



## San Vicente Dam Raise

*Building Water Reliability  
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

October 10, 2006



Dear Community Member:

*The San Vicente Dam raise is part of the Emergency Storage Project, a system of reservoirs, interconnected pipelines, and pumping stations designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries.*

*The Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The Water Authority works through its 23 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's economy, job base, and quality of life for more than 3 million residents.*

The San Diego County Water Authority is undertaking an environmental study for the **Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project (Carryover Storage Project)**. The purpose of this project is to establish an additional 100,000 acre-feet of carryover storage for the region. Carryover storage refers to a process of accumulating water during wet seasons when it is plentiful, keeping it in storage, and carrying it over for use in subsequent dry years. The Water Authority's 2002 Regional Water Facilities Master Plan identified expanding San Vicente Reservoir as an option for storing the needed carryover water.

San Vicente Reservoir is already scheduled for expansion as part of the Emergency Storage Project. The Carryover Storage Project would increase the planned water storage even further. In 1996, the Water Authority approved the Emergency Storage Project to provide local water storage to meet emergency needs in the region. The Emergency Storage Project includes a series of dams, pipelines, and pump stations throughout San Diego County. The Emergency Storage Project will raise the San Vicente Dam 54 feet beginning in 2008.

If the Carryover Storage Project is implemented, it would raise San Vicente Dam 63 feet higher than what has already been approved for the Emergency Storage Project.

### **Environmental Study**

The Water Authority is preparing an environmental impact report and environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) for the Carryover Storage Project. This document will assess the environmental effects of the Carryover Storage Project and the proposed alternatives (listed below). Impacts to both the community and the natural environment will be analyzed.

### **Proposed Action and Alternatives**

The proposed action and alternatives to be evaluated in the EIR/EIS include the following:

- Proposed Action:**
  - Raise San Vicente Dam by an additional 63 feet beyond the approved Emergency Storage Project dam height, to store 100,000 acre-feet of water
  
- Alternatives:**
  - New dam at Moosa Valley in North County near Valley Center to store 100,000 acre-feet of water
  - San Vicente Dam raise to store 50,000 acre-feet and new Moosa Valley dam to store 50,000 acre-feet of water
  - No-action alternative

### **Community Input and Comments**

A Notice of Preparation, which describes what issues will be analyzed in the EIR/EIS, is available for review and can be found on the Water Authority's website at **www.sdcwa.org**. During



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the 30-day review period ending Nov. 9, 2006, the Water Authority will receive comments to help determine the content of the Carryover Storage Project environmental study.

Written comments can be sent via fax, mail, or e-mail and should be submitted no later than Nov. 9, 2006, to:

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### **Open House and Scoping Meeting**

An open house and scoping meeting for the project will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006**. During the open house, the public can talk to Water Authority staff to learn more about this project and the environmental review process. There will also be an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments and suggestions on the scope of the environmental study. The meeting will be held at the following location and time.

San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

6:30 p.m. Open House/Informal Q&A  
7 p.m. Scoping Meeting

For more information about the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project or the Emergency Storage Project, please call the toll-free project information line at **(877) 426-2010**, or visit the Water Authority's website at **[www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org)**. Click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," then "San Vicente Dam Raise."

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Shoaf, PE, Project Manager  
Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project

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