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

**Tunneling Progress**
Approximately 80 percent of the tunnel has been excavated. One tunneling machine is moving westward toward the Central Shaft from the San Vicente Portal to excavate the remaining 2.5-mile section of tunnel for the pipeline. This machine has hit very hard rock, which has delayed the completion of the tunnel. In Lakeside, the San Vicente Portal and Slaughterhouse Shaft are both supporting the remaining tunneling activities. Excavated materials are removed at the San Vicente Portal and trucked to a nearby aggregate company.

**Pipe Deliveries and Installation**
In November, the contractor began delivering 50-foot-long sections of pipe to the Central Shaft site, in Scripps Ranch. Pipe deliveries will continue until mid-2009 and are restricted to Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The route for construction deliveries continues to be from Kirkham Way in Poway through the Vulcan Materials gravel operations. From that point, delivery trucks drive on Stonebridge Parkway for about one-fourth of a mile to reach the construction site. Starting in late December, crews will lower the pipe segments into the tunnel using a crane and haul them inside the tunnel toward the West Shaft. The pipe sections will be installed from the west end of the tunnel toward the Central Shaft. When pipe installation is complete, the contractor will place grout around the pipe to secure it in the tunnel. More than 1,000 pipe sections will be used to build the 11-mile pipeline. The West Shaft, located off Interstate 15 at Mercy Road, will be used to support pipe installation activities after several months of limited activities.
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. All work for the pipeline is scheduled to be complete in 2010.

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 www.sdcwa.org (click on “Infrastructure,” then “ESP,” then “San Vicente Pipeline”).