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Final Carryover Storage Project Environmental Study Slated for Certification

Dear Community Member:

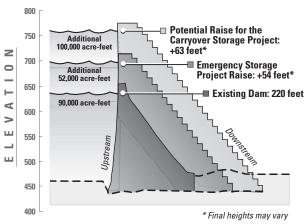
The San Diego County Water Authority thanks all who participated in the public review process for the Carryover Storage Project environmental study. The final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project is now available for public review. The Water Authority's board of directors is scheduled to consider certifying the EIR/EIS and approving the project at the April 24, 2008 board meeting. The public is welcome to attend. The time of the board meeting will be posted on the Water Authority's website one week prior to the meeting.

To view the final EIR/EIS, visit the Water Authority's website at **www.sdcwa.org**. Click on the "Carryover Storage and San Vicente Dam Raise Project Final EIR/EIS" link in the "News" section of the homepage.

San Vicente Dam Raise and Carryover Storage Project Background

San Vicente Dam will be raised 54 feet as part of the Emergency Storage Project to store 52,000 acre-feet of additional water for the San Diego region to use in the event of an interruption in imported water supplies. By raising the dam an additional 63 feet, more water can be stored. This new project is known as the Carryover Storage Project. If approved, the Carryover Storage Project will provide the Water Authority the ability to collect and store an additional 100,000 acre-feet of water during wet years, when it is plentiful, and "carry it over" for use in subsequent dry years when there is a shortage.

Cross Section of San Vicente Dam Raise



An Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared as part of the approval process for the Carryover Storage Project. The preferred alternative identified in the study is to raise San Vicente Dam and additional 63 feet, beyond the 54 feet already planned as part of the Emergency Storage Project, for a total raise of 117 feet and 152,000 acre-feet of water storage.

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Construction for the San Vicente Dam Raise project is scheduled to begin in early 2009.

For more information about the San Vicente Dam Raise project, go to **www.sdcwa.org**. Click on "Infrastructure," then "ESP," then "San Vicente Dam Raise." You may also call the toll-free project information line at **(877) 426-2010** or email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org**.

Sincerely,

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