**EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT**

**San Vicente Pipeline Update**

**Briefing Summary**

**DATE:** April 5, 2010

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**EVENT:** Mira Mesa Town Council

**MEETING LOCATION:** Mira Mesa Senior Center

**PRESENTER(S):** Randy Huber, SDCWA

Gina Molise, SDCWA

**STAFF RESOURCES:** Emily Powell, Katz & Associates

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Gina Molise, public affairs representative with the San Diego County Water Authority, gave an overview of the San Vicente Pipeline project, a key component of the Emergency Storage Project. The Emergency Storage Project will protect San Diego County by increasing the amount of water available for use if the county’s imported water supply is severed. It will also improve the Water Authority’s ability to move water around the county when needed. The other components of the Emergency Storage Project include the Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir and Lake Hodges Pipeline (completed), the Lake Hodges Pump Station (currently under construction), and the San Vicente Dam Raise (construction began in summer 2009 and will be complete in 2014).

Gina explained the 11-mile-long San Vicente Pipeline will connect San Vicente Reservoir to the Second Aqueduct, located just west of I-15 at Mercy Road. She also showed a map of the pipeline alignment and four access points for the tunnel.

Randy Huber, construction administrator for the San Vicente Pipeline, explained the pipeline is 8.5 feet in diameter. The contractor is currently completing the final job inside the pipeline, applying the cement mortar lining to the pipe interior to prevent corrosion. At the time of this meeting, two miles of the mortar lining have been completed. All work for the pipeline will be completed by the end of this summer. Randy stated the West Shaft is the closest access point to the Mira Mesa community and will remain a busy construction site from now until the completion of the project. The contractor will connect the new pipeline to existing water facilities at this location and will complete grading, fencing and road improvements to restore the area.

Gina provided an update on the San Diego region’s current water supply. Although San Diego County had a good amount of rain this winter, the drought is not over. There are still regulatory restrictions on pumping water from the north, which is where the majority of our water supply comes from. So, everyone needs to continue to conserve water indefinitely and spread that message to your friends and neighbors. She also passed out toilet leak detectors and encouraged everyone to visit [www.sdcwa.org](http://www.sdcwa.org) for more conservation information.

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