

EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT

San Vicente Dam Raise and Carryover Storage Project Briefing Summary

DATE: June 11, 2007

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION:

Valley Center Community Planning Group

MEETING LOCATION:

Valley Center Community Hall

PRESENTERS:

Jeff Shoaf, SDCWA

STAFF RESOURCES:

Jeff Shoaf, project manager for the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project, explained that the Water Authority will be releasing the draft EIR/EIS for the Carryover Storage Project on July 6.* The Valley Center community will receive a notice of the release of the document and it will be advertised in the local newspapers as well as *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Hard copies of the document will be available at the County's Public Library here in Valley Center, and it will also be posted on the Water Authority's website at www.sdcwa.org.

The public review period will be July 6 through August 20*. Members of the community can submit comments by mail, email, fax, or orally at two public hearings. The hearings will be in Valley Center on August 8** and Lakeside on August 13**. There will be an open house at both public hearings to give community members a chance to speak one-on-one with the project team. The Water Authority's board of directors and the engineering and operations committee will listen to comments and concerns regarding the project on record with a court reporter. The Water Authority's board of directors and the engineering and operations committee will listen to comments and concerns from the community, but there will be not be responses or opportunities to ask questions and receive answers during the hearings.

***Since the meeting, the release date for the draft EIR/EIS has been delayed. It is expected to be available for review in August 2007.**

****After the study is released, two public hearings will be held, one in Lakeside and one in Valley Center, to hear public comments on the draft EIR/EIS. A letter will be mailed announcing the release of the study and providing public hearing information.**

Questions and Comments During the Presentation:

Q: Dave Ross, a reporter from the *Valley Roadrunner*, asked if the Water Authority can submit a press release about the public hearings as soon as the meeting location is determined.

A: Jeff stated an ad will be placed in the *Valley Roadrunner*, and said he will find out if a news release about the public hearings can be forwarded to him.

Q: Where is the hearing in Valley Center going to be held?

A: The arrangements are still being finalized.

Q: What are the chances the Carryover Storage Project portion of the San Vicente Dam Raise will not be approved by the Water Authority's board of directors?

A: Jeff stated it is uncertain what the board of directors will decide to do. However, the board has approved the Emergency Storage Project's dam raise of 54 feet and all the environmental permits to proceed with that work have been obtained, so that project will happen regardless of the board's action on the Carryover Storage Project. He explained that since we are proceeding with work at San Vicente for the Emergency Storage Project, it would be financially prudent to select San Vicente Reservoir for the additional raise.
