



April 21, 2010

Building Water Reliability

Dear Community Member:



The Emergency Storage Project is 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.

The Emergency Storage Project is part of the Water Authority's Capital Improvement Program to enhance and increase the operational flexibility of its water delivery system.

The San Diego County Water Authority is working to ensure that the San Diego region continues to have a safe, reliable water supply. The Lake Hodges Projects, part of the Emergency Storage Project, will help keep water flowing throughout the region if a catastrophic event, such as an earthquake or a prolonged drought, were to cut off or reduce our imported water deliveries. A status update on the projects is summarized below.

Coast to Crest Trail to Open on Weekends Starting May 1

On Saturday, May 1, the North Shore section of the Coast to Crest Trail, which has been closed during construction of the Lake Hodges Projects, will reopen on Saturdays and Sundays. The trail will remain closed Monday through Friday.

Signs along the trail will be posted to inform the trail users about weekend access to the trail and to remind users to stay on the trail. The Lake Hodges Projects contractor also installed fences along the trail. The trail is anticipated to be opened for use seven days a week in the next couple of months. Once the trail is open for use on a daily basis, the signs will be removed. The fencing along portions of the trail will be removed progressively, as construction is completed later this year.

To help restore the portions of the trail impacted by construction activities, the Water Authority sought input from the neighboring Lake Hodges communities. Their recommendations were incorporated into a landscape plan, which will make use of native vegetation to help blend the Lake Hodges Projects within its surrounding natural landscaping. Additionally, based on community input, the trail base surface will be natural and wide enough to accommodate hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

Landscape Contractor Selected

The Water Authority has selected a landscape contractor to install native vegetation and restore the area around the Lake Hodges site that was disturbed during construction. The landscape contractor will begin work in late spring or early summer. The Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee provided over 30 recommendations that were incorporated into the final landscape plan. Water Authority staff presented the final landscape design plan at the February 10 Del Dios Town Council meeting.

To help draw runoff from the rains into storm drains, concrete drainage ditches were installed on the slopes above the pump station. Native vegetation will be planted on these slopes and in other areas at the site. The plants will be monitored carefully during the first few months after planting to ensure that the plants take root and flourish. They will then be monitored and maintained on a regular basis for up to 44 months.

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Capital Improvement Program

Emergency Storage Project Information Line: 1-877-426-2010

Del Dios Town Council Briefing May 12

The Water Authority's project team will be attending the May 12 Del Dios Town Council meeting to provide a project update. The photo tour on the project's website has been updated and shows photos of the cofferdam dismantling and removal. Several of these photos were also shown at the February 10 briefing to the Del Dios Town Council.

For More Information

The Lake Hodges Projects community update letters are being distributed electronically. If you prefer to receive this information by postal mail, please call the toll-free project information line or send an email with your request to the email address noted below.

For more information on this project, please call the project information line at **(877) 426-2010**, email **ESPinfo@sdcwa.org** or visit the project website at **cip-esp.sdcwa.org** and select "Lake Hodges Projects."

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we construct these critical water facilities to support the region's \$174 billion economy and the quality of life of 3.2 million residents.

Sincerely,

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San Diego County Water Authority



Coast to Crest Trail and fence along the water's edge. Crew members are on a graded section of Lake Drive.