



Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project Community Engagement Workshop



Thursday, May 1, 2025, 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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Welcome!



Workshop Agenda

1. Housekeeping
2. Team Introductions
3. Presentation – 15 min
4. Open House

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Housekeeping



Registration Table
Restrooms
Refreshments
Trash



Spanish Translation – Mathew Rojas

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Introductions






**City Council, Water Commission, and
CAO Kelly McAdoo**




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Introductions


Project Team – Public Works Department




Water Resources


Joshua Haggmark – Water Resources Manager

Matt Ward – Water System Manager








Kelly Bourque – Senior Project Engineer & Vic Trace Project Manager


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Introductions


Project Team – Public Works Department




Engineering

Philip Maldonado – Acting Principal Engineer

Ashleigh Sizoo – Acting City Engineer







Public Works Outreach

Lauren Bennett – Outreach Coordinator

Mathew Rojas – Spanish Interpreter (Project Engineer)



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Introductions

Project Consultants



Designer:
Kennedy Jenks



Outreach:
Katz & Associates



Environmental:
Rincon Consultants

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Introductions

City Collaborators



**Information
Technology**



**Parks &
Recreation**




**Fire
Department**





**Sustainability &
Resilience**

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Goals for Tonight's Workshop

1. Share Project Information
2. Hear your Initial Feedback, Questions and Concerns
3. Get in Touch and Make Connections
4. Be Transparent and Earn Your Trust


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WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM



From Sierra Nevada & San Francisco Bay Delta

State Water Project

Lake Cachuma

Gibraltar Reservoir

Santa Ynez River

Mission Tunnel Infiltration

Tecolote Tunnel

Lauro Reservoir

Cater Water Treatment Plant

Vic Trace Reservoir

Desalination



Recycled Water

Groundwater


El Estero Water Resource Center


To Montecito Water District and Santa Ynez Valley Water District

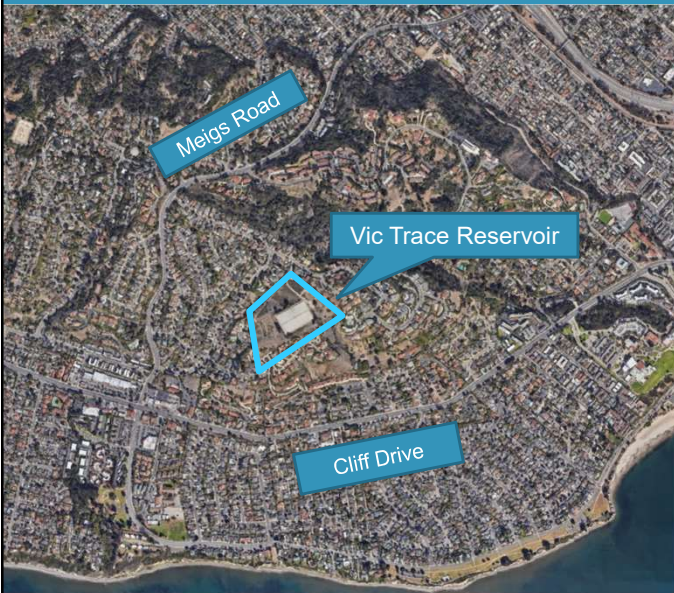
Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant

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What is Vic Trace Reservoir?



- Located on the Mesa
- Built in 1956 – 70 years old
- Critical storage facility
- Stores 10 million gallons of treated drinking water
- Serves 60,000 people or 70% of the City: Downtown, Westside, and Mesa neighborhoods

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Existing Site Conditions

La Coronilla Entrance

View from Dolores Drive

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VIC TRACE RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Project Objectives

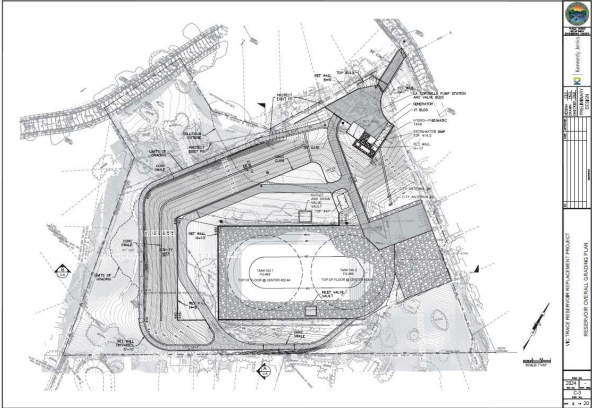
- Replace aging infrastructure
- Minimize costly repair needs
- Address seismic risk
- Maintain water quality
- Enhance stormwater capture
- Tighten site security
- Increase resiliency

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Work to Date



- Site visits
- Studies:
 - Seismic & Geotech
 - Biology & Cultural Resources
 - Construction Traffic
- Hydraulic modeling
- Funding research
- Cost estimates
- Interviews
- Strategic Communications Plan

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Current Design – 15% Plans

- Replace existing above ground tank with two buried tanks
- Restore safer access roads
- Replace two buildings
- Modernize and consolidate City Radio Equipment (Police & Fire)
- Install new fire and drought-resistant landscaping and drainage
- Install new fencing and enhance security measures
- Relocate and replace nearby aging pipelines and valves

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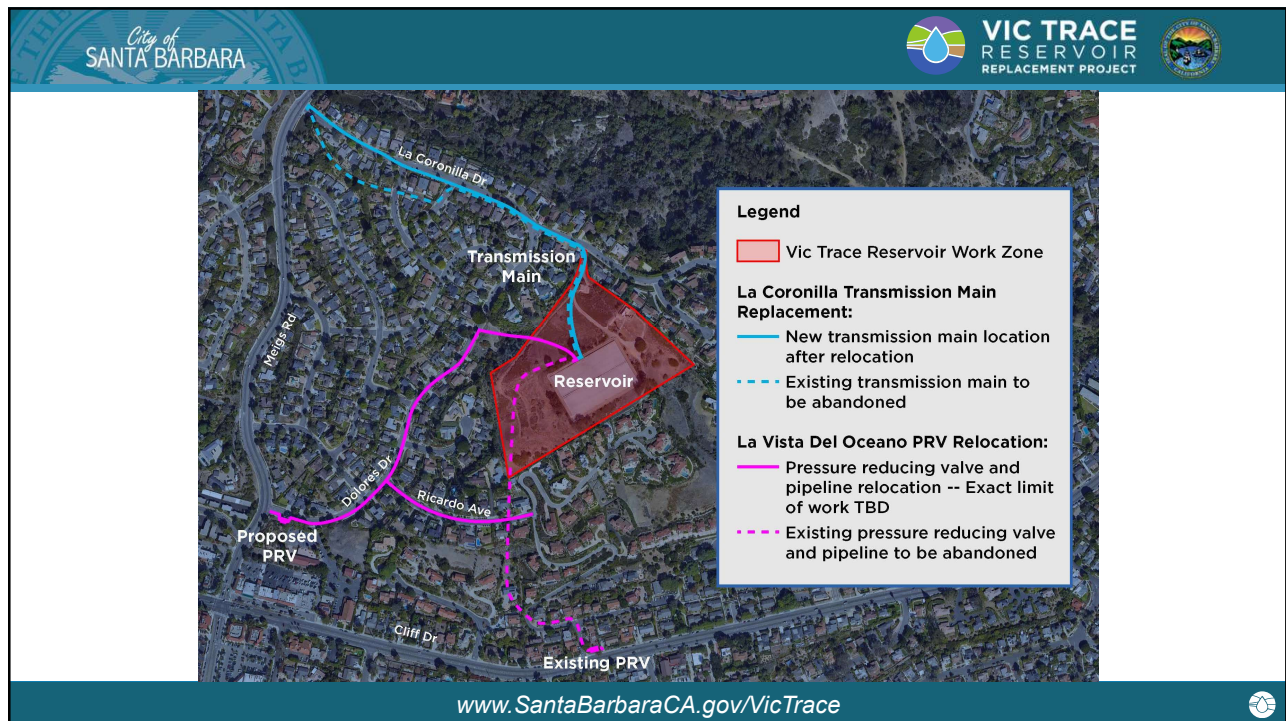
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Project Benefits

- ✓ Seismic Updates
- ✓ Site Improvements
- ✓ Safety and Security
- ✓ Resilience

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Project Timeline

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    2024((2024)) --- 2025((2025))
    2025 --- 2026((2026))
    2026 --- 2027((2027))
    2027 --- 2028((2028))
    2028 --- 2031((2031))
    
    2024 --- EIR[Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process Begins (CEQA)  
January 2025]
    2025 --- Design[Design Started  
Summer 2025]
    2025 --- EIR_2026[EIR Outreach  
Winter 2026  
Meetings TBD]
    2026 --- Design_2026[Design Phase Community Engagement Workshops  
May 1, 2025  
May 7, 2025 (virtual)]
    2026 --- EIR_2027[EIR and Land Use Permitting Completed  
Spring 2027]
    2027 --- Design_2027[Design Progress Community Engagement Workshops  
Summer 2026  
Meetings TBD]
    2027 --- Preconstruction[Preconstruction Outreach  
Winter 2027]
    2028 --- Anticipated_Start[Anticipated Construction Start  
Spring 2028]
    2031 --- Anticipated_Completion[Anticipated Construction Completion  
2031]
    2031 --- Outreach[Outreach Throughout Construction  
2028-2031]
  
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Construction Impacts




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Funding & Budget

Activity	Current Estimate
Design	\$5M
Outreach	\$1M
Environmental/CEQA	\$1M
Construction	\$113M
TOTAL	\$129 million

Continuing to research grants, low-interest loans and bond measures.

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Community Engagement




- Today's feedback will help inform future project plans
- Future Public Meetings:
 - Environmental Permitting
 - City Land Use Permitting
 - Water Commission
- Future Community Meetings:
 - Many!



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Community Feedback to Date




Transparency & Access To Information
Funding & Rate Impacts
Construction Impacts
Sustainable Features

TODAY: Please continue to provide us feedback!

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Open House

- Start at any station
- Each station staffed by a project team member
- Please use comment cards to provide written feedback
 - Written comments will be compiled after the meeting
 - Please give your comment cards to staff or in the designated box at table
- Spanish translation services are available

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