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New Lafayette parking lot promised by end of summer

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Demolition will soon begin on the old pumping plant next to Ace Hardware to make space for a new parking lot. Photo Pippa Fisher

The long-awaited and much-needed new parking lot on the east end of Lafayette is getting closer as the East Bay Municipal Utility District moves onto the next phase of work - the demolition of the old plant.

Now that the new Diablo Vista pumping plant located at the southwest corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Mt. Diablo Court is up and running, serving Lafayette, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, the time has come to demolish the old plant next to Ace Hardware at 3305 Mt. Diablo Blvd. to make way for a new car park.

Construction of the newly completed 16 million gallon per day facility included extending a 30-inch waterline up Mt. Diablo Boulevard. The new plant replaces the original 60-year-old plant, which had a capacity of only 12 million gallons per day and whose pumps were unreliable and inefficient.

EBMUD Senior Public Information Representative Jenesse Miller said that demolition of the old plant should be completed by midsummer. The utility company anticipates that the new parking lot will be in place by the end of summer 2018. Permanent paving in front of the new parking area will take place following the parking lot's completion.

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