Dear Community Member:

The San Diego County Water Authority thanks all who submitted input during the scoping period for the Carryover Storage Project environmental study. The draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project is now available for public review and comment until October 15, 2007. Copies of the draft EIR/EIS are available online at www.sdcwa.org or are available for public review at the following locations:

**Lakeside Public Library**
9839 Vine St.
Lakeside, CA 92040

**Valley Center Public Library**
29200 Cole Grade Rd.
Valley Center, CA 92082

**Community Input and Comments**
During the 45-day review period, the Water Authority will receive comments on the draft EIR/EIS. All comments must be received no later than October 15, 2007. You may fax, mail (postmarked no later than October 15, 2007), or email written comments to:

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San Diego County Water Authority
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San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 522-6763
Fax: (858) 268-7881
Email: kgage@sdcwa.org

The Water Authority will also hold two public hearings to receive comments on the draft EIR/EIS:

**Thursday, October 4, 2007**
**Valley Center High School**
Maxine Theater
31322 Cole Grade Rd.
Valley Center, CA 92082

**Monday, October 8, 2007**
**Lakeside Community Center**
9841 Vine St.
Lakeside, CA 92040

A 30-minute open house will precede both hearings at 6:30 p.m. The actual hearings will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

For more information about the Carryover Storage Project environmental study or the public hearings, please contact Kelley Gage at (858) 522-6763. For all other information on the project, please call the toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010, or visit the Water Authority’s website at www.sdcwa.org. Click on “Infrastructure,” then “CIP,” then “Carryover Storage Project.”

Sincerely,

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San Diego County Water Authority

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San Vicente Dam Raise and Carryover Storage Project Background

A 2002 Water Authority study identified a need for an additional 100,000 acre-feet of stored water in San Diego County for use during droughts or other times of shortage. Since then, the Water Authority has considered raising the San Vicente Dam beyond what is planned for the Emergency Storage Project.

This “Carryover Storage” of an additional 100,000 acre-feet of water at San Vicente Reservoir would require raising the dam an additional 63 feet beyond the 54 feet originally planned and increasing the height of the dam by a total of 117 feet. Water Authority staff also studied three other alternatives including building a new dam at Moosa Valley in northern San Diego County, near Valley Center.

The 54-foot San Vicente Dam Raise is part of the Water Authority’s Emergency Storage Project, designed to make water available to the San Diego region in the event of an interruption in imported water deliveries, such as an earthquake or a prolonged drought. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

The 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 $150 billion economy and the quality of life of 3 million residents.