EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT
Lake Hodges Projects Update
Meeting Summary

DATE: February 11, 2009    TIME: 7 p.m.
ORGANIZATION: Del Dios Town Council
MEETING LOCATION: Del Dios Fire Station, Escondido, California
ATTENDANCE: 12
PRESENTERS: Scott Robinson, Public Affairs Representative, SDCWA
Jeremy Shepard, Project Manager, SDCWA
STAFF RESOURCES: Lesley Robin, Katz & Associates

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Scott Robinson, public affairs representative for the Lake Hodges Projects, provided an overview of the San Diego County Water Authority’s role as the regional water supplier, Emergency Storage Project, and the Lake Hodges Projects. He said that the Lake Hodges Projects will be able to generate electricity annually for approximately 26,000 homes.

Scott mentioned that the Water Authority would be mailing a postcard later this week which asks recipients to sign up to get future project information by email. The “Going Green” postcard will allow the Water Authority to get Lake Hodges Projects information out more quickly to the community and is more environmentally friendly than using the U.S. Postal Service to mail information to the community.

Jeremy Shepard gave an overview of the project construction, and used various construction photos, including an aerial view of the construction site. He also showed several close-up photos of the bifurcation pipe, pump station, and cofferdam, and provided an update on each of the project components. Jeremy also discussed how the cofferdam was made and how it had been reinforced when the crews encountered softer than expected conditions on the lake bottom. He added that crews will start to remove the cofferdam in late March to early April this year. Jeremy then discussed the project’s landscape design and said it is now about 50 percent complete. The landscaping will be installed in the windsurfing parking area and other areas at the project site.

Jeremy said that the project team expects commercial operations to begin in July 2010 and all construction to be completed by fall 2010. By the end of this summer, the major construction work should be done, but work will still be going on inside the pump station.