



CONSTRUCTION WILL SOON BEGIN ON NEW DRINKING WATER STORAGE IN YOUR AREA

July 15, 2021

Dear EWEB Customer,

After more than a year of research and planning, EWEB is preparing to move forward with the construction of two new water storage tanks on an undeveloped property near E. 40th Ave. and Patterson St. The 10-acre property was acquired by EWEB in the 1950s as a future water storage site.

Tree removal will begin in early August and earthwork will follow in September. The entire process is expected to take around three years including earthwork, tank construction, and site restoration. The tanks will provide secure, reliable water storage for all of Eugene, including replacing the storage that will be lost when College Hill Reservoir is taken offline in 2023. After construction, the remainder of the property (approximately 8 acres) will be relandscaped and remain open to the public.

Here are some basic facts about the project:

- The tanks will be concrete, partially buried, surrounded by wrought-iron fence, and will have vegetative screening to blend in as much as possible with the existing landscape.
- A new 36-inch water transmission main will be constructed between West Amazon St. and the intersection of East 40th Ave. and Patterson St.
- 265 trees will be removed for construction of the tanks (approximately 25% of the total trees on the site).
- We are keeping the downed wood in the community. When possible, we will create snags and nurse logs. Other downed trees are being donated to a City of Eugene wetlands restoration project, where they will continue to provide habitat long into the future, and for public use projects in the Southeast Neighborhood and also the City of Springfield.
- After construction, habitat will be restored or enhanced to support a diverse community of native plants and animals, with a focus on restoring oak and prairie-dominated habitat that historically characterized the area.

Upcoming activity at the site:

- Fencing and erosion control will be installed during the last 2 weeks of July around the construction zone on the northeast side of the property. The west and south sides of the property will remain open to the public during most phases of construction. The fencing will remain in place throughout construction (2.5-3 years).
- Tree removal will begin in early August. The process to take down, chip and haul wood will take approximately 3-4 weeks. During that time, there will be chainsaw noise, chipper noise, and truck traffic. Work will not begin before 8 a.m. and will be complete by 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.
- Earthwork will begin mid-September and will last 6-8 months.

We will send more information in August regarding construction details such as work hours/days, noisy work start time, and traffic impacts.

THIS PROJECT IS CRITICAL TO DRINKING WATER RELIABILITY

Our community will depend on available stored water if an emergency, like a wildfire, earthquake, spill on the McKenzie River, or equipment failure at the filtration plant, were to disrupt supplies.

In addition to this project, EWEB is working to prepare, replace and maintain our community's water system to ensure safe, reliable water continues to flow even as critical infrastructure ages and new challenges arise.

To learn more:

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