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Highland Reservoir Construction Moving Forward

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Crews working on the partially completed Highland Reservoir last week. Photo C. Tyson

It's a new reservoir on reservoir property, although it looks like the world's largest cake pan. Tucked back in the trees and off to the side of the Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area is the partially finished Highland Reservoir Project. Workers are making steady progress on the new reservoir to increase water supply and stabilize service pressure for water customers in Lafayette and beyond.

The massive 2.7 million gallon storage tank will connect to the Lafayette Water Treatment Plant across Mt. Diablo Boulevard. For those who want a closer look, the best place to start is to scan the west side of property from the parking lot and head for the big crane on the hill accessible via the rim trail. Hint - it begins at the fish cleaning table to the right of the parking lot bathrooms.

"The project is going very well" said Nora Harlow of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. "The walls and roof are on target to be complete in mid-May." Work still needs to be done on the electrical, valves and the pipes that will connect to the treatment plant. The project is expected to be complete in November of this year.

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