

Santa Ynez Reservoir Floating Cover Replacement Project



Construction Update – March 4, 2026

LADWP is replacing the floating cover on the Santa Ynez Reservoir, which stores drinking water for the Pacific Palisades and must remain covered to meet drinking water regulations. The current cover, installed 15 years ago with an area spanning about 10 acres, has sustained damage over time and is vulnerable to further deterioration. While emergency repairs restored normal operations, installing a new cover now will help prevent an unplanned outage and ensure continued water quality.

There will be no planned interruption of water service during the project. LADWP will continue supplying water to the Pacific Palisades through the Westgate Main Water Pipeline while the **Santa Ynez Reservoir** is offline.

What to Expect

- Reservoir Draining is ongoing and is expected to be completed by **March 28**. During this time, residents may notice increased water flow in the creek.
- Material Deliveries Begin the week of **March 9**: Deliveries for the project will start arriving on LADWP property.
- Equipment Mobilization (Week of **March 23**): Trailers and equipment will begin moving on-site in preparation for construction.
- After draining is complete, construction crews will remove the current cover and then begin installing the new cover.
- Construction is expected to be completed, and the reservoir back in service, by **December 2026**.

In the event of an emergency, LADWP is prepared to maintain water service through added contingencies including:

- Having hoses and connections readily available to be installed on Sunset Boulevard in the event of a service disruption to the Westgate Water Pipeline.
- Deploying six miles of hose with booster pumps to move water from Corbin Tank to Temescal Tank if there is a service disruption.
- Positioning emergency generators in the Pacific Palisades to keep critical water equipment operating in the event of a power outage.
- Increasing brush clearing around LADWP facilities to reduce fire risk adjacent to critical water facilities.
- Stationing water tankers in the community and at Stone Canyon Reservoir for additional water supply during construction.
- Ensuring aerial firefighting water sources remain available, including the Santa Ynez hydrant, Palisades Reservoir cistern, and additional supplies at the Encino and Stone Canyon open-air reservoirs.

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