



## Soledad Mountain Road Landslide Construction Update

March 17, 2008

To help us communicate the status of the ongoing construction work on Soledad Mountain Road, we will be sending you a newsletter approximately every three weeks or when significant events occur in and around the landslide area. It is important to note that the construction project involves the emergency repair of a hazardous condition, and the primary focus will remain the protection of residents and adjacent property. We are accomplishing this task on a fast-track "design-build" basis, which does not allow us the luxury of long-term planning of the construction phasing that is done with our other capital improvement and infrastructure projects.



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



At this time, the City of San Diego and Hazard Construction are drilling and installing a total of 40 additional shear pins on the east side of Soledad Mountain Road within and immediately adjacent to the landslide area (i.e., between 5695 and 5735 Soledad Mountain Road). This phase of construction began on March 3, 2008 and has been progressing as planned, with no delays. We anticipate this phase of construction will be completed by mid-May. These shear pins should provide further protection of the area as we continue to restore the road.

Following the installation of the 40 shear pins along the east side of Soledad Mountain Road, crews will begin the installation of the utilities including the sewer main and laterals, the water main and services, undergrounded electrical service, and other utilities. Installation of these utilities will be completed prior to the reconstruction and opening of the Soledad Mountain Road. Because of space constraints, each phase of construction must be done sequentially. We currently estimate that this phase of construction may be completed by late summer or early fall.



The next phase of construction will include installing 40 shear pins along the west side of Desert View Drive alley. It is anticipated this work will begin in June and be completed in late summer. The reconstruction of the alley will then begin, with completion this fall. It is possible that access restrictions along the alley could force the continued closure of a portion of Soledad Mountain Road in order to allow access to the alley from the west side.



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### **SAFETY AND SCHEDULE NOTE**

Please remember that additional earth movement is possible in the landslide area. The landslide area will remain closed during the construction period due to safety concerns. Geotechnical consultants will continue to be on site, monitoring the inclinometers (instruments that measure movement) and the piezometers (instruments that measure groundwater) that were installed early in the recovery process. These professionals will also continue to record data from the site.

Changes in the weather and/or site conditions can dramatically affect this schedule. You will be kept updated on changes in the construction schedule via newsletters.

Construction will continue to take place Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Occasional work on Saturdays may also be required.



### **TRAFFIC ON DESERT VIEW DRIVE**

Traffic and speeding continue to be a problem on Desert View Drive. The security guards on the south side of the landslide area are being re-positioned to check motorists prior to them reaching Desert View Drive in an attempt to reduce the number and speed of vehicles traveling on the street. The construction personnel will continue to be cautioned and we'd ask that those of you who reside in the neighborhood also keep your driving speeds down in the construction area. We will continue to monitor the traffic conditions and determine if additional measures are needed.

### **PROJECT CONTACTS**

We are committed to your safety and to doing our best to address your concerns. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals anytime you think they can assist you in any way.

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