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## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Friday, August 25th, 2023**

Re: Witter Field Renovation Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

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

This message provides an update on anticipated parking restrictions and other impacts for the end of August and the beginning of September, as well as an update on the Witter Field drainage calculations, which were revised, completed and then approved by the City today, Fri 8/25. I have attached the updated 3-week look ahead project schedule from Bothman Construction dated 8/24/23 and progress photos showing some of the work going on at the site.

### **Unanticipated EBMUD work on the existing 54" Aqueduct**

EBMUD finished their work on the aqueduct and will return to connect the monitoring station wires once Bothman finishes the underground storm piping. No other EBMUD work is anticipated within the Witter Field project.

### **Work in Progress**

As stated in the last update, the EBMUD work delayed Bothman's start of the storm drain piping within the field. As of today, Bothman is now scheduled to have the storm drain piping crew on site no later than Tuesday, 9/2 (after the labor day holiday). We will keep the community apprised as to how the overall schedule has been affected. At this point in time, Bothman is still planning on completing all work and reopening the field no later than December, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The Witter Field House walkway work has been ongoing. The Concrete for the trench drain installation (1-2 trucks) occurred this morning, 8/25. The concrete walkway is now scheduled to be poured on Friday, 9/8. (5-7 trucks)

### **Parking Restrictions**

***Parking restrictions on Palm Dr will remain lifted through the Labor Day holiday, Monday, 9/4***

Parking restrictions will still remain in place on Winsor and Park View. (not in effect Monday, 9/4)

Parking restrictions still remain in place on both the El Cerrito/Jerome Ave and the Palm Dr/Winsor Ave neighborhoods remain in place. (not in effect Monday, 9/4)

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, has been working with the City Engineer on updating the Witter Field drainage calculations, pre- and post-project storm water flows. The updated calculations were completed and the City approved the Verde stormwater management report dated 8/24/23 and issued a Storm Drain Connection encroachment permit today, Fri 8/25.

(refer to the attached 54 pg City approved encroachment permit dated 8/25/23-the stormwater report is attached to the permit)

Per the City's request, PUSD has reduced the peak flow rate for the Witter Field area by approximately 20%, largely by detaining the water in storm events in the subsurface piping and rock drainage profile.

### **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 in approximately two weeks, no later than Friday, 9/8. 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](mailto:ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us) or by phone at (510) 594-2877.

Regards,  
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