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San Jose Water drinks in successful tank replacement

First of two new tanks now in service at Cambrian Station



This photo shows the excavation of Cambrian Reservoir in 1916. San Jose Water has placed the first of two planned 8 million gallon pre-stressed concrete water storage tanks into service at its Cambrian Station, replacing tanks built in 1890 and 1921. (Photo courtesy of John Gordon)



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Tanks a lot

San Jose Water has placed the first of two planned 8-million-gallon pre-stressed concrete water storage tanks into service at its Cambrian Station, following approval from the California Division of Drinking Water. The second tank is under construction and planned for completion in 2027.

The new tanks replace two aging earthen embankment reservoirs: one built in 1890 that held 12.1 million gallons and one built in 1921 that held 3.9 million gallons.

"This project represents a significant investment in long-term reliability, seismic resilience and cost-effective service," said Tanya Moniz-Witten, president of San Jose Water.

The Cambrian Reservoir Replacement Project is also designed to strengthen system redundancy and boost fire-flow capabilities.

The Cambrian Zone was the first pressurized water zone in San Jose and today serves approximately 225,000 people across the North Valley, Las Plumas, Rosemary Gardens, Northside, Japantown, Rose Garden and downtown San Jose.

Neighborhood Notes

WILLOW GLEN>>Concertmaster Liana Bérubé will lead the San José Chamber Orchestra Strings in a spring-inspired program on March 22.

The program includes Max Richter's "Spring from Vivaldi Recomposed," Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending," Grieg's "Holberg Suite" and a new commission by local composer Michael Touchi.

"As the concert is just a couple days after the spring equinox, I planned the music around the energy of springtime – hope, joy, and renewal – which also have a natural connection to the start of the bird migration season," Bérubé says. "Each of the pieces we are presenting shows a different facet of this energy, from a cacophony of birdsong in "Vivaldi Recomposed" to gentle zephyrs in "The Lark Ascending" to the rollicking buoyancy of the "Holberg Suite."

The concert is at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave. Tickets are \$20-\$85 at <https://sjco.org>, 408-295-4416 or at the door.

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