should not be noticeable to nearby residents, because a small crew performs most of the work within the walls of the cofferdam and pump station. Additionally, the Water Authority requires the contractor to adhere to all safety regulations and minimize impacts to the community. If you have questions about the construction activities or schedule, please call the toll-free project information line at **(877) 426-2010** or email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org**.

### **Project Completion**

The Lake Hodges projects will be completed later than originally anticipated. Due to delays caused by differing site conditions and modifications to the electrical design, construction is now anticipated to be complete in late 2010.

### **Del Dios Bulletin**

The Water Authority occasionally posts project updates on the community's Del Dios Bulletin, especially for time-sensitive items. If you would like to receive those updates and are not currently signed up to receive the Del Dios Bulletin emails, you can subscribe by emailing [deldiosbull@abestsystems.com](mailto:deldiosbull@abestsystems.com).



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Capital Improvement Program

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

### **20-Gallon Challenge**

Depleting reservoir levels, dry conditions, and court-ordered restrictions on water deliveries from Northern California – a source San Diego County has relied on for up to 40 percent of its water supplies – has triggered California's first drought declaration in 16 years. In October, the Department of Water Resources announced it will limit water deliveries in 2009 to the second lowest amount in history. Undoubtedly, we are facing an unprecedented array of water challenges, and conserving water will help us meet those challenges. To learn more about how the San Diego region is working together to conserve water, please visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com).

### **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." Summaries 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 to support the region's \$163 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

Sincerely,



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