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Re: Witter Field Renovation Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued patience with the Witter Field renovation project.

Starting Monday, 8/14, EBMUD will be mobilizing crew, equipment and trucks to Witter Field, which will delay work on the storm drain piping for about 10 days.

This message provides an update on anticipated parking restrictions and other impacts for the beginning of August, as well as an update on the Witter Field drainage calculations. I have also attached the updated 3-week look ahead project schedule from Bothman Construction dated 8/10/23 and progress photos showing some of the work going on at the site.

Unanticipated EBMUD work on the existing 54" Aqueduct

EBMUD will be excavating around the 54" aqueduct which is approximately 18' deep. Excavation spoils will need to be off hauled and shoring put in place before work can begin. EBMUD will be inspecting the condition of the aqueduct and then installing an Electronic Testing Station (ETS). The ETS station monitors corrosion. EBMUD will also be welding anodes to the aqueduct to provide corrosion control, extending the life expectancy of the line.

This work is separate from the repair being made to the line on the corner of Magnolia Ave and El Cerrito. The work on Magnolia Ave prompted the EBMUD maintenance crew to undertake the corrosion control work while the Witter Field was under construction.

Work in Progress

The EBMUD work has delayed the Bothman's start of the storm drain piping within the field. We are hoping the work can resume on the field on Monday, 8/28. We will be sure to keep the community apprised as to how the overall schedule has been affected. As of today, Bothman is still planning on finished all work and reopening the field no later than December, 1st, 2023.

Bothman continues to layout and grade for the field storm drain piping, structures and underground infrastructure. All of the existing pea gravel (to be reused) has been moved to the center of the field so the deep storm drain piping can be installed around the perimeter of the field. (as soon as the EBMUD work is complete)

The Witter Field House walkway base rock placement, grading and compaction is almost complete. The Concrete for the trench drains (1-2 trucks) is scheduled for next Friday, 8/18. The concrete walkway is now scheduled to be poured on Friday, 8/25. (5-7 trucks)

Parking Restrictions

Because of the EBMUD work next week, parking restrictions will be put back into place on Palm Drive starting, Monday, 8/14, 8am. Bothman will place the no parking signs back onto the sidewalks on Palm later this afternoon.

Parking restrictions will still remain in place on Winsor and Park View at least through Friday, 8/18/23.

Parking restrictions still remain in place on both the El Cerrito/Jerome Ave and the Palm Dr/Winsor Ave neighborhoods remain in place at least through Friday, 8/25/23.

The Jerome and El Cerrito restrictions are necessary to ensure that the contractor is able to access the site for regular equipment and material deliveries including piping, base rock, rebar and concrete, while maintaining neighborhood access for emergency responders.

Winsor driveway gate closure

For your safety, the pedestrian access gate on the Winsor Avenue driveway, which many residents use to access the Piedmont Park off-leash dog area will be closed during working hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4pm. The gate will be locked and chained during these periods. Please respect this closure, as construction activity on the driveway could pose a safety hazard to pedestrians and dogs.

We will keep the gate open for pedestrian access to the off-leash dog area outside of working hours and on weekends. Please email me if you find the gate chained outside of designated working hours.

Drainage Calculations

Several residents have inquired about potential impacts that the project will have on storm runoff.

The District's consultant, Verde Design, continues to work with the City Engineer on drainage calculations to demonstrate pre- and post-project storm water flows. Once this work is complete, I will provide a letter to the community summarizing the net impacts that the Witter Field renovation project will have on the existing storm drain system. The City reviewed drainage calc's should be completed and available to the public no later than Friday, 8/18.

Updates and Contact Information

The District remains committed to providing regular updates to the community regarding the Witter Field renovation. We understand that construction is inconvenient and disruptive, and appreciate your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation as we complete this important project.

I will provide another update on construction activity and parking restrictions for the remainder of August no later than Thursday, August 10th, 2023. All updates will continue to be posted on the PUSD website at <https://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/ref/facilities/witter-field-renovation>.

I remain the point of contact for questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us or by phone at (510) 594-2877.

Regards,
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