Dear Community Member,

The San Diego County Water Authority awarded its contract to build the San Vicente Pipeline in June. Work on the tunnel and pipeline project is scheduled to begin this month and is expected to take nearly four years to complete. The Water Authority is dedicated to keeping you informed of activities throughout the project’s construction. This letter is the first in a series of notification letters and postcards to keep you up to date. In addition, briefings will be regularly offered to community groups along the pipeline route. A schedule of these briefings can be found at www.sdcwa.org. Project updates can also be found in the ESP Update newsletter that is mailed to you on a quarterly basis.

**Early Construction Plans** - Work will begin this month at the Central and Slaughterhouse Shafts and San Vicente Portal (see map). In September the contractor plans to mobilize at the West Shaft. The preliminary work at these shaft and portal locations includes grading, delivering construction equipment, setting up office trailers and installing security fencing.

**Site Visit and Overview Invitation** - To provide a greater understanding of the type of activity you can expect at each shaft/portal construction site and to answer your questions, you are invited to a site visit of the Central Shaft and San Vicente Portal.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005  
**Time:** 9 to 10 a.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Central Shaft site on Stonebridge Parkway (please see map). Follow Stonebridge Parkway for about 1.7 miles from Pomerado Road. Water Authority staff will meet you on the right hand side of the road.
San Vicente Pipeline
Update and Site Visit Invitation

San Vicente Portal Visit

Date: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005
Time: 9 to 10 a.m.
Meeting Location: The San Vicente Portal is located at the base of the San Vicente Dam. From Highway 67 go east on Willow Road, turn left on Moreno Avenue and follow signs to the entrance. Water Authority staff will meet you there.

The San Vicente Pipeline will be a large-diameter pipeline that will connect the San Vicente Reservoir to the Water Authority's Second Aqueduct west of Interstate 15. The Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The agency works through its 23 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support our region’s $142 billion economy and the quality of life of more than 3 million residents.

If you have questions about the site visits or if you would like more information about the project, please call the toll-free project information line at 1-877-426-2010. You may also visit the Water Authority’s Web site at www.sdcwa.org, click on “Infrastructure,” then “San Vicente Pipeline.” A schedule of community presentations is available on this Web page.

The San Vicente Pipeline is one component of the Emergency Storage Project, 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.

Sincerely,

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