

EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT
Lake Hodges Projects Update
Meeting Summary

DATE: September 9, 2009 **TIME:** 7 p.m.

ORGANIZATION: Del Dios Town Council

MEETING LOCATION: Del Dios Fire Station, Escondido, California

ATTENDANCE: 5

PRESENTERS: Scott Robinson, Public Affairs Representative, SDCWA
Jeremy Shepard, Project Manager, SDCWA

STAFF RESOURCES: Danielle Thorsen, 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.

Jeremy Shepard, project manager for the Lake Hodges Projects, presented a slideshow highlighting the construction progress during 2009. The presentation included the Lake Hodges Projects map, aerial views of the lake and the project, images of the cofferdam being installed, images of the coffer dam removal, before and after views of the project site, bifurcation pipe installation, the pump station showing the turbines, and the electrical generation equipment.

Jeremy Shepard discussed some of the Water Authority's plans to restore the Coast to Crest Trail and Lake Drive. He said that the Water Authority could reopen both the trail and Lake Drive before construction of the Lake Hodges Projects is complete late next year once it is safe to do so. However, he underscored that before either the Coast to Crest trail segment or Lake Drive on the project site could be reopened, construction activities would need to allow for safe access of all users.

Community members present at the meeting inquired on how they could provide feedback to the Water Authority on its plan to restore the portion of the Coast to Crest Trail that crosses the Lake Hodges Project's construction site. Scott said that Michelle DePriest could write a letter on behalf of the Del Dios Town Council addressed to the San Dieguito River Park JPA expressing the community's opinion on the restoration of that section of the trail.

Michelle DePriest announced that a new Del Dios Town Council board will be selected by November. Scott said the Water Authority would also provide a tour of the construction site to the new Del Dios Town Council board members to familiarize them with the Lake Hodges Projects. Scott and Jeremy said that the Water Authority could return in November if they had new updates to provide; otherwise, they would come back in January.