

EMERGENCY STORAGE PROJECT
San Vicente Pipeline Update
Briefing Summary

DATE: October 17, 2007

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

EVENT:

Lakeside Planning Group Meeting

MEETING LOCATION:

Lakeside Community Center

PRESENTERS:

Shannon Reed, SDCWA
Andrew Oleksyn, SDCWA

STAFF RESOURCES:

Emily Powell, Katz & Associates

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Shannon Reed, public affairs representative with the San Diego County Water Authority, provided information about the Water Authority's 20-Gallon Challenge. The 20-Gallon Challenge encourages residents to save 20 gallons of water per person, per day. She also directed people to www.20gallonchallenge.com and www.sdcwa.org to learn more about how to conserve water. Shannon explained that if people participate in volunteer water conservation activities, we will avoid mandatory water conservation.

Shannon introduced Andrew Oleksyn as the construction administrator for the San Vicente Pipeline project. Andrew explained currently there is a lot of construction near San Vicente Reservoir. He showed a map of the San Vicente Pumping Facilities project which includes a surge tank at the top of the hill, a pump station, and several pipelines to connect the facilities. He explained the blasting for this project has been completed, and currently the contractor is pouring concrete for the surge tank and the pump station. In December, pipe deliveries will begin on the weekdays because the reservoir is now closed Monday through Friday through April 2008. Construction for this project is 30 percent done and is on schedule to be completed in mid-2009.

Andrew explained work for the San Vicente Pipeline project has been going on for two years. It will be 11 miles long and will connect San Vicente Reservoir to the Second Aqueduct in the vicinity of I-15 and Mercy Road. Four construction access points are being used to build the project. There is one at each end of the pipeline route, called the San Vicente Portal and the West Shaft. There are two in the middle, called the Central Shaft and Slaughterhouse Shaft. The Slaughterhouse Shaft and the San Vicente Portal are the closest access points to the Lakeside community. At the Slaughterhouse Shaft, work and traffic have been significantly reduced, and the shaft now has a cover over it. At the San Vicente Portal, trucking has been significantly reduced and excavated material from the tunnel has been moved closer to the site. Currently, there are three tunneling machines working at different locations. At the time of this meeting, about 5 of the 11 miles of the tunnel had been completed, and tunneling is 43 percent complete. The project will be completed in 2010 and is dependent on the ground conditions of the tunnel.

Currently, a test quarry project is under way for the San Vicente Dam Raise project. This project involves testing material near the dam that will be used for the project. This testing should be completed by December 31, 2007. Andrew also announced the construction management contract for the project is out for bid and submissions are due November 4, 2007. The Interconnect Pipeline project is out for bid as well.

For the Carryover Storage Project, the draft EIR/EIS has been released and a public hearing was held in Lakeside on October 8, 2007 at the Lakeside Community Center. There were 5 speakers at the public hearing in Lakeside, and the Water Authority received 20 written comments and letters. The Water Authority will spend the next few months addressing the comments and conducting additional studies. The final EIR/EIS is expected to be available in spring 2008.

Questions and Comments During the Presentation:

- Q. Do you know about the arrangements that have been made with the truckers for the projects out near San Vicente Reservoir? I know they are receiving less than the prevailing wage.
- A. Andrew stated he did not know about the trucking arrangements, but he would find out and report back to the group. [Follow up information: The tunnel contractor is a signatory to a Project Labor Agreement with the local unions. However, this covers work done at the defined projects locations and off-site trucking is not subject to the PLA pay rate requirements.]
- C. An audience member stated that for the trucking arrangements it is important to understand if the arrangements are based on owner-operator or employee paperwork because there is a difference. [Follow up information: The off site hauling arrangements are based on owner-operators.]
- Q. The original bid for the San Vicente Pipeline project included specific tunneling distance that would be completed each day. It now appears only 4 to 12 feet are being tunneled each day. Can you tell us why the tunneling progress has slowed down?
- A. The progress depends on the type of tunneling being done. For the drill and blast work, the contractor advanced six to eight feet per day. For the tunneling machine working on the east end of the project, the average progress is about 17 feet per day. Overall, we've run into harder ground than expected, so the machines are excavating slower than expected.
- Q. What is the cost override for the San Vicente Pipeline project?
- A. We do not know what the additional costs will be for the project at this time because it depends on the finish date.
- Q. Is the exported tunnel material crushed after it is removed from the project site?
- A. The tunnel material is hauled to a nearby sand mining business that is refilling a mining pit. The material will be processed there as well.
- C. It does not make sense to remove all the rock from the tunnel, haul it off the site, and then remove rock material near the dam to use for the San Vicente Dam Raise project.

- R. The San Vicente Dam Raise project will require more material than what is coming out of the San Vicente Pipeline. Also it is important to have consistent rock material for the San Vicente Dam Raise project so a single source is desired.
- Q. In the draft environment impact report/environment impact statement (EIR/EIS) it states that when the water level is low at San Vicente Reservoir, additional water will be stored at El Capitan Reservoir. However, the state has de-rated El Capitan for seismic reasons, and it cannot be maintained in a filled condition. Is the Water Authority planning to reinforce El Capitan Reservoir, so it can be used to store additional water?
- A. The Water Authority does not plan to reinforce El Capitan Reservoir because it is owned by the city of San Diego, not the San Diego County Water Authority.

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