



*Building Water Reliability*

November 24, 2009

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 a prolonged drought, were to cut off or reduce our imported water deliveries. A status update on the projects is summarized below.

**Construction Update**

Construction on the Lake Hodges Projects is ongoing and recently reached another important milestone when the temporary cofferdam was removed from Hodges Reservoir. The cofferdam kept lake water out, so work could be conducted on the inlet-outlet structure on the bottom of Hodges Reservoir.

Once the inlet-outlet structure was complete, it took about six months to dismantle and remove the cofferdam. Additionally, now that the inlet-outlet structure is wholly submerged underwater, high-visibility orange floating buoys have been installed to help keep boaters away from the area above the inlet/outlet structure. The buoys generally mark the area where the cofferdam was located.

Work continues within the pump station which will move water between the Olivenhain and Hodges reservoirs and generate up to 40 megawatts of energy as water flows down from Olivenhain Reservoir into Hodges Reservoir. The electricity produced will help meet the needs of over 26,000 residents. Most major pump station equipment has been installed and crews plan to start pre-operational testing on the pump station in early 2010.

Work to restore the area around the project site is ongoing. The pump station exterior was stained with a light tan-colored varnish to help it blend in with the surroundings. The varnish color was selected by members of the Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee and other members of the Del Dios and nearby communities.

The contractor is also relocating a section of Lake Drive and restoring a portion of the Coast to Crest Trail that crosses the construction site. Both Lake Drive and the Coast to Crest trail will be open for public use once the project is complete by fall next year. Meanwhile, landscaping work at the site is expected to begin in March 2010.

**Construction Work Hours**

The work schedule is currently 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, crews work late in the evening inside the pump station. If you have questions about the construction activities or schedule, please contact the project staff. See **For More**



San Diego County Water Authority

Capital Improvement Program

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

### Del Dios Town Council Briefing

The Water Authority's project team attended the September 9 Del Dios Town Council meeting to provide the community with a project update. Project team members provided details on the current construction and gave a slide presentation showing construction activity photos. A summary of the meeting presentation is included on the project website.

### For More Information

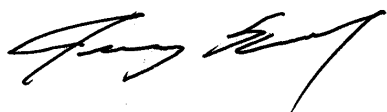
The Lake Hodges Projects community update letters are being distributed electronically. If you prefer to receive this information by postal mail, please call the toll-free project information line send an email with your request to the email address noted below.

For more information on this project, please call the project information line at **(877) 426-2010**, email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org** or visit the project website at **cip-esp.sdcwa.org** and select "Lake Hodges Projects."

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we construct these critical water facilities to support the region's \$171 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

We wish you happy holidays!

Sincerely,



Jeremy Shepard  
Project Manager, Lake Hodges Projects  
San Diego County Water Authority



The new light tan-colored varnish is on the exterior of the pump station.



The cofferdam has been removed and orange buoys mark the area above the inlet-outlet structure.