Q&A Themes from Jan. 30, 2020 Neighbor Meeting

AESTHETICS OF THE NEW TANK (e.g. What will the new facility look like from our homes? How will the tanks be screened?)

EWEB will provide architectural renderings to help show what the site will likely look like with the new tank in place. In general, the new tank will be similar in height to the existing large, rectangular tank. It will be round, concrete, 200-250 feet in diameter and surrounded by decorative fencing. The tank will be partially buried and vegetative screening will be used to visually obscure the facility. The existing tank at 52nd & Willamette is a good example of what the new College Hill tank will look like (although College Hill will be larger).

PUBLIC GREENSPACE (e.g. Is it possible to maintain hilltop/sunset views and some flat space? What kind of lighting will be installed?)

Design of the open space has not yet begun - where and how much flat area and other features like plantings, pathways and lighting is open for community input. EWEB intends to work with stakeholders to design a space that fits the neighborhood and aligns with broader community needs, such as responsible use of funds, safety and ease of maintenance.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS (e.g. Where will equipment be staged? Will there be road closures? What safety measures will be in place? What about noise and dust control?)

Safety is our priority, especially during construction. The plan is to keep all equipment on-site and a construction fence will surround the entire site to the sidewalk. EWEB will develop and share with neighbors a Construction Mitigation Plan that outlines strategies for noise management, dust control, neighborhood safety, and other construction impacts. There may be periodic flaggers on-site and/or partial street closures, but most work will be contained to the EWEB property.

TREES (e.g. Will existing trees be removed?)

Some trees will need to be removed. However, EWEB will try to save as many trees as possible and will replant based on a community-inspired landscape design.

PLANS FOR THE EXISTING TANK (e.g. Is there any way to leave the existing tank in place? Or just remove half of it?)

EWEB is still assessing options, but it is very likely that the existing rectangular tank will need to come out to make room for construction equipment on the site. There are numerous variables in play at this early planning stage, including ensuring we have ample water storage in our system as new tanks are being built, as well concerns about the structural integrity of the 1939 tank with nearby heavy construction. More information will be available later this spring/summer, but in all scenarios, the entire College Hill tank is eventually removed. It is not in the best interest of all customers to invest on-going funds in maintaining a structure that is not needed for storing and delivering water.

PLANS FOR ELEVATED TANK PROPERTY (e.g. Will the elevated tank be removed? Is it possible to create a park on that property?)

The elevated tank is no longer in service but will remain in place at least until the lease on the cell antenna expires in 2024. As that time approaches, EWEB will determine future possible uses for the property.