LOIS - BARGES ON LAKewood BAY

ANCHOR BARGE ALSO ENTERS MAIN LAKE

Strolling along the Headlee Walkway on your way to the Farmers’ Market Saturday, you’ll notice three barges in Lakewood Bay. Over the next few months, these flat bottom boats will be home base for an operation to stabilize and rehabilitate two manholes in the Bay as part of the LOIS Project.

Several manholes in the lake have been identified as vulnerable in an earthquake and in need of repair. The largest barge in the Bay contains a drill, water filtration equipment and grout materials needed to strengthen the manholes. A materials barge and service barge will support the drilling operation.

Other activity on the Lake in July includes outfitting the large ground anchor barge at Alder Point. This floating “hamlet” will be setting the ground anchors for the buoyant portion of the LOIS system. In late June, it moved into the lake to begin the ground anchor operation. It contains two drills, construction materials, an office and a filtration system to clean any water, drilling fluids and sediment from the operation.

Additional barges containing cranes, drills and pile drivers will be under construction soon for later phases of the work, including trestle construction at the McVey staging site and pile installation in the west end and at near-shore locations.

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