



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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FROM: Laura Farthing, Senior Engineer; Wally McCullough, Water Engineering Supervisor;
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DATE: August 25, 2023 (Sept. 5, 2023 Board Meeting)
SUBJECT: College Hill Construction and Public Outreach Plans
OBJECTIVE: Information

Issue

Earlier this year, EWEB determined and announced that, based on recent assessments of the base-level reservoirs, College Hill will be the next reservoir to be replaced, pending completion of the replacement storage at E. 40th. This memo provides information about EWEB's plans to construct new water storage at College Hill and inform and engage neighbors and the general public.

Background

After serving Eugene for over 80 years, the 15-million-gallon (MG) College Hill Reservoir has reached the end of its useful life. It is unlikely to survive a major earthquake, resulting in Eugene losing a critical supply of safe drinking water in the event of a disaster. In addition, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requiring EWEB to rehabilitate or decommission the reservoir by the end of this year because of leaking roof joints, which creates the potential to degrade the water quality.

For reliability and resiliency, EWEB will dismantle the leaky and antiquated reservoir and replace it in the next few years with new, modern drinking water storage tanks built to withstand major earthquakes.

Beginning in 2020, EWEB informed neighbors of plans to take College Hill out of service and has spent nearly three years evaluating a demolition and construction schedule as part of larger and on-going assessments of the water system as a whole.

Replacing the College Hill Reservoir is included as a risk-based project in the Water Utility's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This work, largely driven by Master Planning efforts, has transitioned over the last five years from work at the Hayden Bridge Intakes and Filtration Plant to the base level reservoirs and transmission system.

Pending completion of the replacement storage at East 40th Ave., EWEB can move forward with the next steps in our Water System Master Plan and subsequent amendment, which aims to replace all of our base level reservoirs with new, seismically resilient storage tanks. Based on recent assessments of EWEB's base level reservoirs, staff have determined that College Hill will be the next reservoir to be replaced, with construction beginning as early as spring 2024.

At this time, EWEB anticipates that the public will continue to have access to the top of the existing reservoir at least through 2023. The new tanks, once constructed, will be fenced to prohibit access to protect drinking water quality and this critical infrastructure. Areas not used for drinking water storage and protection will remain open to the public, and EWEB will invite public input on landscaping, recreational amenities for the remaining open space, and historic mitigation.

Discussion

College Hill Reservoir, which provides water directly and indirectly to all of EWEB's customers, is part of the resilient spine in the base-level service area, meaning that it has been identified as needing to be operational through and after an earthquake. Therefore, the project impacts drinking water quality and reliability for all of Eugene, not just those customers who live near the site.

Replacing the College Hill Reservoir has been part of EWEB's Capital Plan since approval of the 2015 Water System Master Plan due to a variety of problems including:

- Resiliency & Reliability – the reservoir does not meet current seismic standards and is not expected to be functional after a major earthquake such as the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake.
- Water Quality – College Hill's roof is leaking, putting the quality of the water at increased risk of contamination. In addition, there are hydraulic issues with the filling, draining, mixing and turnover rates of these tanks that can lead to quality issues such as changes in temperature and pH and loss of chlorine residual.
- Operational – College Hill in its current configuration does not efficiently operate due to piping restrictions to the reservoir and differences in reservoir geometry.
- Regulatory – Due to the roof leaking and subsequent quality concerns, the Oregon Health Authority requires EWEB to fix College Hill or take it offline no later than the end of 2023. The site also does not meet the current construction standards for security as required by OHA.

The new water tanks at East 40th Ave. are on schedule to be filled by year-end, providing the "replacement" storage needed to take the existing College Hill reservoir out-of-service and replace it with modern storage tanks that will improve water quality and resiliency for all Eugene residents.

Construction Plans

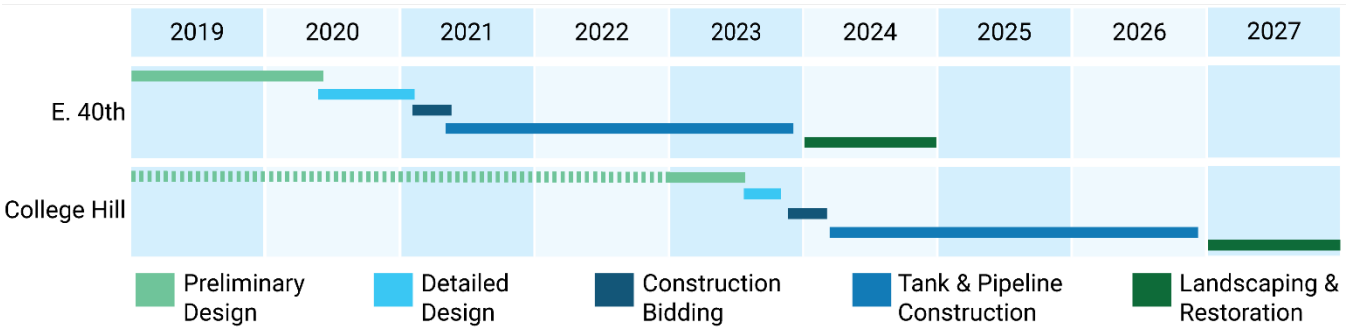
The College Hill Reservoir replacement project is part of EWEB's distributed base level water storage strategy which will replace large, outdated tanks with multiple identical smaller, modern tanks at each site. This strategy provides a seismically robust water supply, streamlines operation and maintenance costs, eliminates some of the operational challenges, allows for flexible operation of the system, and facilitates future maintenance without sacrificing storage in the system.

The existing College Hill Reservoir replacement project will replace the existing 15-mg storage tank with two new 7.5-million-gallon round prestressed concrete tanks with an overflow elevation of 607 feet and a bottom elevation to match the new E. 40th Ave Storage Tanks. Staff is currently evaluating the ideal placement of the tanks on the site, with consideration to:

- Future improvement/replacement space when the tanks reach the end of their useful lives.
- Minimizing earthwork (both excavation and backfill) and subsequent truck trips.
- Number of trees to be removed.
- Maximizing the amount of public open space to be available after construction is complete.
- Impact to nearby neighbors’ viewshed.
- Proximity to property lines.
- Construction costs.

Constructing the two new tanks will require that the existing reservoir be demolished before construction starts. Following demolition, excavation will begin, which will be followed by construction of the tanks and eventually site restoration. Additionally, a new water transmission line, new distribution piping in the vicinity of the tank, and a new storm drain will all be constructed to facilitate efficient operation of the new facilities.

The anticipated construction schedule is presented in the below figure.



Public Outreach Plans

Removing the existing College Hill Reservoir will be a highly visible project that will create big changes for the surrounding neighborhood. The 2.5-acre concrete top of the reservoir has served as a unique public space for decades. Additionally, Oregon’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) identified the facilities at the College Hill complex as historically significant, and EWEB is therefore required to take steps to mitigate the adverse effects of removing the structures (607 reservoir, pump station, and elevated steel tank).

These aesthetic, recreational, and historic interests are important to EWEB and to area neighbors. But they are not the only aspects of the College Hill replacement project. In planning the new water storage facilities, EWEB must satisfy public safety and water quality standards and consider broader customer needs and expectations, including responsible and equitable use of public funds.

Our communication efforts will take into consideration these multiple, sometimes competing interests.

With that in mind, EWEB’s public outreach and engagement plan for the College Hill project is based on the following principles:

1. Communicate early and often, using a variety of channels to collect input and raise awareness of the crucial role College Hill serves in Eugene’s water supply system, and the benefits to all customers from planned improvements.

As we listen to and consider public input about construction impacts, recreational opportunities, and historic interests, we must ensure our community also hears the story of drinking water infrastructure and EWEB’s obligations to ensure safe, reliable water for drinking, fire suppression and public health while keeping costs reasonable.

The anticipated and planned public engagement efforts include:

Project Website - Virtual hub on EWEB’s website that holds all project information, documents, events, and announcements, such as answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), and details about multiple ways to provide input.

Presentations and community events - Provide information at existing Neighborhood Association meetings, social/civic groups, and other organizations. Table at community events to inform, listen to, and engage with customers. Host tours and celebratory/educational events at College Hill.

Email Distribution List - EWEB will maintain an email distribution list to keep the public informed and send notifications about public events, surveys, draft documents, and other project updates.

Video - Long-form educational videos and short project updates shared online.

Surveys and comment forms - Online and in-person questionnaires to assess awareness and gather random samplings of opinions and input.

Public meetings - Monthly board meetings provide opportunities for public input. When the College Hill project is on the Board agenda, advance notice will be provided to interested parties.

Targeted Conversations - Informal group conversations with organizations and individuals representing diverse perspectives, including recreation organizations, equity and access organizations, and underserved community members.

Feedback/Input Summary - Ongoing documentation of comments received and if/how they are being incorporated.

Mail, flyers, newsletters, social media, and local news media outreach - A mix of print and digital communication methods to reach a diverse audience across Eugene, with project updates and engagement opportunities.

2. Engage a diverse group of customers, including those who live and play at the reservoir as well as customers who live outside the College Hill neighborhood but are impacted by the project through water rates, quality, safety, and reliability.

Equitable input that reflects the demographic diversity of EWEB customers, including underrepresented groups, is important to EWEB. We are targeting strategies that will reach and engage deeply interested audiences, including site neighbors, neighborhood associations, site users, and elected leaders and staff (EWEB and City of Eugene), as well as community members who are often underrepresented in public processes due to various participation barriers.

Examples of communities we want to involve include:

- Residents of the College Hill area
- Neighborhood associations
- Recreation groups such as Eugene Astronomical Society, Tai Chi practitioners, Eugene Roller Village, and City of Eugene Adaptive Recreation
- Historic preservation groups
- Underserved groups such as youth and young families, Spanish-speaking community members, people experiencing disabilities, low-income residents, LGBTQ community members, and residents who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color.

3. Clearly define and adhere to parameters for public input.

The safety and security of the water supply is EWEB's top priority, and keeping costs reasonable is also vitally important. Therefore, decisions that affect water quality, safety, and engineering (such as tank size, siting, elevation, and security measures) must be made by qualified EWEB staff; there is no opportunity for the public to influence these decision points.

The valuable opportunities for public input involve historic mitigation, site aesthetics and amenities. For property retained by EWEB and not used for storing and protecting drinking water, site neighbors and other residents will be invited to participate in decisions that involve:

- a. Landscape design such as trees, shrubs, berms and other vegetation features.
- b. Public amenities (outside the fenced tanks) such as paths, ground surfaces, and spaces for recreational activities.
- c. Honoring College Hill's history such as documenting the site, interpretive displays, and educational events.

Anticipated Public Outreach Timeline

EWEB will approach public outreach and participation in two phases.

Phase 1: August – December 2023 will focus on honoring the unique history of the reservoir and historic mitigation.

EWEB will host events to connect with the community about the plan for the new storage tanks and say farewell to the existing structure. Working with our consultant Historic Research Associates (HRA), EWEB will invite neighbors and other interested parties to participate in developing designs for mitigation. The

desired outcome is an Historic Mitigation Plan, which will be formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SHPO and other signatories, as appropriate.

Phase 2: Beginning spring-summer 2024 will focus on landscaping and public amenities.

EWEB will invite neighbors and other interested parties to participate in the design process for landscaping and public amenities at the site. The desired outcome is a Landscape and Recreation Plan. Once a final plan is developed, EWEB will use a bidding process to implement the plan and construct its elements. Landscaping and construction of public amenities will likely begin in 2026-2027 (after tank construction).

Requested Board Action

This item is information only and accordingly there is no requested Board action.

Attachments

1. College Hill replacement project 2023 communications activities YTD and upcoming
2. College Hill public comments received year-to-date
3. College Hill Reservoir FAQ

ATTACHMENT 1

College Hill replacement project 2023 communications activities YTD and upcoming

Project website	EWEB.org/CollegeHill
Email to interest list*	College Hill Update 4.5.2023
Email to interest list	College Hill Update 6.12.2023
Email to interest list	College Hill Reservoir Ice Cream Social Invite
Email to interest list	Recap: College Hill Ice Cream Social
EWEB newsroom	EWEB to replace aging College Hill Reservoir with new earthquake-proof storage tanks 4.5.2023
KMTR news	EWEB replacing College Hill Water Reservoir 4.5.2023
Register Guard	Earthquake-proof storage tanks to replace College Hill Reservoir 4.12.2023
KLCC	On tap: major water storage changes in Eugene 4.6.2023
Friendly Area Neighbors newsletter (1.2023) and general meeting (2.2023)	EWEB has many projects underway
Event: College Hill ice cream social**	8.17.2023
Event: Historic mitigation stakeholder and public input meetings	9.12.2023

*334 contacts and growing

**Attendance estimated at 30-40

ATTACHMENT 2

College Hill public comments received to year-to-date

Email	Dear project team, I appreciate the updates on your plans to ensure a safe water supply, including next steps for the College Hill reservoir. I also appreciate the difficulty of balancing the original purpose of the facility (water supply) with its recreational and community importance, developed over years of enjoyment by immediate neighbors and the larger Eugene community. Thank you for opening up aspects of this project to interested community members—I would very much like to be involved. We live adjacent to the property (2545 Lincoln) and the reservoir has been a part of my family’s life for nearly 20 years...dog walks, bikes, rollerblades, star gazing, etc. I will look forward to reading more about your process, and welcome hearing from you too.
Email	Hello project team, Thank you for sending the email about the College Hill reservoir construction schedule. I noticed in the KVAL coverage that Laura Farthing says "they're working with neighbors to create a space that the public can still use." I am looking forward to that process but feel as if it hasn't yet started. I live at 25th and Lawrence. So far we have had communication in the form of email about working with you on the planned landscape but has there been a community meeting that I missed? The College Hill space is used by many, many people in the community, not just the immediate vicinity. One of my neighbors described it in an email to me this morning: "Well, I'm gonna miss it. Watching the Tai Chi, little kids learning how to ride a bike, roller skaters. It won't be the same. A little worried about if it going to affect the structure of our house." Could you let me know what we can do as neighbors to be part of the planning process and get reassurance about the change that's coming? The structure is an iconic part of the neighborhood. It's WPA craftsmanship will be missed. Are there any plans to keep a remnant wall?
Email	Thank you for the update on the reservoir. Over the last several years I have offered to participate in the design considerations for any future land use or new construction. I live on Lawrence directly across the street so have an interest in both aesthetics and community use. Please continue to consider me as a community representative.
Email	I appreciate the notice and I also value the input I’ve given to and received from EWEB. I do appreciate the need for uniformity and redundancy in the overall system. That said, I was under the impression, based on the public meeting of last summer with EWEB up at the CH 607 site, that Hawkins could be rebuilt while continuing to utilize the existing Hawkins. Could be I misunderstood. But if my understanding was correct, then would it be viable to build out new HH while using old HH, repair Santa Clara and save the (drained) CH 607 structure? Switching gears, and perhaps I missed a meeting or e mails on the topic, I’m also surprised by the apparent absence of public input on this significant step. Some of the neighbors I’ve been communicating with don’t seem to have much of an understanding that anything was in play regarding CH 607, let alone its near term demolition. I’m also wondering about the historical significance / preservation of this venerable structure, whose loss will be keenly felt. Is the Board of Commissioners required to vote to finalize the proposed demolition and replacement?

Email	I cannot tell you how much I appreciate getting this “advance”/courtesy heads up. Thank you!
Social media comment	Once decommissioned, it would be really cool if people could sign up for tours of both reservoirs to see and learn how the plumbing worked a hundred years ago, and any updates since the beginning.
Social media comment	Congratulations to EWEB for the water security and resiliency project.
Social media comment	What will happen with storage tanks in Santa Clara and currently where are those located?
Social media comment	Please let the public know the exact date of closure as soon as it is determined. Many, many in the Eugene community enjoy using the College Hill Reservoir for recreation and training. Generations of community members have learned and practiced how to ride a bike, skateboard, skate, play hockey, etc. up there. It has been an amazing public resource and it would be nice to know how much longer we can count on using it. While the community will be very sad to see it go, it has been very much appreciated and I understand the need and reasoning for decommissioning.
Social media comment	Aww! I got engaged here, sad to see it go. But I totally understand the need, thanks for keeping everyone informed and for keeping our water supply safe! Follow up PM: HI! Here's my College Hill Reservoir engagement story: I grew up in Eugene and the College Hill Reservoir an important spot, especially when I was a teenager. It was a place to hang out with friends when we wanted to be somewhere that wasn't our house and wasn't school and didn't cost any money to access. In 2013, I moved back to Eugene and started dating my now-husband in 2015. I took him to the reservoir a handful of times, mostly at night to look at the stars. It also sort of became a "third place" for us--when we wanted to get out of the apartment, but didn't want to spend any money or do an activity--when we just wanted to exist somewhere together. In July 2017, after an evening at the Lane County Fair, he asked me if I wanted to stop by the Reservoir on the way home. We found a spot to sit on the cool concrete and listened to the crickets and soaked up the last of the warmth of the evening. It was totally dark when he proposed, so I couldn't see him get down on one knee, but of course I said yes! (And then I had to use my cell phone flashlight to see the ring!) He was going to propose on the ferris wheel but said that felt too risky (what if we dropped the ring?) and also not private enough for us. It was 9pm at this point but we still called our families (who knew) and a couple of our close friends. Lost of happy tears, lots of excitement. We go back there once a year on our engagement anniversary and sit in the spot where he proposed. Photo attached of us at the Reservoir in September 2017 a few months after our engagement. (I'm wearing a mask to protect against Eagle Creek Fire smoke, he's on crutches due to an ankle surgery--talk about in sickness and in health!)

Email	I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the citizenry and the insights you provide on the bigger picture. As I mull this over, a couple of things occurred to me that might be helpful. First, I am not aware of any citizen committees (not counting the Commissioners) that EWEB has, unlike the City of Eugene, which has several. These committees can provide perspective to the utility, but also bring more of the utility’s concerns to the public. A committee on overall water storage and system operation would be a plus, in my opinion. Second, an FAQ on the Water Storage, or other projects would be instructive to the web page viewing public. I applaud the “Six Things You Should Know” on the current site. Adding an FAQ for more specific questions that you anticipate may be forthcoming could be useful.
Comment Card	No comment - make sure email is in mailing list.
Comment Card	More info = better
Comment Card	Please Keep me in the loop
Comment Card	Would be good to warn downhill neighbors about risks of cracked tank should that happen in its final year of operation. Coastal communities have tsunami evacuation signs, so downhill neighbors deserve similar notice. Would also be nice for EWEB to withdraw support for more nuclear waste tanks given that existing tanks at Hanford are leaking waste into groundwater and Columbia River.
Comment Card	Lots of noise I imagine
Comment Card	Construction access and noise; blasting?; siting of new tanks; landscaping; dust mitigation; soil stability on Lawrence side.
Comment Card	Save the pavers - don't throw away; public use
Comment Card	Let us tour the reservoir before it's torn down
Comment Card	SAD
Comment Card	My house backs up to the old reservoir and I appreciate having usable green space. I would like to see better lighting to discourage graffiti, vandalism, etc. I also think it would be nice to consider a dog park! We also love roller skating so paved paths would be accessible and fun.
Comment Card	College Hill is a geographic high point separating various parts of the Friendly neighborhood. The FAN emergency response team ("Ready Friendly") uses the existing reservoir surface for our radio communications base, connecting teams around FAN with the City of Eugene emergency response center. It would be great to have access to a paved surface near the top of the hill after the project (as a minimum) "nice to have" - access to emergency power, a pole or tower with GMRS and Ham antennas, and a storage locker for emergency supplies, accessible to the FAN team. Thanks!

Comment Card	I am saddened by the loss of such a unique and well utilized concrete space for roller sports and recreation. I will eagerly await to hear about plans for some sort of future replacement. Hundreds of wheeled Eugenians will thank you!
Comment Card	We have used the reservoir since 2011 - biking, walking, rollerskating, meet ups with friends. I hope it can be a park-like atmosphere in 2027.
Comment Card	Please keep it as accessible green space as possible and figure a way to integrate tanks to have connectors for a pad for people to continue to be able to BE ON. Love the Tai Chi group and I do exercise on the pad as well - thank you.
Comment Card	I would love for EWEB to preserve a space for bikes, skates, rollerblades, etc. to be able to recreate in the area. This reservoir is an important community asset (and I understand it must be demolished) but it would be wonderful if another flat area could be reserved for us.
Comment Card	Got a lot of info about the project and the plan for the new tanks. As a roller skater, who has used this space for the past 2 yrs, I would love to see a new space incorporated for us skaters to go. I would love to see a flat covered space or even a small skate park for all types of wheels. I know this neighborhood would really appreciate a new space for activities. Thanks!
Comment Card	I would like to see a new recreation space of smooth flat concrete to replace the old, somewhere for rollerskating, dance performances, frisbee, skate boarding, etc. Also, if possible, it would be fantastic if the space had a roof to make it usable during the rainy months. Thanks!
Comment Card	Ensure integration of new tanks with essential current recreational uses. Mitigate view of industrial nature of new facility. Hard and soft scape uses are important but hardscape most unique and special to neighborhood functions.
Comment Card	1) Do fence outside street ROW; 2) Protect large trees; 3) Post project graphics when available; 4) It will be great to update tanks for the next 100 yrs!
Comment Card	It would be amazing if part of the park can remain open these next few years. Would love to preserve a view while accessing the park. Would love to still have a big open concrete space. So many of us use this for recreation - star gazing, tai chi, yoga, so many kids have learned how to ride their bikes here, community gathering.
Comment Card	I use both the North & South grass areas as well as walk by the East side of the reservoir on a regular basis. I hope that there will be public natural spaces/grass, etc. for the people to use, spend time in, walk through, etc.
Email	In regards to where the old [elevated tank] is, I can see that becoming a place for contemplation and meditation or even tai chi or yoga. The neighborhood will be loosing a lot of useable space. In particular, seniors benefit health wise from their tai chi. This would not be very expensive, perhaps a few benches and a grassy area.

Email	<p>This reservoir is a unique, informal hardscape. 1) The view here is spectacular, providing an escape from “urban” life. I have often felt relief visiting the reservoir. 2) The informal nature of this “hardscape” was wonderfully approachable to my daughter. She used the space to learn to ride a bike, roller-skate, drive remote control toys and various similar activities. Our daughter was otherwise intimidated by conventional hardscapes like basketball and tennis courts that are relatively endemic. This “informal hardscape” coupled with the spectacular view made the reservoir a valuable resource. 3) Astronomic opportunity speaks for itself. Hopefully, the renovation will incorporate access to the sunset and other vistas, while providing some similar “urban relief” and recreation. Thanks for your consideration.</p>
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ATTACHMENT 3

College Hill Reservoir FAQ

What would happen to College Hill in an earthquake today and will the new water tanks be built to withstand a Cascadia level event?

The current facility was built without any consideration of seismic events and we can't say for sure what will happen, but it would likely fail to hold water under any significant earthquake event. The new tanks will be built to the highest level of resiliency to withstand and provide drinking water after a major earthquake.

Why can't EWEB repair the tank?

The 80-year-old structure would require significant retrofitting and expensive maintenance to protect the drinking water inside. Even after these investments, the tanks would still be vulnerable to earthquake damage.

Is there any way to drain the tank and leave it in place?

No. Our community needs the stored water at College Hill to meet demand and ensure there is sufficient pressure in the system for firefighting and other public uses. To ensure everyone in Eugene has safe, reliable water, the existing tanks must be replaced with new storage.

Can we build replacement storage somewhere else?

No. College Hill is part of a network of tanks that must be at exactly 607 feet in elevation for Eugene's gravity-fed water system to function. Vacant property at the right elevation is nearly impossible to acquire and it would not be practical or a responsible use of customer dollars to abandon College Hill.

Where will the new tanks be located and what will they look like?

This will be determined during the engineering planning process. Our hope is that the tanks can be located mostly within the footprint of the existing reservoirs on the site with about the same amount of the tank visible above ground as the existing structure. EWEB will provide architectural renderings to help show what the site will look like with the new tanks in place.

Will the public be able to use the surface of the new tank(s)?

No. Contemporary public health standards require that drinking water facilities need to be secure to protect water quality. The new tanks will have decorative fencing/landscaping around the perimeter.

Will the public be able to use other areas of the site?

Yes. We plan to maintain open public space at College Hill.

Can I provide ideas and suggestions for public uses of the site?

Yes. However, decisions that affect water quality, safety, and engineering (such as tank size, siting, elevation, and security measures) must be made by qualified staff to comply with regulations.

The valuable opportunities for public input involve site aesthetics and amenities. For property retained by EWEB and not used for storing and protecting drinking water, site neighbors and other residents will be invited to participate in decisions that involve:

- Historic mitigation to memorialize the reservoir’s role in Eugene’s history
- Landscape design - earth, rock, water and vegetation features
- Public amenities (outside the fenced tanks) - interpretive displays, recreational features

The public participation process will start in 2023. Opportunities for public input will be widely advertised on EWEB’s website, through neighborhood association newsletters, email communications, and other channels.

What is the timeline for construction?

We plan to take College Hill out of service by the end of 2023 (permanently drain the water), per OHA requirement, pending completion of the replacement storage at East 40th. But EWEB has not yet determined a demolition and construction schedule for the College Hill tank, but we anticipate construction activity could begin in 2024.

Will there be blasting or explosives used as part of the earthwork?

Blasting is allowable as part of a project like this but comes with a lot of additional safety precautions like who can perform the work, vibration monitoring, etc. We won’t know if blasting will be utilized until final design is complete and a contractor is awarded. If blasting is utilized, EWEB will follow all local guidelines and work with nearby neighbors regarding impacts.

What about the site’s historic significance?

The facilities at the College Hill Reservoir are identified as historically significant. EWEB is working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and a consultant to meet SHPO’s recommendations to honor the historic nature of the site after the reservoir and elevate tank are removed.

The public will be invited to provide input historic preservation opportunities at this site, such as interpretive signage. We plan to begin inviting formal and informal input on historic mitigation measures in mid-2023. We will launch an online comment form, collect input at community events, and issue a community-wide survey to ask the public to ideate and comment on potential historic mitigation measures.

What is the status of the elevated tank to the South?

The elevated tank is not in use and was disconnected from the water distribution system several years ago – the few dozen residents that were served from that tank are now served from a different area of our system. EWEB's intent is to remove the structure in the near future although specifics on timing and site use following tank removal have not been finalized. We will communicate our plans and opportunities for public input on final site use well ahead of any work occurring.

How much will the College Hill project cost and how will it be funded?

EWEB has budgeted \$30M for the College Hill replacement project and funding will include a combination of rate increases, reserve spending, and debt—borrowing and/or bonds. Ultimately, the cost to replace College Hill Reservoir is paid by EWEB customers through rates, which is why it is important for EWEB to take an efficient and financially-responsible approach to the design and execution of the project.

How can I stay up-to-date on project news?

Visit our website eweb.org/CollegeHill. From there you can join our project email list.