

San Diego County Water Authority

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San Vicente Dam Raise

*Building Water Reliability
Through the Emergency Storage Project*

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Dear Friends of San Vicente Reservoir:

San Vicente Reservoir will be closed during construction of the San Vicente Dam Raise and other associated projects. These projects are critical to completing the Emergency Storage Project, designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event imported water deliveries are interrupted by an earthquake or catastrophic event.

To provide for public safety during construction of two upcoming projects, San Vicente Reservoir will be closed to the public.

- The first project will close the reservoir Monday through Friday from January through April 2007 and again from October 2007 through early 2008. This project includes constructing a surge control facility on top of the hill overlooking the dam and adjacent to the marina access road.
- The second project will completely close the reservoir every day starting in 2008. In early to mid-2008, the reservoir's water level will be lowered significantly (well below the boat ramp) to prepare for construction that will raise the height of San Vicente Dam. After construction and concrete curing is complete in 2013, the reservoir will begin to be refilled. Filling the reservoir will take two to five years, depending on the rainfall received in the region.

Enclosed, please find the most recent closure schedule. We would be happy to provide additional copies of the enclosed flyer for you to distribute to your friends, customers, and other San Vicente Reservoir boaters. Please call the toll-free Emergency Storage Project information line at **(877) 426-2010** to request more copies of the flyer or for more information about the project. Information about the San Vicente Dam Raise, as well as regularly updated reservoir closure schedules, can be found on the Water Authority's website at **www.sdcwa.org**. Click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," and finally "San Vicente Dam Raise."

Also included in this mailing is a short survey to help the Water Authority better communicate with you throughout the project. When you return a completed survey, you will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two \$50 gift certificates to a sporting goods store of your choice.

As we have done for the past two years, the Water Authority will staff a booth at the San Diego Boat Show in January 2007 and the Fred Hall Fishing, Tackle and Boat Show in March 2007. Over the years, hundreds of boaters, fishermen, and water-skiers have visited our booths to ask questions about the project and get more information. If you visit either of these events, we hope you'll drop by.

Sincerely,

Shannon Reed
Public Affairs Representative
San Diego County Water Authority



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.



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