



NWP NACIMIENTO WATER PROJECT

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One-Year Anniversary for the Nacimiento Water Project

San Luis Obispo County, CA – The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District's) Nacimiento Water Project (Project) will reach its one-year construction milestone on October 25, 2008, the anniversary of the Project's groundbreaking. The past year of construction held many accomplishments, including:

- Completion of the 20-foot diameter by 180-foot deep intake shaft.
- Completion of the 520-foot long by 52-inch diameter intake tunnel
- Installation of the 48-inch diameter stainless steel intake portal pipe
- Installation of about 28 miles of pipe, out of 45-miles total.
- Completion of the 11-mile mainline pipe installation by local contractor Whitaker Contractors Inc. for the Pipeline Central contract.
- Completion of four horizontal directional drill crossings of the Salinas River.
- Substantial work on the facilities pump stations and water storage tanks

The Project also mourns the tragic fatal loss of two workers, Jacob Gaines and Manuel Arriaga, both with Teichert Construction of Sacramento, in early October 2008.

All five construction contractors continue work towards completion of the Project by 2010. Besides Whitaker Contractors' accomplishments, work is being conducted by James W. Fowler Company from Dallas, OR, on the lake Intake; Mountain Cascade, Inc. from Livermore, CA, on the pump stations and tanks; Teichert Construction working on the Pipeline North; and Southern California Pipeline Company from Tustin, CA, working on the Pipeline South contract. The project has expended \$64.5M of the \$125M construction budget, and expended about \$90M of the \$176M total budget which includes construction, design, environmental permitting, right-of-way, and administration.

"The past twelve months have seen the Project spring to life", said John Hollenbeck, Nacimiento Project Manager. "It is a wonderful experience to see this Project under construction especially since it has been under consideration since the 1960's", Hollenbeck said. The Project will annually convey 15,750 acre-feet of the total 17,500 acre-feet of water entitlement within Lake Nacimiento. The Project consists of 45-miles of pipe ranging in diameter from 36- to 12-inches, three pump stations, and three water storage tanks.

For more information or construction photographs about this topic please contact Carolyn Berg at (805) 781-5252 or visit the NWP website at: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/NacWP.htm>.

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