

EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT
Lake Hodges Projects Update
Meeting Summary

DATE: November 10, 2004

TIME: 7 p.m.

ORGANIZATION:

Del Dios Town Council

MEETING LOCATION:

Del Dios Fire Station

ATTENDANCE:

45 (approximate)

PRESENTERS:

Dave Chamberlain, SDCWA
Scott Creider, SDG&E

STAFF RESOURCES:

San Diego County Water Authority
Dave Chamberlain, Project Manager
Alex Newton
MWH Americas, Inc./Jacobs Civil, Inc.
Jim Lindell, George Johnson
Katz & Associates
Rebecca Cole
SDG&E
Scott Creider, Public Affairs Officer
Joe Zulaf, Project Manager

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Purpose of the meeting

Alex Newton introduced Dave Chamberlain as the new project manager for the Lake Hodges projects. He also introduced the two SDG&E representatives present, saying they came to explain and answer questions related to the upcoming power line installation.

Dave Chamberlain said the project is proceeding in accordance with the schedule presented at the last briefing in July. He mentioned work on the site would officially begin in January 2005 with clearing and site preparation work. Between February 2005 and July 2005, SDG&E will extend existing power transmission lines to the pump station site. Progress on remaining work is as follows: the Water Authority recently awarded a \$14 million contract to purchase pump-turbine equipment; a contract to construct a tunnel to connect the reservoirs (Lake Hodges to Olivenhain) will begin in July 2005 and conclude in summer of 2007; and design work on the pump station is nearing completion and construction of the pump station will take place between December 2005 and December 2007. Dave then introduced Scott Creider from SDG&E to explain the power line installation in greater detail.

Scott explained that SDG&E would be installing four transmission poles to extend the power transmission lines to the pump station site. Using a map, he outlined the area where the lines will

be placed. There will be a switchyard, which is the regulator of where power flows, near the Water Authority pump station. John outlined the following schedule for the transmission lines installation:

January/February – Lay foundation for the five polls
March – Cement cures
April – Install poles
July 1 – SDG&E portion of the Project is complete

Questions and Comments During the Meeting:

- Q. Is there a way to put the power lines along the highway?
A. No. The power lines must run within the Water Authority's right-of-way, which coincides with the tunnel alignment.
- Q. What are the heights of the poles? Will lights be outside the switchyard? Will we hear noise from the power lines?
A. The pole heights vary based on their location. One will be 64 feet high, one 69 feet high and two will be 72 feet high. Each will be 2.5 to 3 feet wide at the base. SDG&E will use standard lighting and there should be no detectable noise, except some crackling that occurs on misty days with condensation on the wires.
- Q. Why can't the power lines be put underground?
A. This project is for emergency purposes. If an emergency situation arises and the power lines break, we would not know where the break is if the lines are underground. Above ground, we could fix a break, sometimes, within hours. If below ground, it could take us days.
- Q. Can the poles be painted?
A. Galvanized coating blends in best, but we can discuss this if desired.
- Q. Will this affect our power grid?
A. There may be one to two weekends where a temporary outage may take place. This would occur when SDG&E sends someone to conduct a test.
- Q. Will you take the road out after the poles are installed?
A. No. SDG&E needs the road for access after installation. SDG&E's large trucks must be able to drive to poles. However, vegetation in all other graded areas may grow back since there is not much maintenance required for steel poles.
- Q. Will this interfere with cell phone usage and/or satellite access?
A. No.
- Q. Will my horse get cancer?
A. No.
- Q. When you grade the area, will you keep the dust down?
A. Yes, SDG&E will work diligently to minimize dust.

- Q. If you need eight acres for materials, will that vegetation grow back or will you keep it scraped?
- A. Upon the completion of all work, the material storage areas will either be re-vegetated with native plants or returned to their prior use as parking area for the windsurfing concession.
- Q. Can the lights on the poles be low sodium?
- A. SDG&E will check on this.
- Q. What will be the nature of the switchyard transmission noise?
- A. There will be no transformers at the switchyard.
- Q. So this switchyard will be quieter than a transformer switchyard?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Will the Coast to Crest trail be closed?
- A. The trail will be closed intermittently, but we will work to keep it open as much as possible.
- Q. How big of an acre are you clearing for the pump station?
- A. About four to five acres, and this includes the switchyard.
- Q. Raptor Ridge is an area with many hawks that rest in the snags. What will happen in that area?
- A. There will be no conflicts with the snags from the power lines.
- Q. How long will grading take?
- A. It will transition over a couple of years, depending on the contractor.
- Q. Can we have a copy of your maps (SDG&E and SDCWA)?
- A. Yes, we will send those to the town council president for distribution to those interested in receiving a copy.
- Q. Will you have orange markers out to the dam keeper's house?
- A. The dam keeper's house is outside of all construction and we would not anticipate placing any markers there.
- Q. Are there any trails still open that you will impact?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Will Lake Hodges ever be full?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What is your plan for the trees in Lake Hodges near I-15?
- A. Several agencies, including the Water Authority are looking into this.
- Q. OMWD said it may be hard treating water that is pumped from Lake Hodges. Will you filter out the debris from trees?

A. A significant amount of tree and debris clearing is planned to take place prior to filling the Lake.

Q. Will recreation be allowed back on Lake Hodges?

A. It is up to the City of San Diego, owner of Lake Hodges, to decide when recreation will be allowed

Q. Will the trucks' main ingress and egress still come out across from Hernandez Hideaway?

A. Yes.

Dave Chamberlain concluded the session by thanking everyone for attending and stating that the Water Authority would return in three or four months with another update.

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