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Long-awaited parking lot's official opening in East End of Lafayette

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City Council Members were joined by members of the Chamber of Commerce and members of the East End Coalition for the ribbon cutting ceremony to declare the new parking lot open May 13. Photo Pippa Fisher

It's been four years in the making and it's close to one year late but a small group of officials from the city of Lafayette, the Chamber of Commerce and members of the East End Coalition turned out to watch Mayor Mike Anderson cut the ribbon on the official opening of the East End Parking Lot on May 13.

Anderson declared the small lot open, saying "The city of Lafayette owes a great debt of gratitude to EBMUD Director John Coleman and General Manager Alex Coate for their flexibility and willingness to make these improvements a part of their pump relocation project," adding, "These additional parking spaces will be well used and much appreciated by the residents of Lafayette."

Anderson also expressed gratitude for the support of the East End Coalition.

The parking lot, comprised of 15 spaces plus one van-accessible handicap space, is located next to Ace Hardware at 3311 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The lot was constructed as part of a land exchange agreement between the city and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which has put up a brand new water pumping facility on the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Mt. Diablo Court next to Blodgett's Abbey Carpet and Flooring.

The public parking spaces have meters, which will be operational from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The small area complies with the latest storm water pollution prevention standards and Lafayette's clean water program by incorporating a bioretention facility that treats runoff, removing potential contaminants that enter the creeks, streams and, ultimately, the Bay.

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