

# Simms Reservoir Erosion Control Project

## Due to Begin in August 2022



*View of the Simms Reservoir facing southeast from Embudito trailhead parking lot*

**T**he Simms Reservoir provides 7 million gallons of potable water for distribution to customers in northeast Albuquerque.

Simms Reservoir is buried in the foothills adjacent to the Embudito trailhead blending into its surroundings. The goal of this project is to remedy ongoing water erosion which has exposed the concrete reservoir lid.

The installed erosion control measures are not intended to be used as a walking path. Installed materials may pose a tripping hazard.

**Construction is expected to occur  
August 2022 through September 2022**

**Subject to change**

## What the Community Can Expect

**T**he new erosion control measures will provide a different path for water to flow off the top of the reservoir and slow down its speeds. These improvements will maintain the safety of this water resource from environmental damages.

**Change to surrounding landscaping:** The erosion control measures will utilize rock and railroad ties to provide a path to slow down water runoff. Changes will be kept to eroded portions of the reservoir while the remainder is left to its current natural state. This project will not impact existing trails.

**Vegetation and environmental impacts:** Contractors will be guided to minimize impacts to existing vegetation south of the parking lot. Once construction is over, contractors will reseed the area with a native seed mix to allow for a reestablishment of native species. There will be no other environmental impacts.

**No change to surrounding water pathways:** Water pathways will remain the same. The purpose of the erosion control is to lower water speeds, thus reducing erosion.

**Noise during construction:** The contractors will be utilizing heavy equipment for transportation and installation of material. Working hours will be kept to trailhead hours. Exact times and dates are still to be determined.

**Minimal traffic impacts during construction:** With cooperation from CABQ Open Space, proposed work will occupy the southern most parking spaces for construction crews to navigate material to the reservoir. There will be no impacts to the trailhead.

**Open communications:** Should any issues arise, please call Project Manager Raymond Sandoval at 505-289-3267 or Communications Specialist Rachel Stone at 505-289-3071.