January 30, 2008

Controlled Underground Blasting for San Vicente Pipeline is Complete

Dear Resident,

Controlled blasting to excavate the 550-foot-long tunnel section near your home has been completed. January 16 was the last day of the blasting. I am happy to report that no complaints were received during this tunneling activity, which began in mid-September 2007.

The westward blasting took place over 200 feet below the surface, but not directly under any homes. Seismographs placed above ground to measure the vibrations of the blasts recorded readings far below the required limits.

Tunnel excavation efforts are for the San Vicente Pipeline, an 11-mile pipeline that will connect San Vicente Reservoir to the San Diego County Water Authority’s Second Aqueduct west of Interstate 15. The San Vicente Pipeline 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.

A tunneling machine is resuming work to excavate an additional 9,500 feet to meet up with the tunnel from the West Shaft, located on the southwest corner of Interstate 15 and Mercy Road. Completion of the San Vicente Pipeline is scheduled for 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly and I will be happy to speak to you. You can also call the toll-free project information line at (877) 426-2010.

Sincerely,

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The 20-Gallon Challenge
The Water Authority is encouraging all residents to participate in the 20-Gallon Challenge. The 20-Gallon Challenge is a regionwide campaign to increase voluntary water conservation by 20 gallons per person, per day. For conservation tips and information about water-saving incentive programs, visit www.20gallonchallenge.com.