Dear Community Member,

You may have heard or read that one of three main construction components of the Mission Trails Project will be delayed. Construction of the other two project elements, a pipeline tunnel and a stabilized river crossing at the San Diego River, will proceed as scheduled. The Flow Regulatory Structure II (FRS II), scheduled to begin construction this year, is now anticipated to begin in mid-2011 and last approximately two years. The project's postponement will have no impact on the region's water supply reliability.

The reason for this delay is due to a reprioritization of all Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to allocate funds toward other priority projects that needed funds earlier than expected. Under normal economic conditions, the Water Authority would issue enough debt to cover all CIP. However, with the recent swings in interest rates, the Water Authority is avoiding incurring potential higher-than-normal interest rates.

The project delay does have some ramifications. It is expected there will be fewer daily truck trips through the community, but the duration of the project and trail closures will be extended. Water Authority staff are working with the Tierrasanta Community Council, Mission Trails Regional Park representatives, and elected officials to minimize impact to your community.

We invite you to share your concerns with us. The Mission Trails project manager and other Water Authority executives are made aware of the issues the public is experiencing due to the project's postponement.

You may share your concerns by contacting us by phone, (877) 682-9283 or email, cipinfo@sdcwa.org.

The Mission Trails Project

The Mission Trails Project will upgrade critical water pipelines running beneath western portions of Mission Trails Regional Park, improving water reliability and increasing the amount of water delivered to treatment plants serving the central and south sections of the county.