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San Vicente Dam Raise Construction Starts This Spring

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**San Diego County
Water Authority**

The San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The Water Authority works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$171 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.

Dear Community Member,

The first major construction phase of the San Vicente Dam Raise project is expected to begin late this spring. The San Diego County Water Authority is currently advertising for construction contractors to bid on this phase, which will include excavating the foundation of the dam and preparing the site for the dam raise. Construction bids are due in late March, and the Water Authority anticipates awarding the contract in late April.



This first construction phase is anticipated to begin in late May or early June and will last a little over one year. Once the contractor is selected and mobilized on the project site, crews will work to prepare the existing dam for the raise, which includes excavation, blasting, and grading for the new access roads. This work will not affect the integrity of the existing dam. Nearby community members will be notified prior to any blasting work at the site.

The Water Authority will select another contractor for the next phase of the project, which will include placing the concrete that will raise the height of the dam. This phase is anticipated to begin in early 2010.

The San Vicente Dam Raise project will raise San Vicente Dam by 117 feet to more than double the reservoir's water storage capacity. By raising the dam, the Water Authority will be able to store an additional 152,000 acre-feet of water for two purposes: to use if the San Diego region's imported water supply is cut off, and to store water during wet seasons to carry over for use during dry seasons. The Water Authority is committed to keeping the local community informed about the San Vicente Dam Raise project throughout construction.

For more information about the project, please call the toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010, email ESPinfo@sdewa.org, or visit the [project website](#).

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