The following project update is provided to keep the community groups informed of the San Vicente Pipeline construction progress.

**Tunneling Complete**

All work to excavate the tunnel for the 11-mile-long pipeline is now complete. On September 22, the remaining tunneling machine connected the final two tunnel sections at the Central Shaft. This significant milestone is the culmination of three years of tunnel excavation work for the project. Over the next several weeks, crews will remove pieces of the tunneling machine from the Central Shaft. The Central Shaft is located south of the Beeler Canyon community within the StoneBridge Estates community.

**Pipe Installation**

With tunneling now complete in the eastern portion of the pipeline, crews are preparing to install steel pipe between the San Vicente Portal and Central Shaft. In Lakeside, the contractor will continue to use San Vicente Portal and Slaughterhouse Shaft to support the pipe installation activities.

The contractor has already installed five miles of pipe in the tunnel between the West and Central shafts. The grout work, which involves pumping grout to fill the space between the outside of the pipe and the tunnel walls to ensure the pipe remains in place and is protected from corrosion, will be completed soon. The final step in pipe installation is to apply a one-half inch thick, cement mortar lining to the inside of the pipe to further prevent corrosion.

The West Shaft is located west of Interstate 15 at Mercy Road. From now until the completion of the project, this will remain a busy construction site. 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.

All work for the pipeline is scheduled to be complete in late summer 2010.
The Purpose of the San Vicente Pipeline
The 11-mile-long San Vicente Pipeline is a key component of the San Diego County Water Authority’s Emergency Storage Project. The pipeline will create a water supply link between San Vicente Reservoir and the Water Authority’s Second Aqueduct, allowing water to be delivered to agencies in the southern portion of the county in an emergency. The project will also improve the Water Authority’s ability to move large quantities of water into storage, when it is available.

If you have additional questions or would like to receive more information about the San Vicente Pipeline Project or the Emergency Storage Project, please contact Gina Molise, Water Authority senior public affairs representative, at (858) 522-6706. You can also call toll free (877) 426-2010, email ESPinfo@sdcwa.org, or visit the website at cip-esp.sdcwa.org (click on “San Vicente Pipeline”).