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## Soledad Mountain Road Landslide Construction Update

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Newsletters will continue to be delivered or mailed to you to keep you informed regarding the status of ongoing construction work on the alley portion of Desert View Drive. Please keep in mind that the work and schedule can change rapidly and may not allow for the usual several days of advance notice.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The City of San Diego and Hazard Construction have completed the construction on Soledad Mountain Road to the extent that the road could be opened on October 16, 2008. The sidewalk on the east side of the road will be constructed after the completion of the alley's shear pins. The traffic barricades on the road will be removed once this work is finished. Barring any unforeseen developments, we estimate that the remaining work associated with the landslide will be finished in approximately six months.



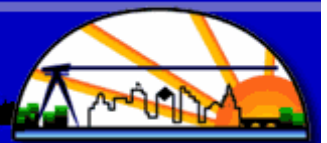
Geotechnical consultants will continue to be on site to monitor construction activities and to record data from the site. Remember that changes in site conditions can dramatically affect the project schedule. We will keep you updated via these newsletters.

### DESERT VIEW DRIVE ALLEY SHEAR PINS

The final phase of construction is scheduled to start by early November 2008, and will involve the installation of approximately 44 shear pins in the slope to the west of Desert View Drive alley. The contractor is currently doing preparatory work at the toe of the landslide to create a platform for the crane that is needed to lift the steel cages up from Desert View Drive. Please note that parking will be prohibited in the alley during the installation of some of the shear pins. Trucks delivering shear pin steel cages on Desert View Drive will result in temporary, short-term closures to



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traffic in the center section of Desert View Drive. On-street parking will also be restricted on Desert View Drive on the days that cages are delivered. Desert View Drive residents will be notified by door hangers and temporary "No Parking" signs at least 48 hours in advance of the time when on-street parking will be prohibited. Note: the City's Resident Engineer will be on-site to monitor these construction activities. There will be no vehicular access along the alley for the homes south of the landslide area, once this work begins.

### **WORKING HOURS**

Construction will continue on Desert View Drive alley and will take place Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Occasional work on Saturdays may also be required.

### **EMERGENCY**

For Desert View Drive alley residents who live to the south of the landslide area, behind the gate, emergency personnel (ambulance, fire, and police) will have access should a need for emergency services arise. Contractor security personnel will be stationed in the alley at all times during the next six months. The contractor will be available during working hours. There will be security at the gate during non-working hours. Homeowner access that is currently available Monday-Friday from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. will no longer be available. Access also will not be available on the last Saturday of each month. Residents can make arrangements for non-emergency matters with the project contacts.

### **UNDERGROUNDING THE DRY UTILITIES**

Although all the dry utilities have been undergrounded in the landslide area along Soledad Mountain Road, work outside of the landslide area continues. SDG&E has completed all trenching activities between Pacifica Drive and Palomino Circle. The remaining trenching work to Ridgeway, barring any unforeseen development, is expected to be completed by late January 2008. This work will eliminate the remaining overhead utilities. Removal of the overhead lines and poles will occur in approximately one year.

### **PROJECT CONTACTS**

We are committed to your safety and to doing our best to address your concerns; however, in case of an emergency, please dial 911 for immediate assistance. If you have questions or need additional information about the project, please contact the following individuals.

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