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Dear Neighbor:

Construction on the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project has begun. We are pleased to provide you with this project update.

**Calaveras Road - Traffic Safety**

You may have noticed an increase in traffic and activity along Calaveras Road south of Interstate 680 to the Calaveras Dam site entrance. Safety is our top priority. Please note that speed limits are 15 or 25 mph in construction zones, for construction vehicles as well as private cars.

**Calaveras Road – Scheduled Closures Update**

As mentioned in previous letters, we have received permission from Alameda County to temporarily close Calaveras Road south of Geary to the Alameda/ Santa Clara County Line for two separate periods. The first two-month road closure, initially planned for fall 2011, is now planned for early 2012. The second road closure is expected in late 2012 or early 2013 for a period of 18 months. Calaveras Road will remain open on weekends, but will be closed Monday through Friday during these periods. Access to the Sunol Regional Wilderness will remain open from the north at all times and from both the north and south on weekends. Emergency vehicles will have access to the road at all times. The roads will be swept clean of debris prior to weekend openings.

The reason for the closure is traffic safety. Although most of the materials for the new dam will come from on-site, approximately 300,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel will need to be imported. It is not safe for these large trucks to share the narrow portions of Calaveras Road with private vehicles or cyclists. As soon as closure dates are confirmed, we will update our website.

**Calaveras Dam – Controlled Detonation**

The contractor will be using controlled detonation to produce the hard rock required for construction of the dam. Additionally, to excavate the foundation of the dam, we may encounter rock that is too hard for our machinery, in which case we may also use controlled detonation. You may hear the detonation or feel minor vibrations from the activity. If you would like to receive an email notification beforehand, please contact Maria Le at [mle@sfgwater.org](mailto:mle@sfgwater.org).

Enclosed please find a fact sheet for the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project. We encourage you to subscribe to our blog for the most up to date information on the project, including road closure schedules, by visiting: [www.sfgwater.org/sunolvalley](http://www.sfgwater.org/sunolvalley).

If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact Maria Le at [mle@sfgwater.org](mailto:mle@sfgwater.org) or Betsy Lauppe Rhodes at [blauppe@sfgwater.org](mailto:blauppe@sfgwater.org) or call our 24-hour answer line at (866) 973-1476.

Thank you for your continued support.

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