Silver Lake Historic Cultural Monument Document #422

1. Silver Lake Historic Cultural Monument Declaration (10 pages)
REQUEST FOR HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT DECLARATION

NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES: Silverlake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs
LOCATION: between West Silver Lake Drive and Silver Lake Boulevard
(Cross Streets) Armstrong on the north

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT NO. 13

OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS: City of Los Angeles - Dept. of Water and Power

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED MONUMENT: 1906

ARCHITECT: William Mulholland

DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: Occupying 76.6 acres of former marshland, the reservoir has been expanded over the years to a capacity of 2,324 acre feet. Fifty million gallons of water are provided to the city each day. The reservoir was expanded and earthquake proofed in various renovations, the first in 1945, and the latest in 1975. The dam was reconstructed in 1976.

DESCRIPTION HISTORIC-CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE AS IT PERTAINS TO SEC. 22.130 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: (If necessary, attach a sheet) attached


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Silverlake Reservoir Historic-Cultural Monument Application
Researched by Diane Kanner

In 1906, a year before the Owens River Aqueduct was completed, William Mulholland prepared a report on another of his aquatic achievements.

"The reservoir at Ivanhoe was completed and put into commission last May," he wrote to the Los Angeles Board of Water Commissioners of a new project in Ivanhoe Canyon, above Sunset Boulevard. "The larger reservoir at Ivanhoe is now under construction, and it is expected we will be able to put some surplus water into it during the early spring months."

While Mulholland himself designed the reservoirs and dam, he named the larger of the two "Silver Lake" in honor of Water Commissioner Harry Silver. According to a story that fall in the Los Angeles Times, Mullholland suffered sleepless nights, awaiting the completion of the aqueduct.

"The problem of keeping the water supply of the City of Los Angeles up to the requirements of the rapidly-increasing population and providing a reserve sufficient to avert a serious shortage before the Owens River aqueduct is completed is a difficult one," it said in the Times.

The capacity of the two reservoirs was 767 million gallons, enough water to supply the city for 20 days. The Times called it "an important addition to the city water system." Previously the area had been marshland, dotted with bulrushes and populated by red-winged blackbirds. Now there was a body of water 47-feet deep.

"This great body of water will give a stability to our supply not alone by adding the amount of its contents," Mulholland wrote, "but in regulating the flow (which will) enable the works to meet any unusual demand caused by extensive conflagrations or other disastrous occurrence."

The reservoir has been reconfigured in subsequent years, and reinforced to withstand earthquakes. Its 2.2 mile "shore" has been fenced, and topped in parts by barbed wire, to keep cars and the curious from getting too close to its 2,300 acre feet of water. Yet as a community has grown up around it, including the film studios of Mack Sennett and Walt Disney, the lake has remained an oasis. The roads which surround it, configured as they are to its curves, have kept major traffic from the middle of Ivanhoe Canyon.

"Many longtime residents think this is their lake," the reservoir keeper, Manuel Trujillo, told a reporter several years ago. "The lake adds to the property values of the nearby homes. When the lake was drained in 1975 for some reconstruction, the property values dipped."

Silver Lake has served as inspiration for almost every "modern" architect of the 20th century. Among the architects who have either lived in the community, or built there are: Lloyd Wright, Richard Neutra, William Kesling, R.M. Schindler, H.H. Harris, Gregory Ain, and John Lautner. Lautner's monumental
"Silvertop" derives its name from the body of water. Neutra's 1932 VDL House, on the east shore, overlooks both reservoirs. Contemporary architects living and working in the area include Peter Wurzburger, Michael Rotondi, and Jim Bonar.

As the center of a community known for its tolerance of divergent lifestyles and divergent architectural styles, Silver Lake is as much a landmark as any structure of mortar or stucco.
From the 5th Annual Report of the Los Angeles Water Commission, 1906
Western States Jewish History

President Morwah

Oct. 87 U.XX N.1, Jan. 88 U.XX, Nov. 2

Many times over the years, my neighbors thought the "Silver" in Silver Lake described the appearance of the lake. I believe that they would be surprised if they knew that the area, the park, the boulevard and the reservoir were named for both a fascinating and prominent civic leader of Los Angeles - Herman Silver.

A few minutes on Herman Silver's life prior to his coming residing in Los Angeles.

Born in 1830 in the district of Magdeburg, now East Germany.

After receiving a good secular education and an advanced Hebraic education, he left his home for the US, more for his health than adventure.

1850 - 1860 -

Studied Law, got married, helped to organize the Republican Party in the State of Illinois.

In 1860, A. Silver went to the State Capital at Springfield, where he met Abraham Lincoln, and was trusted with organizing political work in NO. Illinois.
Unable to join the military due to poor health, H. Silver:

1. Raised 24 companies of men for active service in the Civil War.
2. Also noted by his daughter "that he had previously aided escaping slaves from the South."

1864. Elected Circuit Court Clerk in his District.

His health problems (respiratory) caused him to go to Denver, Colorado.

It was in 1877 that President Grant appointed Herman Silver Superintendent of the Denver Mint, a position held for 8 years.

After his service at the Mint, H. Silver then occupied significant posts in the private sector.

He was auditor and treasurer for the receivership of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad and held executive posts on the Denver Tribune. It was reported that "all of these positions Mr. Silver filled with rare ability and fidelity. Few men possess administra-

tive capacity of a higher order than Mr. Silver, none have ever displayed a stricter integrity, or conducted public affairs in a more courteous or satisfactory manner."
Once again, health considerations forced H.S. to move. Along with thousands of Iowa farmers eager to retire from bitter Midwestern winters and many others like him who had respiratory problems, he arrived in that turn of the century paradise known as Southern Calif.

Tell: "If any of you are over 50 you can remember what a crystal clear sky was like with the snow capped peaks of the San Gabriel Mountains framed in the background.

He was soon asked to be Sect. Treasurer of the Santa Fe R.R. operations in Calif. After completing this assignment with his usual business acumen and personal integrity,

Silver continued to put his expertise in public transportation to good use. Once more the attorney accepted a court-appointed receivership to operate the Los Angeles and Pacific Railway. He listed his occupation that year as railroad man. A local newspaper called him "a business man of sound

In Dec. of 1926 he was elected to the Los Angeles City Council and offered the presidency of that body. After completion of his first term, he was re-elected and again chosen by acclamation to be Council President
On October 13, 1900 Silver was nominated as the Republican candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles to oppose former Mayor Meredith P. Snyder. Delegate Will A. Harris addressed the party convention and said:

A major local story was the serenading of Silver by members of the Union League and other Republicans following his nomination as Mayor. On the night of October 15, 1900, nearly 250 persons plus a band met at 7:00 P.M. at the Union League Club and having engaged “several special street cars” proceeded down Spring Street in the direction of the Silver residence which was located at 1321 South Figueroa Street. The crowd gave him three cheers and Silver returned the compliment from the “piazza of his residence.” With the gathering overflowing his front lawn and the adjacent street he noted that normally in time of peace a man’s home was his castle “and is free from invasion at any time. This, I take it, is a friendly army and I am here to take in their music.” Carrying on the imagery he accepted his role as their standard bearer and “under that flag we will conquer.” He called upon his troops “to stand firmly at the firing line, and with ballots, not with bullets.” He concluded his remarks, “my home is open to you. Come in. You need not fear, for there is nothing intoxicating here.”

The Los Angeles Times couldn’t praise him enough, or for that matter, oppose his rival Snyder any more actively.

A vote for Herman Silver is a vote for the enforcement of the law, and for decency in municipal government. A vote for Snyder is a vote for quite another kind of government. Let the people take their choice.

If Mr. Snyder is not to be the servant of the disreputable saloons in case he should be elected, why are these saloons unanimously supporting his candidacy? Whisky and water are paramount issues in this campaign. Herman Silver is right on both.

Silver was attacked as an elitist by Populist elements. In order to show that he favored public ownership of certain utilities, he stated unequivocally that he was “in favor of municipal ownership of the water plant.” He was less unequivocal on the issue of municipal

Mr. Silver is by no means the bloated bondholder and aristocrat that his detractors would have his fellow citizens believe. He has simply accumulated during his long and useful life, a sufficient competence to keep him comfortably in his old age. He is still a worker....

The point was made that Silver had begun as a poor boy who had worked with hands, as well as with his brains.
Unfortunately, H. S. was defeated 1946 to 10,061

In 1899 the lease of the Griffith-Beudry-Lazard owned Los Angeles City Water Works Company ran out. The original contract between the private utility and the municipality provided that at the expiration of the agreement the city could, for an arbitrated price, take over the system. The price was compromised at $2,000,000. In 1902 the Los Angeles City Council passed an emergency ordinance establishing an administrative board of seven water commissioners. With his background as an attorney, a government official and as a railroad man, Silver was named chairman. A year later the board was changed to be an appointive one by the Mayor consisting of five members. Mayor Snyder did not reappoint Silver."

At his retirement from the City Water Commission, Chamber of Commerce resolution honored Silver’s work.

Resolved, that this board is confident that it voices the sentiment of a majority of the citizens of Los Angeles in recognizing the services of President Silver, who performed a vast amount of work without compensation, services the value of which is beyond computation, and for which he was well fitted by reason of his long training, scrupulous integrity and recognized ability.

It was this public service that brought the new board to name the reservoir, Herman Silver Lake.

A new opportunity for civic service came to Silver in 1903 when Governor George C. Pardee appointed him to membership in the California State Bank Commission. He became its president and served for two terms until his retirement in 1908 when he closed his public career.

Silver’s death in 1913 was front page news for the Los Angeles Times. There was a two-column picture of him and the headlines read, “O’er the Way All Mortals Must Go, The Late Herman Silver, One of the notable figures of Los Angeles, California, and the United States, whose bright career closed last night [August 19, 1913]. Greet Man Departed Earth. Angel Calls, Sunday on Silver.” The article praised Silver for having spent more than half a century in active politics as “a public servant of high renown in three states, contemporary and friend of the immortal Lincoln.”

The Herman Silver Lake is his memorial. It is not fed by spring of the stadium. Silver could have expected that city he was a big leader.
Year 2000 - Original Master Plan

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Dear Glenn,

It has been a sincere pleasure working with your department on this Master Plan project. We have been especially impressed by the personal commitment DWP staff have demonstrated throughout the project. We have seen first hand that the DWP's mission to serve public needs extends to visionary planning for recreation, community identity and visual quality.

We hope that the Master Plan has served its purpose to further develop the cooperative spirit between the DWP and the community. Again it has been our privilege to assist you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Mia Lehrer

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Dear Spencer and Jim,

This project could not have been completed without the assistance and support that you and all of the other individuals from the Silverlake Community have so generously provided. From the outset, the information you provided as a foundation for our work was impressively developed and incredibly helpful. Your assistance on critical issues throughout the project insured a productive and successful community-wide reception of our efforts. Your forethought to involve elected officials is already bearing fruit in their interest to identify potential funding for the project. In our opinion this has been a truly synergistic process where two very different clients and a team of consultants have produced a product that could not have been generated by any one of them alone. The project could not possibly have been as well received by the community as it has without your efforts.

It is impossible to name all the key individuals who deserve our thanks. At a minimum, Maryann Kuk, Harvey Steinberg, David Keitel and yourselves should be applauded. Thank you again for making this a very successful project and we hope that it can be realized to its full potential as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mia:

The Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs wants to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Water & Power for providing the funds and for their enthusiastic support of this Master Plan for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. While the document you hold in your hands is merely an outline of what could be done, the history behind it goes back years. The progress and forward thinking that it represents is remarkable. The opportunity to improve the quality of life in this busy urban neighborhood is choice.

Because Ivahoe and Silver Lake Reservoirs are not currently subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule and do not, at this time, require additional filtering of the water, the community and the DWP saw this as an opportunity to take advantage of 10+ years of mediation and provide this Master Plan as an outline to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and to plan for future water quality and operating needs in a long-range planning mode. Providing additional recreation opportunities on DWP property, a walking/jogging path separated from traffic for the hundreds of people that now circumnavigate the reservoir in the street, and improving the landscaping and fence are the key elements of the Plan.

While no implementation funds are committed yet, the community and City, State and Federal representatives are exploring numerous options for possible funding. We will continue to work hard to implement this Plan and will continue to invite your participation.

Sincerely,

Jim Potepan
President
November 2000

TO: Mia Lehrer & Associates
RE: Silver Lake Reservoir Complex

The Silver Lake Residents Association was formed over 35 years ago with a very specific goal: "to promote and maintain the most desirable environment in the Silver Lake area and to contribute to the welfare of the community at large". Several times over the years since the Association was formed, Department of Water and Power proposals or projects have clashed with our stated goal.

The progress that this Master Plan represents from this adversarial relationship is remarkable. The Los Angeles City Council and the DWP management are to be congratulated for their foresight and determination to shift to a more responsive method of governance and stewardship. They now acknowledge and support the notion that the Silver Lake Reservoir complex is an integral part of our community and as well as a facility to deliver quality drinking water.

The 850 members of the Association have been stalwart in their interest and defense of this oasis in the City that serves a dual function: It is a drinking water reservoir that also provides vistas and a pastoral ambience that is a welcome relief from the urban landscape of a dense metropolitan area. A water quality improvement proposal in 1988 to cover Ivanhoe Reservoir and build an on-site, industrial-style filtration plant adjacent to Silver Lake Reservoir was a catalyst that once again mobilized the Silver Lake community to fight the DWP. The proposal also triggered the formation of a coalition with nine other reservoir communities to confront the DWP. The significant and positive turning point was all parties agreeing to use mediation instead of litigation. The projected outcome will be a Master Agreement between the participating communities and the DWP which will memorialize the 10+ years of mediation and address the dual goals of delivering quality drinking water while taking neighborhood concerns into account.

Today, while several reservoir communities have to deal with difficult decisions on how to meet regulations having to do with water quality—like where to site filtration plants, water storage tanks and how to mitigate multi-year projects with enormous neighborhood disruption. Silver Lake has the opportunity and advantage of potentially improving the quality of life in the community while still providing water that meets or exceeds current State and Federal regulations.

The Department generously provided the funds to develop this Master Plan and has been a full participant every step of the way. We look forward to taking this Plan to the next phase of specific planning and implementation with their continued help and support.

Sincerely,

Catherine Moyers
President

Spencer SooHoo
Past President
Executive Summary

Purpose

The Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan (Master Plan) is intended as a long range planning tool for the Silver Lake community and the Department of Water and Power (DWP). The Master Plan examines opportunities for expanded recreation opportunities and improved pedestrian safety while preserving water quality and maintaining current and future DWP operation needs.

- The Master Plan identifies future improvements to the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) and adjoining property for water quality and operation purposes and for community enhancements and public uses that are mutually supported and accepted by DWP, Committee to Save Silver Lake’s Reservoirs (CSSLR) and Silver Lake Residents Association (SLRA) (collectively referred to as advisory groups or community groups).

- The Master Plan provides the community with a better understanding of DWP facilities, operations and both anticipated and potential water quality improvement needs.

- The Master Plan defines specific public uses for the SLRC and adjoining property desired by the Silver Lake community.

- The Master Plan provides a menu of possible mitigation measures to be used by DWP when and if any water quality improvement projects are needed at the site.

- The Master Plan serves as a guide to ensure that all future physical improvements identified for public use are compatible with DWP’s need to comply with federal and state water quality standards in a manner that is safe and cost effective.

- The Master Plan documents concepts necessary to seek non-DWP funding for design and construction of the identified community enhancements.

- The Master Plan memorializes the problem-solving process and spirit of cooperation that has developed between DWP and the Silver Lake community with respect to communication and collaboration regarding non-routine facility operations and major future projects at the SLRC.

- The Master Plan sites public uses with an attempt to minimize interference with future water quality improvements should they be necessary. Additionally, the Master Plan offers assurances that if DWP projects are constructed on site, all reasonable efforts will be made to minimize interference with public uses during construction and to accommodate restoration of public uses after construction.
Context

In 1988 the DWP publicized an “Open Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Plan” that included a proposal to cover all smaller reservoirs. Larger reservoirs would require a water treatment facility. The ten open-reservoir communities expressed support for water quality improvements but strongly opposed covering the reservoirs or building a treatment facility at the SLRC. A process of formal mediation was initiated with DWP and through improved communication between DWP and ten open-reservoir community groups, the idea for this Master Plan was born.

Land Use and Zoning

The 127-acre Silver Lake Reservoir property is owned by DWP. At the SLRC are 96 acres of open water and paved roads identified as the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs. An additional five acres of SLRC property is used by DWP for operational purposes. Of the remaining 26 acres, two are leased to the Department of Recreation and Parks and one to the Neighborhood Nursery. For the first time ever, the DWP has agreed to consider public access to and additional recreational opportunities on portions of the remaining 23 acres. Unlike other urban locations considered for recreational uses, these sites have been off limits to the public since at least the 1940’s. Consequently the property is in an undeveloped natural state. Primary locations include a six acre grassy meadow, an adjoining heavily wooded knoll and an extensive eucalyptus grove.

The DWP property is zoned as OS (Open Space) by the City of Los Angeles. The reservoirs and minor ancillary facilities are permitted uses in the OS zone. Other existing DWP facilities and accessories are considered a legal nonconforming existing use. The recreation and urban trail concepts proposed in this Master Plan are generally permitted in the OS zone “by right” as described in LAMC Section 12.04.0581(a)(1). The addition of a water treatment facility would require a conditional use permit from the City of Los Angeles. The application for the conditional use permit requires an environmental assessment as called for in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as well as a public hearing with notification of all property owners and occupants within a 500-foot radius, and approval by the Planning Commission.

The community will continue to be consulted on the design of future facilities on the property. In the wooded knoll area they would prefer that new construction use building materials that blend into the character of the area. Another issue of concern is the use of this site as a vehicle storage and dispatch point for crews working on other DWP or General Services facilities. The community would prefer to limit facilities and activities to those directly necessary for this facility.

Water Quality

Both Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs hold drinking water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct and other sources. The water is consumed in areas of Los Angeles to the south and east of Silver Lake. These reservoirs are classified as open reservoirs and are a part of the citywide distribution system of the DWP. The DWP must meet water quality regulations established by federal and state agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Health Services (DHS); construction in the reservoir areas is controlled by the California Division of Safety of Dams.
The reservoir water is treated with chlorine and other chemicals to control algae and other possible contaminants. Measures are taken to protect the reservoirs from surface water runoff, insect populations and other potentially harmful substances including those generated by humans and animals.

Water quality regulations continue to become more restrictive. At other locations, these regulations have resulted in the covering of some open reservoirs and/or the construction of treatment and storage facilities. Although the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs meet the current water quality regulations and do not require additional water quality measures at this time, stricter regulations requiring future improvements may be mandated. The Master Plan team studied location options for a treatment facility should one be required. The community's first and overwhelming preference is to locate all treatment and storage facilities off-site. The DWP is committed to pursuing off-site options and will evaluate those options along with on-site options. If on-site treatment and storage are deemed necessary, this Master Plan provides conceptual guidelines on possible locations that have the least visual impact on the community and offer the greatest flexibility for continued recreational uses.

Landscape Recreation and Open Space

ML+A presented a variety of recreational alternatives, both passive (walking, jogging, meditation and nature viewing) as well as active (soccer, softball, par-course and picnicking) at the well-attended workshops. After extensive discussion, an overwhelming consensus emerged at the workshops in support of passive recreational uses and in opposition to all forms of active recreational uses in the areas of reservoir property to be opened to the public.

The most important public element of the Master Plan is the creation of an accessible, continuous pathway for walkers and joggers around the entire reservoir that is separated from vehicular traffic. The Master Plan envisions a continuous 8-foot-wide paved pathway for walkers and joggers. In all areas, the proposed path will be separated and raised above the level of the adjacent streets. In larger open areas like the meadow and the knoll, secondary trails can branch off the main path to provide varied experiences. Access to these trails would be limited to day-light hours.

Water quality protection is an important factor in determining future recreation uses. Areas adjacent to the reservoir are especially susceptible to potential contamination, with possible water quality impacts. Organized recreation at the Silver Lake Reservoir is expected to remain limited to the existing Recreation and Parks facilities at the south end of the SLRC. Other recreation, including walking, wildlife viewing, seating, interpretive areas and meditation, is proposed for the accessible open areas.

Pedestrian Safety and Traffic

Pedestrian safety in the Silver Lake neighborhood was one of the most important issues raised by the community. Residents expressed great concern about speeding traffic and the dangerous conditions walkers and joggers face and cited a high accident rate, including two deaths, attributed to unsafe pedestrian conditions on reservoir-adjacent streets.
in order to promote traffic calming, restore a more residential feel and reduce the potential for accidents, a wide range of improvements were identified for inclusion in the Master Plan. These include street-width reductions, additional traffic control devices and enhanced pedestrian crosswalks. In addition, introducing a DASH neighborhood shuttle service is recommended to further reduce vehicular traffic in the Silver Lake area. These proposals were presented in community workshops and discussed with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT).

Community Context, Cultural Resources and Urban Design

Silver Lake’s sense of community is strengthened by many factors that include its topography, the vitality and diversity of its residents, its close proximity to downtown and its geographic isolation from adjacent neighborhoods. This Master Plan established an objective to explore concepts to further enhance or strengthen this sense of identity.

Gateways and streetscapes are important facets of a community signaling entry and identity. For example, the Gateway to Silver Lake 2000 project at Silver Lake Boulevard and the Hollywood Freeway includes murals, tree planting and median landscaping. The bridge at Sunset Boulevard and Silver Lake Boulevard provides further opportunities to enhance community identity by highlighting this architectural element through signage and dramatic lighting. Additionally, the medians at Fletcher Drive and Ripple Street at the Los Angeles River bikeway access gate are to be landscaped. Streetscapes composed of coordinated tree plantings, paving surfaces, street furniture, banner programs and light fixtures can unify and transform streets.

Community Involvement Process

From the outset, this project has been conducted with close ties to the Silver Lake community. The community process for the project had multiple goals. The first was to work closely with board members of CSSLR, SLRA, Silver Lake Improvement Association and the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce to reflect community desires as broadly as possible. The second was to involve as many residents as possible in the general community meetings. The third goal was to maintain a stream of information to the local council district office, obtain their feedback and utilize them as a tool to gain access to other local agencies or city offices that would have jurisdiction over the area. Lastly, all of the local representatives to state and city government were invited to all of the workshops. Los Angeles City Councilmember Jackie Goldberg of the 13th Council District and State Assemblymember Scott Wildman of the 43rd District both attended community workshops.
Funding and Implementation

Although funding to develop this Master Plan was provided by DWP, no funding has been committed for the implementation of the concepts proposed in this Master Plan. Potential funding for various components of the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan is available both from governmental and private sources.

The Los Angeles City Planning Department has recommended that the City Council offices for the area, District 13 and District 4, make a motion to the full City Council to request that the Planning Department incorporate as much of the content of this Master Plan as possible into the current Silver Lake Echo Park Community Plan update. Some of the concepts in the Master Plan may be more specific than the policy-level discussions in the Community Plan.

All of the plans, diagrams and concepts described in this Master Plan are conceptual ideas and need to be further developed in detail in order to be implemented. Part of the purpose of this Master Plan is to assist DWP in understanding the desires of the community regarding its property. As a result of this Master Plan, if a construction project requiring mitigation is proposed, DWP has a better understanding of the community's concerns and desires.

For any project at the site, DWP, as owner of the property, will be the lead agency in terms of project approval for CEQA documents and will cooperate with other agencies and other organizations during their development of all environmental and construction documents for approved projects. However, DWP will develop the required environmental and construction documents for community enhancements when they are used as mitigation for a DWP project.

In the meantime, DWP is committed to providing ongoing upkeep and maintenance on its property as is the Department of Recreation and Parks for the areas it currently leases. When funding becomes available, improvements may be developed and managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks either through additional leases or other agreements.

As part of this Master Plan, cost estimates for the improvements were developed from industry standards totaling approximately $12 million. Phasing options have also been developed to address opportunities for development of portions of the plan as funding becomes available.
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Introduction

Water acts like a magnet. One only has to look at development patterns in coastal areas, around lakes and rivers to understand why houses cluster there, close to the shimmering surface. Silver Lake is a bowl of blue water nestled in a natural ravine and surrounded by grassy hills, with a backdrop of the snow-capped San Gabriel Mountains beyond. This setting is what attracted the Moreno family in the 1920’s, who developed Mediterranean style houses on the verdant hills looking down onto the water. As houses filled the hills and shops and offices lined the flatter portions of Silver Lake and Glendale Boulevards, a community arose with a strong sense of neighborhood identity. Its close proximity to Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles made it a quick commute to most areas of the eastern part of the city.

Historically, the neighborhood has always attracted an eclectic mixture of ethnic and economic strata. The blend has included some of the earliest motion picture pioneers, such as Tom Mix and Mack Sennet, many of Los Angeles’ most notable early modernist architects, artists, writers, musicians and political radicals. This complex and creative fabric continues today with people in every imaginable profession.

The metropolitan area of Los Angeles is both blessed and cursed when it comes to providing parks and open spaces for its inhabitants. Few cities in the world enjoy our diversity of publicly accessible wide sandy beaches and pristine trails through mountains and canyons, all within an hours drive of most neighborhoods. At the same time few cities provide so little in the way of public parks and playgrounds
in the urbanized area. A study of parks, playgrounds and beaches prepared by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1930 concluded that the growing City of Los Angeles was "far short not only of the minimum recreation facilities of the average American city, but also of those that are especially" [necessary for Los Angeles]. Even at that time, when a public transportation system linked the downtown area to the beaches and mountains, a minimum amount of park land was provided.

As early as the 1880's the City of Los Angeles acquired a portion of the future reservoir area. The present reservoir area straddles the historic city limits of that time. In 1904 the city water commissioners acquired the remainder of the property through a process of condemnation. By 1907 the construction of the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs was complete, although they were not used as a drinking water source. By 1920, as the city rapidly grew, the reservoirs were integrated into the City's potable water system. Continuous chlorination of Silver Lake water entering the distribution system was initiated around July of 1947. Extensive reconstruction in the 1930's and 1950's enlarged the facilities and as recently as 1993 Ivanhoe Reservoir was lined.

Recently, in a quest for adequate amounts of parksland, communities have resorted to unorthodox practices and developed quasi parks in open spaces that exhibit some of the essential restorative qualities of authentic parks. The reservoirs in Silver Lake have attracted recreational users for many years. When the City was less developed, the reservoir was a bucolic place for strolling. The water bodies were not fenced and close contact with the water's edge was possible. Over the years, wildlife has also found ways to inhabit the area around the reservoirs. Great blue heron nests can be found in the eucalyptus grove on the west side of Silver Lake, migratory birds visit the lake and coyotes have been seen in the wooded areas.

Popular legend has it that fencing was finally installed some time during World War II in response to perceived threats of terrorism. The Bureau of Sanitary Engineering (now known as California Department of Health Services) recommended fencing around the reservoir as early as 1924. Presently the fence consists of chain link up to a level of 8 feet with barbed wire above. The fence follows the street edge on Silver Lake Boulevard, West Silver Lake Drive and Tesla Street. On Armstrong Avenue, the fence is far enough from the curb to allow for a path between the fence and the street edge. On the south end of the Reservoir, the fence is located at the base of the dam. The area between the dam and Van Pelt Place, is currently leased to the Department of Recreation and Parks for a recreation center, outdoor basketball courts, informal recreation space and an off-leash dog park. In all areas the fence is considered very unattractive by local residents and a barrier to usable open spaces. However, even
with the presence of the fence, views of the lake and open spaces are considered highly valuable by the community. While the chain link is considered unattractive, it is a visually permeable material and it fills a necessary role to protect water quality.

Over time as Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive have evolved into their present configuration, traffic has increased and what used to be a leisurely stroll has become a life-threatening risk. Today walkers, joggers and cyclists coexist with thousands of cars that rely on painted stripes to keep them in their designated lanes.
The Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan is intended as a long-range planning tool for the Silver Lake Community and the Department of Water and Power (DWP). The Master Plan examines opportunities for expanded neighborhood recreation space while preserving water quality and DWP operations.

Project History

Covered Reservoirs Proposals

In 1988 the DWP publicized an “Open Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Plan” that included a proposal to cover all small reservoirs. Larger reservoirs would require a water treatment facility. These types of alterations have already been implemented at other DWP reservoirs including Eagle Rock, Franklin, Green Verdugo, Highland and Ascot reservoirs. At the Silver Lake site, both a treatment facility for the Silver Lake Reservoir and a cover for Ivanhoe Reservoir were planned by this program. During the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) process community meetings concerning changes to the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoir were attended by a substantial number of concerned citizens. The ten open-reservoir communities expressed support for water quality improvements, but strongly opposed covering the reservoirs or building a treatment facility on site without adequate justification for the proposed changes.

CPOR and DWP Mediation Process

In 1989 on the brink of City-wide litigation, several community, environmental and public interest groups came together to form the Coalition to Preserve Open Reservoirs (CPOR). In January of 1990, CPOR prepared a report for the Los Angeles City Council documenting their concerns and opposition to DWP’s proposals for the open reservoirs. The City Council passed a resolution critical of the PEIR, and in an innovative compromise, DWP proposed a mediated dialogue with community groups. All of the City-wide groups, 24 in total, that had been involved in the PEIR process were invited to participate. Twelve of the groups elected to join in a formal ongoing mediation process. Work group subcommittees were formed to address customer expectations, water quality problems and solutions, and Rowena Reservoir seismic dam safety, among others.
Master Plan Process

In August of 1997 the DWP issued a Request for Qualifications to provide professional services to prepare a Master Plan for the SLRC and adjacent improvements. The Master Plan was intended to "consider the future development of the two (Silver Lake and Ivanhoe) reservoirs at the complex, their performance requirements, and their maintenance and operations in connection with future uses of the adjacent property as new amenities to serve the public." The selection criteria included professional experience in developing master plans, experience in "dealing with diverse citizen's groups", experience in presenting to public agencies and groups and the ability to meet the City of Los Angeles' MBE/WBE requirements. Numerous firms submitted qualifications. A short list was prepared and each firm or team was interviewed by DWP staff and representatives of the Silver Lake Residents Association (SLRA) and the Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs (CSSLR). The selection committee chose the firm of Mia Lehrer + Associates and their team of sub-consultants to develop the Master Plan. The sub-consultants' scopes of work included analysis of existing conditions, assistance in concept development and discussions with public agencies. The firms included Robert Bein, William Frost Associates to provide water quality services, Meyer Mohaddes and Associates to provide traffic and transportation services, Lehrer Architects for architecture and urban design services, Pat Smith for planning, funding and public agency coordination services and SMOG for graphic design.

Prior to the drafting of a detailed scope of work, a project approach was developed through a series of committee meetings with DWP staff and representatives of SLRA and CSSLR. The Master Plan project was structured as a series of regular meetings with an Advisory Group which included DWP representatives from the Water Quality, Water Engineering and Technical Services, Property Management, Project Planning and Development divisions, SLRA, CSSLR and Mia Lehrer + Associates. The Advisory Group discussed project issues, provided immediate coordination with DWP and obtained guidance and feedback from the community. The project was organized into phases of data gathering and Master Plan concept development. The Master Plan process benefited from the intensive research and background information provided by SLRA and CSSLR. A complete collection of SLRA newsletters from 1973, CSSLR newsletters from 1989, as well as other community group publications over the same period were supplied. A draft of "Silver Lake Reservoir Interests & Options," a document that surveyed opinions regarding public safety, traffic, aesthetics, recreation, water quality, DWP operations and community values, was also provided as additional background information.
A series of public workshops was planned to solicit public opinion, present concepts and receive comments. Over 20,000 invitations to the workshops were mailed to the DWP customers residing in the 90026, 90039 and part of the 90027 zip code areas. Additionally, the public was notified by banners, flyers, CSSLR and SLRA newsletters and newspaper notices. All of the local and state elected officials were invited to attend the workshops. Over 450 residents, Los Angeles City Councilmember Jackie Goldberg of 13th Council District and State Assemblymember Scott Wildman of the 43rd District attended the workshops. Master Plan concepts were also presented and discussed with local agencies including the City Planning Department, the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Transportation. The concepts were well received by all of these agencies.

This final report is intended to document the Master Plan process and serve as a framework to guide future projects. The text and graphics for this final report were developed and compiled by Mia Lehrer + Associates with the assistance of the consultant team. Preliminary drafts were reviewed by DWP, SLRA and CSSLR. The methodology for its construction and content was developed in Advisory Group meetings. The content of this report represents information that was presented and discussed in the Advisory Group meetings and public workshops and was approved by representatives of DWP, SLRA and CSSLR.

Future Decision-Making

CPOR and DWP are currently developing a mechanism for sustaining their joint consultation and problem-solving process after formal mediation has concluded. The approach envisioned would commit both CPOR and DWP to any agreements reached during the mediation process regarding existing, proposed and future projects. With respect to future water quality projects, DWP will continue to involve reservoir communities at an early stage in its deliberations including, obtaining input during the preparation of CEQA documents. The reservoir communities will continue to designate community representatives to confer with DWP. The process will balance the needs of DWP to implement timely and feasible approaches for responding to regulatory changes and provide high-quality drinking water with the needs of the adjacent communities to maintain the open space and aesthetic values afforded by the reservoirs. CPOR and DWP will also establish an expeditious dispute resolution approach for handling differences of opinion regarding the agreements and understandings that have been reached in mediation.
Introduction, Project History & Project Goals

The Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan is intended to serve as a long-term tool to guide the collaborative discussions between the Silver Lake Reservoir community and DWP. The Master Plan will serve as an agreement between DWP and the Silver Lake CPOR member organizations to support the elements detailed in the document in keeping with the "balancing of respective needs" that have been the cornerstone of the mediation process. Elements of the Master Plan that will be the subject of the ongoing collaboration include: 1) specific concepts and proposals for enhancing portions of the current reservoir property and its environs; 2) specific proposed future water system improvements; and 3) potential projects described conceptually in the Master Plan.

Project Goals

- The Master Plan identifies future improvements to the SLRC and adjoining property for water quality and operation purposes and for community enhancements and public uses that are mutually supported and accepted by DWP, CSSLR and SLRA (collectively referred to as advisory groups or community groups).
- The Master Plan provides the community with a better understanding of DWP facilities, operations and both anticipated and potential water quality improvement needs.
- The Master Plan defines specific public uses for the SLRC and adjoining property desired by the Silver Lake community.
- The Master Plan provides a menu of possible mitigation measures to be used by DWP when and if any water quality improvement projects are needed at the site.
- The Master Plan serves as a guide to ensure that all future physical improvements identified for public use are compatible with DWP’s need to comply with federal and state water quality standards in a manner that is safe and cost effective.
- The Master Plan documents concepts necessary to seek non-DWP funding for design and construction of the identified community enhancements.
The Master Plan memorializes the problem-solving process and spirit of cooperation that has developed between DWP and the Silver Lake community with respect to communication and collaboration regarding non-routine facility operations and major future projects at the SLRC.

The Master Plan sites public uses with an attempt to minimize interference with future water quality improvements should they be necessary. Additionally, the Master Plan offers assurances that if DWP projects are constructed on site, all reasonable efforts will be made to minimize interference with public uses during construction and to accommodate restoration of public uses after construction.

From the outset, the goal of this Master Plan has been to identify opportunities to expand safer recreation space in this urban neighborhood without impeding DWP's ability to maintain necessary drinking water storage and operations. The Master Plan team identified an additional goal of looking toward the future to assist DWP and the community in considering locations for water treatment facilities if they are required at a future date by federal or state regulations. The community's overwhelming preference is to locate any large facilities off-site. Since this option may not be economically or operationally feasible, the team evaluated on-site locations as well.

The Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan illustrates a cooperative approach to increase recreation space, maintain system operations and reservoir water quality operations, facilitate access and create safer pedestrian conditions around the reservoirs. All of these goals can be achieved while preserving the present bucolic character of the reservoirs and views of them from the surrounding neighborhood. In addition, the Master Plan also presents measures to increase community identity. A Silver Lake community with a stronger sense of identity has a greater chance to obtain wide support and funding for plan implementation.

Land Use and Zoning

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Summary

- Total site area: 127 acres.
- Area used for reservoir and associated DWP facilities: 101 acres.
- Area leased to Department of Recreation and Parks: 2 acres.
- Area occupied by the Neighborhood Nursery School: less than 1 acre.
- Approximately 23 acres are unused.
- The community has requested the use of materials more consistent with the wooded knoll for future buildings. DWP will work towards greater architectural consistency in construction of new facilities.
- The site is zoned as open space (OS) allowing for recreational uses, reservoirs and their associated facilities.
- A conditional use permit would be required by the construction of major water treatment facilities on this site or by any proposal to cover the reservoirs. A zone change or variance would be also be required. Any of these changes would invoke the California Environmental Quality Act, requiring public notification and input.

Background

The 127-acre Silver Lake Reservoir property is owned by DWP. At the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) are 96 acres of open water and paved roads identified as the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs. An additional five acres of SLRC property is used by DWP for operational purposes. Of the remaining 26 acres, two are leased to the Department of Recreation and Parks and one to the Neighborhood Nursery. For the first time ever, the DWP has agreed to consider public access to and additional recreational opportunities on portions of the remaining 23 acres. Unlike other urban locations considered for recreational uses, these sites have been off limits to the public since at least the 1940's.
Consequently the property is in an undeveloped natural state. Primary locations include a six acre grassy meadow, an adjoining heavily wooded knoll and an extensive eucalyptus grove.

The area used by DWP for buildings has a haphazard character. Buildings, some permanent and others portable, have been built piecemeal without the benefit of a unifying vision. DWP is aware of the community's issues concerning visibility of the structures and has instituted measures to obscure views of buildings, vehicles and equipment. But as a working water quality facility, the area will continue to require water treatment buildings and accessory structures.

**DWP Use Area**

The main vehicular entrance to DWP's use area is now located at the corner of Armstrong and Tesla Avenues. A password-controlled motorized gate leads to a driveway and parking area shaded by a grove of mature olive trees. A large open lawn stretches between the driveway and the Ivahoe Reservoir maintenance roadway. An asphalt maintenance roadway surrounds both reservoirs and connects to adjacent streets in two locations on Silver Lake Boulevard.

Approximately a dozen buildings used by DWP are located in the DWP use area and in the Recreation and Parks leased area. Some of these buildings are no longer in service. A description of the existing buildings and facilities follows.

**Buildings and Facilities**

Within the collection of small buildings at the end of the main entry drive are DWP operations and maintenance buildings. The age, style, materials and condition of these buildings vary widely. Additional areas are used for vehicle parking and storage. The following buildings and associated facilities are located in the DWP use area:

- **Water Quality Office:** This building houses offices for the DWP Water Quality Division. This office is responsible for chlorine operations and therefore must be located near the chlorination station. Twelve individuals report to this office for assignments at DWP facilities at various locations in the city, and two-person crews work at the office on nights and weekends. Four vehicles are parked at this facility when they are not in use.
• **Sheds and Storage Tanks:** These buildings house equipment and accessories for the Water Quality Division. The storage tanks contain chemicals used for disinfection and chlorine neutralization. A vendor replenishes these tanks five or six times per year. These buildings should be located close to the Water Quality offices.

• **Caretaker’s House, Garage and Office:** A two-story wood structure, detached garage and outbuilding are used by the reservoir caretaker. The caretaker, a DWP employee, makes routine checks around the reservoir facilities and is available to respond immediately to any emergency. Presently a number of unsightly old automobiles are parked on the premises.

• **Old Chlorine Station:** One side of this building is a corrosion inhibitor testing lab and contains various chemicals. Water Quality personnel report to this building to check equipment, re-stock chemicals and perform testing. A garage stores a DWP vehicle out of view of the surrounding neighborhood.

• **Gate Well:** This concrete block building houses a water-regulating structure.

• **Restrooms:** Men’s and women’s restroom facilities for all of the on-site DWP personnel are located in this building.

• **Landscape Office:** Water Quality, Distribution and General Services utilize this building. A portion of the building is used as an office where twelve workers report for assignments at DWP facilities across the city. A storage area holds a forklift and chemical supply for algae control in the reservoirs. A general storage area holds tools.

• **Chlorine Station:** Chlorine is added to the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe system from this facility. The facility receives a chlorine delivery once every two weeks.

• **Chlorine Depot:** This area formerly stored 150- and 2000-pound tanks. Full tanks were delivered to the site and loaded on vehicles for delivery to other DWP facilities, and empty tanks were brought back to the depot for collection by the vendor. In 1999, the chlorine storage depot was relocated to another DWP facility. The large concrete platform is now unused.

• **Gardener Sheds:** These structures store gardening equipment owned by the General Services Division.
Green and Blue Sheds: The green shed houses a portable toilet that is no longer in service. The blue shed contains portable equipment.

Meter House: A device in this building measures Silver Lake Reservoir's outflow and water level.

Storage Building: This building stores Water Quality Division equipment.

The Master Plan recognizes that wholesale replacement of the DWP buildings is not likely or feasible without a compelling incentive. But DWP has agreed that as modifications or additions are planned for facilities (e.g., chlorination station), it will plan for architectural consistency and incorporate other aesthetic goals of this Master Plan.

The community would like to comment on the design of future facilities and would prefer the use of materials that blend into the wooded character of the knoll area. Another issue of concern is the use of this site as a vehicle storage and dispatch point for crews working on other DWP or General Services facilities. The community would prefer to limit facilities and activities to those directly necessary for this facility.

DWP will continue to discuss these and other issues with the community. And, as projects are planned for the SLRC, DWP will continue to review its operations and assess its needs for activities at the site and make appropriate changes.

Recreation and Parks Facilities

A recreation center building, tot lot, outdoor basketball court, informal soccer field and fenced dog park, all maintained by Recreation and Parks, are located on approximately two acres of land at the southern end of the site. The dog park is an important resource where neighbors have an opportunity to meet and interact, though it has not been without controversy. Community members have voiced concerns regarding the upkeep of the park and the dangers of crossing Silver Lake Boulevard from on-street parking areas.
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Neighborhood Nursery School

The community-managed Neighborhood Nursery School occupies a fenced area at the north-east corner of the site. This school, which has been in operation for more than 50 years, was originally located in the southern portion of the property before the Silver Lake Dam was reconstructed. The school currently serves 24 students and has two full-time faculty members. Due to the rustic construction of school facilities they are not used on days with inclement weather. The school shares its pedestrian entrance with DWP vehicles at the main gate at Armstrong and Tesla Avenues. The Master Plan addressed the issue of separating the vehicles from pedestrians by relocating the vehicular gate. The school representatives stated that they did not perceive the dual use as a conflict and had no desire to move the vehicular gate at this time.

Unused Areas

Approximately 23 acres of land are not directly used by DWP at this time for their operations.

Eucalyptus Grove

The predominant species in this generally flat area is Eucalyptus globulus, a tree native to Australia that has been planted in Southern California for many years. The trees are generally in good condition, although over the years some trees have been lost to disease and pests. The trees are inspected on a regular basis by an arborist, and DWP has oriented its general landscape maintenance program to the needs of these trees. The eucalyptus grove hosts a population of great blue herons that do not appear to be negatively affected by their proximity to vehicles traveling on West Silver Lake Drive or the walkers and joggers using the shoulder of the roadway.

The Meadow

Located adjacent to Silver Lake Boulevard is a roughly five-acre area of low vegetation commonly known as "the meadow." This area was originally a shallow part of the reservoir but was filled when the shallow depth was found to have negative effects on water quality.
Ivanhoe Dam

The north side of Ivanhoe Reservoir is formed by an earthen dam slope that extends from the asphalt maintenance roadway at the reservoir to the street curb on the south side of Tesla Street below. This slope is currently vegetated and irrigated. This beautifully landscaped dam and slope is an example of a successful mitigation project resulting from close collaboration between DWP and the community.

The Knoll

The area to the east of the DWP compound is predominantly a wooded knoll with large rock outcroppings and steep eroding slopes to the curb along Armstrong Avenue. Mature trees occupy the area. Little documentation of wildlife has been done; holes that appear in the perimeter chain link fence are attributed to coyotes. No sidewalks exist along the Armstrong Avenue edge and erosion is a frequent problem during rainy seasons.

Zoning

The DWP property is zoned as OS (Open Space) by the City of Los Angeles. The current DWP facilities and accessories are permitted in the OS zone or are considered a legal nonconforming existing use (see Appendix). The recreation and urban trail concepts proposed in this Master Plan are generally permitted in the OS zone “by right” as described in LAMC Section 12.04.0581(a)(1). These uses include bicycle trails, equestrian trails, walking trails, nature trails, park land/lawn areas, children’s play areas, picnic facilities and athletic fields (not to exceed 200 seats in park) used for recreation purposes. The concepts for passive recreation contained in this Master Plan would not require a change in zone designation, variance or other zoning mechanism.

A conditional use permit from the L.A. City Planning Commission would be required for the following recreational uses: recreation centers, community centers, playgrounds, swimming pools, libraries, tennis courts, rest rooms, gyms, camping facilities, golf courses, museums, nature preserves, aquaria, observatories, planetaria and zoos. The application for the conditional use permit requires an environmental assessment as called for in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as well as a public hearing with notification of all property owners and occupants within a 500-foot radius, and approval by the Planning Commission. The commission’s decision could be appealed to the City Council.
Water Quality Improvements and Zoning

The reservoir site is located in the Open Space (OS) Zone, the most restrictive designation in the zoning code. If a water treatment facility were to be required on this site in response to federal or state water quality requirements, DWP would need to prepare a conditional use application.

The construction of a covered reservoir is not permitted in the OS Zone “by right,” nor as a conditional use. Adding a covered reservoir would require either a variance by a zoning administrator or a zone change to a Public Facilities (PF) zone, which specifically authorizes covered reservoirs as a conditional use. Both the variance and zone change would require the CEQA procedure, public notification and public hearing.

“Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.G1, minor improvements or additions to an existing use could also be granted a Plan Approval for either a previously approved or “Deemed to Be Approved” Conditional Use. On March 13, 1947, under CPC 1296, the City Planning Commission granted a Conditional Use for a chlorinating plant (public utility) for the Department of Water and Power. A Deemed-To-Be-Approved Conditional Use status could also be claimed for any other use established on the site prior to when this Conditional Use category was added to the Municipal Code."

Zoning information from letter to Mr. Harvey Steinberg AICP from Robert H. Sutton, Deputy Director or Planning, July 8, 1999
Water Quality

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Goals

- Preserve water quality and operations.
- Understand DWP operations and requirements in order to make informed and flexible proposals.
- Study water treatment facility configurations including alternative technologies.
- Provide recommendations for water treatment facilities, if required, with the least negative impacts to the community as possible.

Background

Any discussion about expanding the recreation space at a reservoir site must start with an understanding of the site's water quality operations and issues.

Both Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs hold treated drinking water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct and other sources; the water is consumed in areas of Los Angeles to the south and east of Silver Lake. These reservoirs are classified as open reservoirs and are a part of the citywide distribution system of the DWP, which operates the reservoirs and associated on-site facilities. The DWP must meet water quality regulations established by federal and state agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Health Services (DHS). Construction in the reservoir areas is controlled by the California Division of Safety of Dams.

The reservoir water is treated with chlorine and other chemicals to control algae and other contaminants and ensure a microbiologically safe water. Measures are taken to protect the reservoir from surface water runoff, insect populations and other potentially harmful substances including those generated by humans and animals.

Over the past two decades, water quality regulations have become more restrictive. These regulations have resulted in the covering of some open reservoirs and/or the construction of water treatment facilities and storage tanks. Though the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs meet or exceed the current water quality regulations and do not require additional water quality measures at this time, stricter regulations requiring future improvements may be mandated.

To ensure that this Master Plan serves as a long-range document, the possibility of tighter water quality regulations and their impacts were
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considered. Robert Bein, William Frost & Associates, a well-respected water quality engineering firm in Southern California with experience in analysis and design of water quality facilities, was asked to provide information on upcoming regulations and state of the art technology for treatment facilities.

The Master Plan team used this information to study location options for a treatment facility should one be required. The community’s first and overwhelming preference is to locate all treatment and storage facilities off-site. The DWP is committed to evaluating off-site locations and will consider those alternatives along with on-site locations. If on-site treatment and storage are deemed necessary, this Master Plan provides conceptual guidelines on possible locations that have the least visual impact on the community and offer the greatest flexibility for continued recreational uses.

Any major modifications to existing water quality facilities would require an application to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning for a Conditional Use Permit. Granting the conditional use would then require an environmental assessment and public notification as called for in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. A specific proposal for the construction of a treatment facility would also activate other joint participation procedures between DWP and the community, including the formal mediation that began in 1989 when DWP last proposed covering the small reservoirs. This process has brought about a new cooperative relationship between DWP and its neighbors and has effectively applied community review and comment on issues ranging from the removal of the chlorine depot to tree trimming programs.

Reservoir Characteristics

Capacity

Silver Lake Reservoir currently meets the water supply requirements of Central and East Los Angeles by providing approximately 160 cfs (cubic feet per second) during the peak hour and an average of 100 cfs during the maximum day of demand. Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs are capable of storing over 850 million gallons. The water surface level fluctuates based upon variable system demand and operational requirements.

Reservoir System Operation

Silver Lake Reservoir receives treated water from the Colorado River, Owens Valley, State Water Project, and local water wells via the River
Supply Conduit inlet, a large pipeline entering from the north. The Silver Lake system includes the smaller Ivanhoe Reservoir, which acts as a sedimentation basin where large sand particles settle before the water flows into the Silver Lake Reservoir. Other facilities located on-site include the caretaker’s house, chlorination building, metering facilities, and other miscellaneous facilities used by the DWP to maintain the site and test and control the reservoir’s water supply and water quality. Treatment operations at the site consist largely of in-reservoir algae control and disinfection of the Silver Lake Reservoir outlet and Fletcher Tunnel pipelines through the addition of chlorine and other algaecides.

Current Regulations

The quality of the water stored in Silver Lake Reservoir is governed by water regulations set by various government agencies, primarily the EPA and the DHS. These regulations are developed to protect public health as well as to enhance the aesthetic qualities of the potable water supply. The specific regulations which have historically been of concern at Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs include:

Primary Drinking Water Standards

The DHS Primary Drinking Water Standards regulate trihalomethanes (THMs), a type of disinfection-by-product (DBP) created when chlorine used to control algae reacts with organic matter. THMs have been linked to health risks to consumers. In the last year, the THM concentration exiting Silver Lake has reached as high as 69 micrograms per liter (µg/L); this, however, is still below the current standard of 100 µg/L.

Secondary Standards

Secondary Drinking Water Standards set by DHS regulate taste and odor caused by algae growing in the shallow lake. Taste and odor are critical to consumer confidence.

Total Coliform Rule

The Total Coliform Rule (TCR) is a companion to the Surface Water Treatment Rule for reducing the potential for waterborne disease outbreaks. The TCR maintains that total coliforms are indicators of pathogen contamination; the absence of coliforms in turn indicates an absence of pathogens. Because Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs are uncovered and exposed to the atmosphere, they are at risk for microbial contamination. However, because no untreated surface water
enters the reservoirs, Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs are currently exempt from the Surface Water Treatment Rules and therefore exempt from the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (see next Future Regulations).

**Future Regulations**

Proposed changes to the current regulations summarized above may have an impact on operations at Silver Lake Reservoir. Upcoming regulations that may impact operations at Silver Lake Reservoir include:

1st & 2nd Stage Disinfection/Disinfection By-Products Rules

New rules likely to take effect within the next five years will establish more stringent standards for DBPs, including THMs. The standard for THM concentration will be reduced to 80 ug/L by 2001 and then possibly 40 ug/L. Silver Lake Reservoir’s current level of up to 69 ug/L will have to be mitigated through a change in operations, or possibly the addition of new treatment facilities or other technologies available in the future.

Future Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

Monitoring for new, currently unregulated contaminants will begin in January 2001. These new contaminants include several classes of viruses and bacteria. If the occurrence of these contaminants is found to be widespread, the EPA may consider establishing new drinking water standards.

Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

The intent of the Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule is to prevent microbiological contamination of all surface waters of the United States. One primary control measure is to require all new finished water storage reservoirs to be covered, and to cover existing reservoirs where a water quality threat exists. An alternative measure is to construct treatment facilities that remove target microorganisms, such as giardia and cryptosporidium, thereby achieving target levels. Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs may be exempt from this future rule because they are located within an isolated watershed.
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Potential Changes in Operational and/or Treatment Methods

A number of alternative operational and treatment measures exist that comply with regulations and ensure consumers a continued safe drinking water supply.

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<td>Construct treatment facility to filter water (microfiltration) with covered storage</td>
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<td>Cover reservoir</td>
<td>Improved disinfection measures (ultraviolet disinfection or other)</td>
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These measures may be evaluated by the DWP in the future, or the DWP may develop other measures, to ensure safe water quality in compliance with regulations.

Future Treatment Scenarios

Water Treatment Facilities

If it is determined that operational measures alone are not sufficient to meet more stringent water quality standards and the construction of treatment facilities for Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs is required, the DWP will work closely with the community to determine the type, size and design of the treatment facilities and their suitable location. The community will be involved from the outset in discussions leading to these decisions by way of the formal mediation procedures and CEQA processes. Under the CPOR mediation process, the DWP will continue to involve reservoir communities at an early stage in its deliberations; the reservoir communities will continue to designate representatives to confer with DWP on a regular basis. Should there be considerable construction at the site, DWP will negotiate with the community as to the restoration of any public facilities altered or eliminated by the construction.
Facility Siting

DWP is committed to pursuing off-site locations for treatment and storage facilities and will evaluate the off-site options along with on-site options. The DWP will determine the operational and economic feasibility as well as potential community impacts of each alternative. The type and size of the required treatment facility may range from small underground covered air flotation basins to a larger filtration building and storage facilities, or facilities required by other emerging technologies. DWP will provide appropriate mitigation in consultation with the community groups and in conformity with CEQA requirements.

Off-Site Locations

DWP will evaluate off-site facility locations based on the engineering, economic and social factors associated with transferring water from the reservoir to the facility. Due to the amount of land required for such facilities, however, and the varying availability of sites from year to year, a detailed analysis of appropriate sites will not be possible until it is determined that the facilities are truly necessary.

Potential On-Site Locations

The following table presents a number of options for on-site facility locations. In developing these options, the Master Plan team based its estimates on the most conservative (i.e., largest size) treatment and storage facilities that might be required. It is important to note, however, that like all technology, water quality facilities are shrinking in size and will continue to do so in the future.

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<td>Building</td>
<td>75,000 sq. ft.</td>
<td>Built into side of Knoll hillside to reduce visual impact</td>
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<td>Chlorination Facility Option 1</td>
<td>Building &amp; 9 Above Ground Storage Tanks</td>
<td>125'x50' pad</td>
<td>Near existing Chlorination Building</td>
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<td>Storage Tanks and Pump Building</td>
<td>Within Treatment Building</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finished Water Storage Option 1</td>
<td>Covered Ivanhoe Reservoir (hard cover or bladder)</td>
<td>60 MG total</td>
<td>Ivanhoe Reservoir</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finish Water Storage Option 2</td>
<td>Underground Concrete Tanks</td>
<td>60 MG total (5 tanks at 200' dia. &amp; 1 tank at 170' dia.)</td>
<td>Underneath open area on eastern side of Reservoir</td>
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In order to minimize the aesthetic impacts of these on-site facilities, various mitigation measures should be considered. For example, the facilities could be integrated into areas for public use.
The on-site finished water storage requirements could be achieved at Ivanhoe Reservoir by burying storage tanks in the reservoir area and putting an attractive water feature or landscape area above them; or, concrete storage tanks could be buried under the meadow area, which could then be re-landscaped and made available for public use. Another option would be to build the treatment facility into the knoll hillside where the topography and trees would keep it largely hidden from view and perhaps integrated with public use features. The DWP is committed to building attractive and community sensitive buildings, and an on-site treatment facility would be no exception.

Construction Impacts

Assuming the most conservative treatment facility based on today’s knowledge of current and proposed water quality regulations, the total duration of construction on the site may be three to three-and-one-half years. During construction, temporary impacts to the surrounding area would include traffic, noise, aesthetics, and air quality. Depending on the storage option chosen, considerable excavation (i.e., in the meadow area) with associated truck traffic would occur. As discussed previously, however, after the storage tanks were built, they would then be covered and landscaped.

Off-site facility locations would require the installation of major pipelines to transport water from the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs and facilities to return treated water back to the Silver Lake Reservoir site to connect to existing outlet pipelines. Such an installation would entail excavation in the streets around the reservoir. If pipelines cannot be installed conventionally in city streets, tunneling may have to be considered. Both options have traffic as well as other impacts and may add considerably to the cost of the project. Mitigation measures to these impacts would be addressed with the community under the CPOR and CEQA processes.

Other Water Quality Implications for Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan

The proposed improvements to the SLRC outlined in this Master Plan are intended to improve views and enhance enjoyment of the reservoirs by the Silver Lake community while preserving the reservoirs’ water quality. For this reason, increased public access to the site, while desirable, must be limited due to the contamination threats such access might pose. (If Silver Lake Reservoir were to be converted to a raw water facility, in which the water is treated after storage, access restrictions might be lessened, if that is the community’s preference.) If the construction project required permanently bypassing the reser-
voir from direct service, DWP will consult the community regarding maintenance of water aesthetics and water levels.

The minimum distance between the reservoir edge and recreational areas is not mandated by any specific regulations, but will instead depend on DWP’s maintenance concerns and DHS’s water quality concerns. As a guideline, however, a distance of at least 35 feet from the reservoir service road to a barrier fence was stated as a preference by DWP in discussions throughout this project.

It is essential that the Master Plan not alter the site in any way that would direct any surface drainage into the reservoir, allow bodily contact with the water, or enable debris or contamination to enter the reservoir from recreational areas. Finally, as discussed previously, the Master Plan reserves on-site space for existing and future DWP facilities that may or may not be required due to future maintenance, operation, and treatment of the reservoir water.

Proposed Studies and Facilities

Chlorination Station

The DWP has recently completed a Risk Management Program assessment of the chlorination stations in the city. As a result, the DWP is planning to make changes to improve the safety of the facility at SLRC, even though it currently meets all applicable safety rules and regulations. This may entail an entirely new 4500 square foot facility with a chlorine scrubber safety device since the existing station must be kept operational. The chlorine bulk tank may be eliminated and one-ton containers used in its place. A change in container size will result in an increased amount of truck trips for chlorine delivery and change-outs of the containers but will increase station safety and allow for a smaller scrubber. Construction is anticipated to commence sometime within the next two years. Future design of the facility will be done in collaboration with the community. At that time, DWP in consultation with the community, will consider the feasibility of consolidating functions performed elsewhere at SLRC in the new facility and will address other site planning issues.

Chloramines

The DWP is in the process of evaluating the use of the disinfectant chloramines (a combination of chlorine and ammonia) in Los Angeles’ water distribution system. Currently, Los Angeles disinfects its water using chlorine and ozone, although parts of the city are served by Met-
ropolitan Water District water, which disinfects with chloramines. The study results are expected by the end of 2000 and may result in DWP converting most of its system to chloramines. If this conversion takes place, the DWP will need to construct new facilities for the Silver Lake Reservoir to accommodate ammonia feed systems and increased chlorination. These facilities would consist of two 20-by-20-foot (approximately) facilities for ammonium hydroxide metering pumps and controls as well as two 20-by-30-foot outside storage tanks. These facilities may be able to be incorporated into the design of the proposed chlorination station.

Open Reservoir Waterfowl Control Pilot Project

The DWP is in the process of initiating a study to reduce reservoir contamination by birds and plans to implement the selected technique at a reservoir by mid-2000. This study concentrates on reservoirs that are not subject to the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). Ivanhoe Reservoir has among the highest bird densities of a non-SWTR reservoir and therefore may be selected for this technique. Successfully addressing this problem now may prevent more stringent treatment measures in the future.

It is not currently known whether Silver Lake Reservoir will require any bird control measures.
Recreation Improvement Goals

- Provide a safe, continuous pedestrian path separated from traffic around the reservoirs.
- Provide community-serving recreation areas with limited access.
- Maintain existing active recreation facilities in the southern area of the site managed by Recreation and Parks.
- Develop solutions to solve the Dog Park grounds maintenance problems.
- Develop safe, defensible open spaces.
- Provide low-level pedestrian lighting for safe nighttime use of accessible areas.
- Establish gateways to accessible areas with interpretive information stations or kiosks.

Landscape and Open Space Goals

- Improve the appearance of the fencing required to secure the water quality facilities.
- Preserve existing trees and other appropriate mature vegetation.
- Plant new trees and other vegetation.
- Utilize vegetation to screen objectionable views and restrict access or use of open areas.
- Preserve existing views of the reservoirs from the hillsides and streets surrounding the reservoirs.
- Protect and preserve existing wildlife habitat.
- Utilize sustainable principles in future phases of project design.
- Ensure that planning of proposed improvements is flexible enough to maintain water quality operations and facilities.
- Provide an appropriate location for a United States Geological Survey (USGS) ground movement monitoring station.
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN/JOGGING PATHS
SILVERLAKE & IVANHOE RESERVOIR MASTER PLAN PROJECT
Current Conditions and Recommendations

Continuous Path

The most important element of the Master Plan is the creation of an accessible, continuous pathway for walkers and joggers around the entire reservoir that is raised and separated from vehicular traffic. The existing path is dangerous; Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive have striped shoulders; Van Pelt Avenue has a minimal sidewalk; Tesla Avenue has no provisions for walkers and joggers leaving most to use the middle of the street; and half of Armstrong Avenue has a wide decomposed granite path. But from the top of the hill to Silver Lake Boulevard the path abruptly ends forcing joggers onto the street.

The Master Plan envisions a continuous 8-foot-wide paved pathway for walkers and joggers around the reservoirs. In all areas adjacent to existing streets the path will be separated and raised above the level of the roadway. In larger open areas like the meadow and the knoll, secondary trails can branch off the main path to provide varied experiences. Specific improvements proposed for each leg of the path are as follows:

- Along Silver Lake Boulevard, the pathway will be separated from adjacent vehicular traffic by a buffer planting area of low shrubs and street trees.

- On the south end of the site, the pathway will follow the toe of the Silver Lake dam to connect with West Silver Lake Drive.

- On West Silver Lake Drive, a raised walkway with a planted buffer will separate recreational users from cars.

- On Tesla Street, a new raised wooden boardwalk may be added to the dam slope, if approved by the DWP and the California Division of Safety of Dams, to separate walkers and joggers from traffic. Other alternatives will also be explored.

- On Armstrong Avenue, a more formal path will be constructed in the existing open space except at rock outcroppings, where the path will travel to level areas at the top of the knoll.

The material to be used for the new paths became a significant issue during community discussions, due in part to the fact that walkers and joggers often desire surfaces with different characteristics. Joggers and able-bodied recreational walkers tend to prefer softer surfaces, such as compacted earth, decomposed granite, athletic track surfacing or other resilient materials. (A drawback is that earth and decomp-
LEGEND

- POTENTIAL DWP USE AREA
- PUBLIC ACCESS PATH - 24 HOURS
- PUBLIC ACCESS PATH - DESIGNATED HOURS
- EXISTING PATH
- PUBLIC ACCESS - 24 HOURS

OPTIMIZED IMPROVEMENTS
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posed granite can become muddy and difficult to maintain during the rainy season.) People using wheeled devices, including disabled persons and walkers with baby strollers, prefer harder surfaces. A harder surface would also better accommodate parents with small children using the perimeter and secondary paths for bicycling, which will probably be a common occurrence as the path will be one of the few flat areas available in the neighborhood.

A number of potential solutions to this conflict were considered during the development of the Master Plan. While a wider path in the range of 8 to 10 feet across should be able to accommodate different types of uses, it can be composed of only one type of material. Separate paths could be developed with different materials where space is available.

Recreation Uses

ML+A presented a variety of recreational alternatives, both passive (walking, jogging, meditation and nature viewing) as well as active (soccer, softball, par-course and picnicking) at the well-attended workshops. After extensive discussion, an overwhelming consensus emerged at the workshops in support of passive recreational uses and in opposition to all forms of active recreational uses in the areas of reservoir property to be opened to the public.

Water quality protection is the first priority in determining further recreation uses. Areas adjacent to the reservoir are especially susceptible to potential contamination with possible water quality impacts. Organized recreation at the Silver Lake Reservoir is expected to remain limited to the existing Recreation and Parks facilities at the south end of the SLRC. The narrow width of the eucalyptus grove, and the new native grass and shrub plantings in the meadow, will encourage passive recreation.

Other recreation, including walking, wildlife viewing, seating, interpretive areas and meditation, is proposed for the accessible open areas.

The Dog Park

Although the Dog Park has been very successful in attracting dogs and their owners for off-leash play, it has suffered from over-use and poor grounds maintenance planning. The Department of Recreation and Parks should consider improvements such as creating level areas that are less susceptible to erosion, replacing sod more often, or replacing the ground surface entirely.
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Legend:
- Potential DWP Use Area
  - No Permanent Recreational/Public Facilities Permitted
- Gateway Location
  - Rest Area with Interpretive Kiosk
- Significant View Corridor
- Potential Visual Focal Point
- Entrance to Limited Access Paths in Open Space

Gateways / View Corridors
Silver Lake & Ivanhoe Reservoir Master Plan Project
Safety and Access

Safety in all areas of the reservoir site was of primary importance to the design team and was clearly identified as a priority at the well-attended community workshops. Strategies to increase the safety of recreation participants and local residents include adding more crosswalks and traffic signals to enhance safety when crossing the street; providing pedestrian-level lighting of perimeter paths; locating primary paths within view of adjacent streets; and restricting access to less visible areas.

Limited accessibility and high visibility to most open areas was very important to many neighbors. The Master Plan proposes that the perimeter pathways remain open and available for use at all times for residents who prefer to walk and jog on their own schedules. A narrow, easily viewable zone adjacent to the paths would also be accessible to create an expanded sense of open space. However, all proposed larger open spaces including the meadow, the knoll, the eucalyptus grove and the lawn area adjacent to Ivanhoe Reservoir would be open on a limited basis and controlled by fencing and gates. The only large area available with unlimited access would continue to be the Department of Recreation and Parks facilities at the south end.

Night Lighting

One of the most important factors in the design of safe recreation spaces is night lighting. The entire perimeter path that is being proposed for evening use needs to be as safe as possible during nighttime hours. While the street lighting fixtures located along the roadways provide substantial levels of ambient light, lower-level pedestrian lighting would increase safety. At the same time, residents at the community workshops made it very clear that no additional or decorative lighting was desired within the property's interior; they wanted to preserve the attractive reflections of the neighborhood lights and the sky above on the reservoir's surface.

Gateways

Gateways into the open spaces are important elements of the Master Plan. The gateways are envisioned as small nodes or areas that will provide seating options, interpretive information, and a drinking fountain for the convenience of neighborhood recreation participants. Seating options will include individual fixed chairs, small benches or other less formal devices such as boulders or concrete spheres. Each gateway will have a kiosk that contains interpretive information or community event information. The interpretive subjects for the kiosks can provide education on significant community topics including water quality facilities and operations, vegetation and wildlife, architectural/cultural history and community events and organizations. The gates that
PROPOSED FENCING PLAN
SILVER LAKE & IVANHOE RESERVOIR MASTER PLAN PROJECT
control access to limited access areas are an excellent opportunity for artist's contributions. A recent example of the success of this kind of contribution can be seen in the decorative gates designed for the Los Angeles River at Fletcher Drive and on Los Feliz Boulevard.

Fencing

The replacement of the existing chain link fencing at the perimeter of the property was also identified by the community as a significant issue. In areas where the fencing is easily visible, the community would like to see more decorative fencing materials, specifically decorative metal that is either free-standing or combined with a low wall. In areas where the fencing is not adjacent to paths or street edges, chain link may be an acceptable material. The community also requested that gates be decorative and consistent with the fencing to which they are attached.

Whatever form it takes, the need for fencing around the reservoir and other DWP facilities is indisputable, as fencing is critical in protecting the reservoirs from contamination and vandalism. The DWP has stated that it prefers the protective fencing to be a minimum distance of 35 feet from the reservoir. This distance is not possible in all areas, however, especially along West Silver Lake Drive, where the street was built within 20 feet of the embankment. Here the fence will remain in its current location.

Streetscape and Views

The existing fencing, overgrown vegetation and poorly trimmed street trees all contribute to blocked views of the reservoirs from adjacent streets and the surrounding neighborhood. Views of the reservoirs along Silver Lake Boulevard from Duane Street to Armstrong Avenue must be preserved as part of the Scenic Highway in this area. Although trees and pathway plantings are desirable they need to allow views of the reservoirs from the street level. The Master Plan proposes a number of strategies to improve visibility.

One of the areas that would be the easiest to improve is the meadow, where masses of tall shrubs now block views to the water. These shrubs could be removed and replaced with drought tolerant, lower growing native grasses or groundcovers.

Also contributing to blocked views are the street trees surrounding the reservoir as well as trees on the property itself, which have been poorly trimmed over time. Existing trees should be properly pruned by trained workers, and new trees for the interior of the property should be selected to preserve views. Preservation of views does not imply that the property should lack trees altogether. Since most of the houses in the neighborhood are elevated above the streets around the reser-
CONCEPTUAL TREE PLANTING DIAGRAM
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Lagerstroemia indica
*Crape Myrtle*

Height: 15-30 ft.  
Origin: Asia  
Spread: 10-35 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Slow

Multi-stemmed tree with smooth gray bark that flakes off. Trusses of white, pink, red or purple crepe textured flowers in Summer/Autumn & bright Autumn foliage.

Proposed flowering street tree alternate on residential side of West Silver Lake Drive.

Albizia julibrissin
*Silk Tree*

Height: 30 ft.  
Origin: China  
Spread: 25 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Fast

Multi-stemmed tree and broad spreading crown with light to medium green feathery foliage. Bright pink fluffy pine cushion flowers Spring to Summer.

Proposed flowering street tree alternate on residential side of West Silver Lake Drive.

Platanus racemosa
*California Sycamore*

Height: 50-90 ft.  
Origin: California  
Spread: 30-50 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Fast

Attractive patchy buff-colored peeling bark with smooth branches gracefully twisted. Large yellowish green leaves turn dusty brown in Autumn & ball-like seed clusters hang in Winter.

Proposed street tree along edge of Eucalyptus Grove side.

Sequoiad sempervirens
*Coast Redwood*

Height: 70-90 ft.  
Origin: California  
Spread: 14-30 ft.  
Type: Evergreen  
Growth: Fast

Upright red-brown, fibrous-barked trunk. Medium green flat, pointed, narrow leaves with greyish underside. Small round 1" cones.

Proposed street tree on Reservoir side of West Silver Lake Drive to supplement existing trees.

Calodendrum capense
*Cape Chestnut*

Height: 25-40 ft.  
Origin: South Africa  
Spread: 20-35 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Slow

Glossy oval light to medium green leaves. Spikes of rosy mauve-pink flower clusters in late Spring and early summer. Woody, pustular seed pods follow.

Proposed street tree on residential side of Silver Lake Boulevard to supplement existing trees.

Pinus canariensis
*Canary Island Pine*

Height: 40-50 ft.  
Origin: China  
Spread: 40-50 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Fast

Slender and graceful pyramid form. Bluish-green needles in youth and dark green when older with 4"-9" glossy brown cones.

Proposed street tree on residential side of Silver Lake Boulevard to supplement existing trees.

Jacaranda mimosifolia
*Jacaranda*

Height: 25-40 ft.  
Origin: Brazil  
Spread: 15-30 ft.  
Type: Deciduous  
Growth: Fast

Wide spreading oval head with fernlike leaves. Bluish lavender flower clusters usually in June.

Proposed flowering street tree alternate on residential side of West Silver Lake Drive.
voirs, planting and maintaining small trees should not inhibit views. Even larger trees can be planted if the spacing between them is sufficient to prevent the formation of a solid wall of foliage. The City of Los Angeles recommends street tree spacing of 25 to 40 feet apart, and there are many species available that are more narrow or columnar in character that will not create a hedge effect. Street tree planting should be viewed as a positive addition in general as it has proven to be one of the most effective ways to improve community identity and cohesiveness.

Vegetation and Planting

The Master Plan, as a guideline for further development, does not provide a great deal of information on specific existing or proposed plant materials. In general, the Master Plan proposes that existing trees in the eucalyptus grove, the Recreation and Parks area, the olive grove and the knoll be preserved and that, as mentioned above, new plantings respect and preserve views of the reservoirs from the street level and the houses above. Selection of new plants and trees should consider water quality impacts (i.e. leaf drop, etc.) and need to be approved by the Department of Health Services and DWP. Plantings can be used to screen objectionable views of buildings, parking or other facilities on the site and can also be used to encourage or discourage activities. Suggestions include:

- Avoid turf grasses in the meadow area to discourage active recreation.
- Plant taller native grass species or native shrubs along established paths to encourage access.
- In parkways along streets, add low plantings that are dense, evergreen and low maintenance.

Wildlife

One goal of this Master Plan is to preserve existing wildlife where consistent with DWP’s primary goal of protecting and maintaining water quality in the reservoirs.

Several great blue heron nests have been observed in the eucalyptus grove on the west side of Silver Lake Reservoir. One of Los Angeles’ most respected ornithologists, Dr. Kimball Garrett, was consulted during this study to determine whether allowing pedestrian access to the area would pose any risks to the herons’ nests. He believes that since the birds have been nesting so close to West Silver Lake Drive, with its heavy traffic passing so close to them, a new pathway below them should not have a significant impact. Where possible, however, pathways should be kept from areas directly under the nesting trees.
Other wildlife species have been observed on the DWP property and have not been documented. As open space areas are made more accessible, new species may be discovered and their habitat protection addressed.

Sustainability

Sustainable design practices including utilization of drought-tolerant plantings, use of recycled materials and use of lighting with low-energy requirements should be an integral part of implementation plans for this project.

Meadow Area

The Master Plan’s proposal for the meadow area on the east side of the reservoir is to provide a fully accessible path for walking and jogging and a large area that is accessible on a limited basis for passive recreation. The existing fence along the edge of Silver Lake Boulevard will be moved towards the
reservoir to create a varying width zone of open space with a pathway adjacent to the street that is accessible at all times. This zone will create an expanded sense of open space from Silver Lake Boulevard and provide a planted edge along the street. A new decorative fence will limit access into the larger open space.

In the large area, a winding path will travel much closer to the reservoir edge, providing an experience that has not been possible since the reservoir was fenced. A fence 35 feet from the reservoir maintenance road will provide necessary protection. Plantings of low shrubs or ornamental grasses in the larger open area will discourage active recreational uses. The interior path will then lead back to the perimeter path and provide an option to hike up to the knoll area.
The Eucalyptus Grove

In the eucalyptus grove on the west side of Silver Lake Reservoir, the existing concrete wall and chain link fence will be replaced with a decorative fence approximately 40 feet from the street edge. A new pathway will circulate through the grove between the existing trees. Much of the existing area will remain inaccessible and unimproved to protect the existing trees and the heron nests and to prohibit active recreation. Like the perimeter path in the meadow area, the expanded edge will help to increase the perceived amount of open space while maintaining views and visual surveillance.
HAWICK STREET

- Small Water Feature or Other Identity Marker
- At Street Nodes
- 20' New Street Width
- Expanded Landscape Edge in Wider Areas
- Old Fence Line
- Existing Eucalyptus to Remain
- No Improvised Landscape Under Eucalyptus in these Areas: No Public Access
- New Curbing of Narrowed Street: 14 feet
- Back from Existing Fence / Wall Edge
- Introduce Medium Size Flowering Street Trees; Replace Existing Damaged / Diseased Trees:
  - Albizia julibrissin
  - Jacaranda mimosifolia
  - Alternativa Design: Use Flowering Trees on Western and Sycamore on the Eastern
- Round Hoisted Canopy Trees
  - Albizia julibrissin
  - Jacaranda mimosifolia
  - Platanus racemosa
- Improve Landscape Understory Planting with Drought Resistant Shrubs and Groundcovers
- New Fence Location
  - Decorative Metal Fence
  - Decorative Metal Fence on Concrete Base Wall

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EXPANDED EDGE CONDITIONS IN WIDER AREAS
USGS Monitoring Station

The USGS has identified SLRC as a desirable site for a ground movement monitoring station. A deep probe was installed in an area close to bedrock and will constantly monitor and transmit substantial and valuable information via satellite on ground movement.

The actual monitoring equipment consists of an approximately six-foot-high tripod with a small domed monitoring unit on top. The unit is located within the perimeter fence and therefore will not require any additional protective devices.
Pedestrian Safety and Traffic

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Goals

- Develop improved pedestrian safety concepts.
- Eliminate excess paved areas in existing streets and replace with pedestrian walkways and landscaped parkways.
- Develop proposals to reduce speeding which causes hazardous vehicular conditions.
- Maintain traffic access and speeds within posted limits for neighborhood residents and uses.
- Develop regional bicycle path connections.
- Develop a safe path between Ivanhoe Elementary School and the Silver Lake Recreation Center.

Background

Pedestrian safety in the Silver Lake neighborhood was one of the most important issues raised by the community during the data gathering phase of the Master Plan. Residents expressed great concern about speeding traffic and the dangerous conditions walkers and joggers face and cited a high accident rate, including two deaths, attributed to unsafe pedestrian conditions on adjacent streets. Discussions centered on a number of specific safety goals, including creating a barrier between pedestrians and vehicles; creating safer crosswalks; and encouraging slower traffic speeds.

Traffic consultants Meyer Mohaddes & Associates (MMA) were asked to analyze the existing pedestrian and traffic conditions and make recommendations to improve safety while maintaining necessary traffic volumes. The critical issues they identified were vehicular speeding and a lack of identified crosswalks for safe crossing points (problems already clearly evident at the existing dog park, where speeding vehicles enter a blind curve as residents attempt to cross the street). The consultants were also asked to make recommendations for traffic calming (i.e., slowing down traffic exceeding posted limits) and for signals or other devices to create safe pedestrian crossing conditions.
MMA conducted a number of meetings with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) in order to ensure that their recommendations would be acceptable at a conceptual level. Although many of the residents and some members of the Master Plan team would have preferred to reduce traffic significantly on Silver Lake Boulevard, that option was not considered at this time. As one community workshop participant stated so eloquently, commuting is an inevitability in Los Angeles for all of us and will always be a neighborhood issue.

Existing Traffic Conditions

Silver Lake Boulevard

The City of Los Angeles classifies Silver Lake Boulevard as a secondary highway, typically defined as a 70-foot wide roadway with two travel lanes in each direction, a center left-turn lane, and curbside parking on both sides. But because Silver Lake Boulevard was built many years before the current LADOT criteria, it doesn’t fit this classification exactly. It has a 50-foot wide right-of-way with only one travel lane in each direction, and parking is available only on the residential side of the roadway and on a small portion of the west side adjacent to the dog park.

West Silver Lake Drive

The city classifies West Silver Lake Drive as a collector street, typically defined as a 44-foot-wide roadway with one travel lane in each direction, a left turn lane if space allows, and parking on both sides. West Silver Lake Drive is wider than this standard at 48 feet, with parking only on the residential side of the street. The reservoir side of the road features a wider shoulder that accommodates the walking/jogging area.

Traffic Volumes

Each weekday, more than 18,250 vehicles travel on Silver Lake Boulevard, slightly below the city guidelines of 20,000 to 30,000 ADV (average daily vehicles) for a typical secondary highway. During the morning peak hour, which occurs from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., southbound traffic is heaviest, with more than
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Legend:
- Potential DWP Use Area (No Permanent Recreational/Public Facilities Permitted)
- Daily Traffic Volumes
- Traffic Route

Note: Daily volumes are based on a 24 hour period. Data collected on Tuesday, May 4, 1994.

Daily Traffic Volumes - 24 Hours
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REPORTED ACCIDENTS
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1,000 cars traveling towards Sunset Boulevard and 460 vehicles traveling northbound to Glendale Boulevard. During the evening peak hour from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., northbound traffic numbers 1,175 cars, almost double the volume of southbound travel.

Daily traffic on West Silver Lake Drive is much lighter, with approximately 3,380 vehicles using the street on an average weekday, significantly lower than the city maximum of 10,000 average daily vehicles for a collector street. During the morning peak hour, southbound traffic is heavier with just under 300 vehicles traveling towards Sunset Boulevard and just over 100 cars circulating north towards Rowena Avenue. During the evening peak hour from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., the automobile traffic is almost equal in both directions, with 150 cars traveling northbound and 140 vehicles heading southbound.

Traffic Control Devices

Both Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive have few traffic control devices along their length. From Effie Street north to Rowena Avenue, West Silver Lake Drive has one stop sign at Hawick Street, no traffic signals and no designated crosswalks. On Silver Lake Boulevard north from Effie Street to Glendale Boulevard, a single traffic signal has just recently been installed at Duane Street. The only designated crosswalk around the reservoirs is located on Van Pelt Avenue at an uncontrolled intersection.

Excessive Speeds

Traffic frequently exceeds the 35 m.p.h. speed limit on both streets, as noted in field surveys and substantiated by traffic accident reports. The seven intersections along Silver Lake Boulevard had 34 reported accidents over a five-year period, or one accident every two months, with the majority of accidents occurring at the Duane Street, Cove Avenue and Armstrong Avenue intersections. More than half of the accidents occurred during daylight hours and 70 percent of the accidents involved a car hitting a fixed object such as the wall surrounding the reservoir or a parked car. Speeding also significantly impacts pedestrian safety along Silver Lake Boulevard, and flashing pedestrian warning lights have been installed adjacent to the dog park. West Silver Lake Drive, despite its history of “drag racing” on the long straight portion and a dangerous curving downhill section towards Van Pelt Avenue, had only
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six reported accidents in a five-year period, or one accident every ten months. A hard-fought battle to install a stop sign at Hawick Street was won only after a fatality occurred.

Bike Lanes/Transportation

The city's Bicycle Plan, which provides for the development of a citywide bicycle transportation system, identifies Silver Lake Boulevard as a Class II bicycle facility. LADOT has re-striped Silver Lake Boulevard north from Sunset Boulevard to Armstrong Avenue to allow for a bike lane on both sides of the street. The bike lane will likely connect to Glendale Boulevard to the north.

Public Transportation

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) provides bus transit service in the Silver Lake area. Bus Line 201 travels on West Silver Lake Drive north to Rowena Avenue and Glendale Boulevard, and south to Sunset Boulevard, providing service between the Metro Red Rail Line at the Wilshire/Vermont Station and Silver Lake, Atwater Village and Glendale. Bus stops are located at Van Pelt Place, Redesdale Avenue/Castle Street, Moreno Drive, Hawick Street and Tesla Avenue.

Traffic and Transit Recommendations

In order to promote traffic calming, create a more residential feel and reduce the potential for accidents, a wide range of improvements were identified for inclusion in the Master Plan. These include street-width reductions, additional traffic control devices and enhanced pedestrian crosswalks. In addition, introducing a DASH neighborhood shuttle service is recommended to further reduce vehicular traffic in the Silver Lake area. This bus service, which is utilized in many neighborhoods, can provide connections to local commercial areas from residential districts using smaller vehicles that are less noisy and that can provide service on small streets where desired. Many alternatives for slowing traffic speeds were considered. Some of the recommended methods included speed bumps or speed humps, stop signs, traffic or pedestrian signals or warning signs. These proposals were presented in community workshops and discussed with LADOT. LADWP indicated that further studies would have to be undertaken in order to evaluate the proposals being presented.
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**Intersection: Van Pelt Place/Silver Lake Blvd.**

**Silver Lake Blvd. at Armstrong Avenue**

**STREET SECTION - EXISTING CONDITIONS**

**Silverlake Boulevard**

**RESERVOIR**

15 feet Access Road

Existing Landscaped Edge

varies

Existing Landscaped Edge

4 feet Stripped Pedestrian Path

15 feet Parking Lane

80 feet Existing Street Width

Northbound on Silver Lake Blvd.

Intersection: Duane Street/ Silver Lake Blvd.
Silver Lake Boulevard

The current one-and-a-half-lane-wide striping on Silver Lake Boulevard, together with a lack of traffic control devices from Effie Street north to Glendale Boulevard, encourage illegal speeding and passing. The results are frequent accidents and unsafe pedestrian conditions.

Recommendations subject to review and approval by DOT include the following:

- Reduce the width of the roadway to the standard minimum with a single travel lane in each direction through striping or adding curbs and sidewalks or other infrastructure improvements.

- Install speed-activated traffic signals to slow traffic at Armstrong Avenue, Cove Avenue and Van Pelt Place.

- Incorporate clearly visible striped pedestrian crosswalks with the traffic signals to ensure safe crossings.

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PROPOSED STREET SECTIONS - SILVERLAKE BLVD
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West Silver Lake Drive

The extra width of West Silver Lake Drive beyond that required by city standards offers an opportunity to accommodate recreational opportunities while still serving the existing traffic volumes. The single stop sign at Hawick Street has been successful in slowing vehicular speeds in that segment of the street. With the planned increase in recreational activity at the Silver Lake site, it becomes necessary to slow traffic along a greater portion of the street.

Recommendations subject to review and approval by DOT include the following:

- Reduce the width of the roadway to the city standard and designate the remaining space for walking and jogging, using striping, curbed sidewalks, or barriers to separate the pedestrians from the street.

- Add traffic stop signs to slow traffic at Van Pelt Place, Moreno Drive and Tesla Avenue.

- Incorporate clearly visible striped pedestrian crosswalks with the stop signs to ensure crossing safety.

PROPOSED STREET SECTIONS - WEST SILVERLAKE DRIVE

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JULY 21, 1999
Parking

A very limited amount of on-street parking is available on the residential sides of the surrounding streets. At community meetings, residents stated overwhelmingly that they wanted no additional parking, on the street or elsewhere. At this point the Master Plan does not consider any additional parking.

Recent Improvements and Upcoming Planning

A new traffic signal has already been installed at the corner of Duane Street and Silver Lake Boulevard to control traffic speeds and allow more time for left turns onto Duane Street. In early 2000 the Los Angeles Department of City Planning will commence a study for future improvements called the Silver Lake Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Program (TIMP). A TIMP identifies needed transportation programs and provides recommendations to guide transportation-related decisions in the upcoming Community Plan update (see Implementation Chapter). Transportation programs include plans and strategies for highway and street infrastructure capital improvements, public transit improvements, transportation demand management, transportation system management and traffic control measures.
Community Context, Cultural Resources and Urban Design

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Goals

- Preserve views of the reservoirs and landscape areas according to the Scenic Highways Guidelines in the Transportation Element of the City's General Plan.
- Recognize the unique and rich history of Silver Lake.
- Strengthen community identity.
- Strengthen community connections.
- Develop interpretive materials.

Background

Sense of Community

Silver Lake's sense of community is strengthened by many factors that include its topographic form, the vitality and diversity of its residents and its geographic isolation from adjacent neighborhoods. The reservoirs from which the area takes its name are the primary source of the community's identity. This Master Plan study established an objective to explore concepts to further enhance or strengthen this sense of community, and the community's awareness of itself.

A strong and identifiable community is invaluable in the context of a huge metropolis like Los Angeles. In this city, which is well known for its indiscriminate sprawl, many people live with very few of the amenities that the Silver Lake community treasures. These are the things that civilize our neighborhoods and provide common connections between residents. Silver Lake successfully combines the characteristics that many people look for in a neighborhood: defining features and convenience to shopping, education, cultural facilities and commuting destinations. Silver Lake also has a rich history as a home to early film history, early modernist architects, artists, musicians and political radicals. All of these ingredients with the reservoirs as a focal point are important to forming a unique sense of place that can be expressed in physical form.

In recent years, "community identity" has been adopted by new urbanists as well as others in their search for ways to create new communities or improve existing ones. There have been many efforts to dress up downtown areas and to develop renovated or invented places called
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- Ivanhoe Elementary School
- Ivanhoe Avenue
- West Silver Lake Drive
- Fletcher Drive
- Armstrong Ave
- Hyperion Avenue
- Eucalyptus Grove
- Silver Lake Reservoir
- Community Center
- DWP Operations
- The Meadow
- Architectural Landmarks

Improve street tree spacing along Glendale Blvd
town centers in an effort to make places look different and identifiable. Fortunately, Silver Lake does not lack unique and authentic sources for community identity.

Districts

Silver Lake encompasses a number of districts. The commercial districts on lower Silver Lake Boulevard, Glendale Boulevard, Rowena Boulevard and Sunset Boulevard between Coronado Street and Maltmon Avenue function as commercial spines, connections to other city districts and neighborhood boundaries. As commercial districts, they should and do have a very different character from the residential district. A high density of small entrepreneurial owners has transformed these streets into a commercial area well known in greater Los Angeles for trendy furniture and fashion boutiques, small but interesting and eclectic neighborhood restaurants, night clubs and myriad day-to-day serving shops. Single story buildings built from the 1920s to the present encourage the finer grain of commercial development found here. A limited quantity of better known franchise stores and restaurants can also be found on these streets and on Sunset Boulevard.

As previously discussed, Silver Lake’s housing stock was first developed by the Moreno family in the 1920s in Mediterranean styles. Over time, the varied population of film makers, artists, writers, musicians and other bohemians nurtured the development of cutting-edge architecture and design. In this neighborhood, excellent examples of early modernist houses by Richard Neutra, Rudolph Schindler and John Lautner among others have been built within view of the reservoirs. Most notable is Neutra’s VDL House, a frequent stop for architectural students and historic tours, located directly across the meadow on Silver Lake Boulevard. This house is owned and maintained by California Polytechnic Institute and in the near future will be restored and opened to the public. In its original design, a plane of water floated on its roofs to make a water to water connection with the reservoir.

Information about the many interesting people who have lived in Silver Lake, the architectural history and other cultural resources should be available to residents and visitors. As mentioned earlier in this Master Plan, gateways to the open spaces around the reservoirs could exhibit this information in an attractive and interesting way.
Scenic Highway

The portion of Silver Lake Boulevard between Duane Street and Armstrong Avenue is identified as a Scenic Highway in the Transportation Element of the City's General Plan. Scenic Highways designation requires the preparation of a Corridor Plan in accordance with the area's scenic character or concept. The Corridor Plan is then incorporated into a specific plan if one exists for that area, or into district plan ordinances. A Corridor Plan has not yet been developed for the portion of Silver Lake Boulevard that is designated as a Scenic Highway. Until the plan is prepared, interim guidelines contained in the General Plan have been established to guide work in these areas.

The specific scenic features identified for preservation are 'views to and from the Reservoir; (and) landscaped setbacks'.

Recommendations

Gateways and Streetscapes

Gateways and streetscapes are important facets of a community signaling entry and identity. As a part of the Gateway to Silver Lake 2000 effort, a proposal has been made to retrofit the existing bridge at Sunset and Silver Lake Boulevards. Improvements such as large lettering spelling "Silver Lake", a decorative railing and stage-like night lighting could dramatically enhance the existing bridge and provide a clear entry point to the district.

Streetscapes composed of coordinated tree plantings, paving surfaces, street furniture, banner programs and light fixtures can unify and transform streets. The vocabulary of these elements should be determined by the character of the buildings and their uses.

Recommendations include:

- Planting canopy street trees along commercial streets with single story buildings to provide shade for pedestrians and parked cars as well as an attractive green ceiling over the sidewalk.
- Using pedestrian-scaled light fixtures to provide safe light levels at night.
- Encouraging cafes to provide outdoor seating and umbrellas to help populate streets and break up facades.
Displaying banners advertising local events and cultural resources to add color and rhythm to streets, especially in areas where space may not be available for trees.

Adding large windowed areas to shops to show available goods and services.

Providing primary entrances from commercial streets even if parking is available from an alley or the rear of the building.

All of these elements build a "language of occupation" that clearly informs residents and visitors that this is a vibrant, exciting community.

Tree Plantings

In residential districts, street trees should be chosen on the basis of the climate, form, seasonal interest and maintenance requirements. In Silver Lake, special consideration must be given to street trees' effect on views of the reservoirs. As most of the homes in the neighborhood are located on the hillsides above the reservoirs, views are mostly impacted by tree height and density.

Many different tree species can be planted in Southern California, from fruit trees to sequoias. On Silver Lake Boulevard the dominant existing street tree species is Canary Island pine. On West Silver Lake Drive, coast redwoods can be found. Deodar cedar is the predominant tree on Tesla Street and can also be found on Armstrong Avenue.

Scenic Highways Guidelines

Any improvements to Silver Lake Boulevard between Duane Street and Armstrong Avenue will need to adhere to the General Plan's Scenic Highway Guidelines. The following list is a summary of the guidelines that apply to this portion of Silver Lake Boulevard. A copy of the entire guideline is included in the appendices of this document.

- Design and alignment of a Scenic Highway roadway must include considerations of safety and capacity as well as preservation and enhancement of scenic resources.

- Grading for new cuts and fills shall be minimized.

- All grading shall be contoured to match the surrounding terrain.
Outstanding specimens of existing trees and plants located within the public right-of-way shall be retained to the maximum extent feasible.

Low growing ground cover and/or shrubs shall be utilized in parkway plantings in order to avoid blocking views of desirable features.

Only traffic, informational and identification signs are permitted within the right-of-way.

Off-site advertising is prohibited within 500 feet of the centerline of a Scenic Highway.

To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric, communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within 500 feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. Where this is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway.
The community process for this project included:

- Monthly meetings with representatives of Silver Lake Residents Association (SLRA) and Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs (CSSLR).
- Three community workshops.
- Invitations mailed to over 20,000 residents as well as the distribution of flyers, the hanging of banners and the publication of newspaper notices.
- Attendance by over 450 community members.
- Meetings with representatives of City Council and State Assembly offices.
- Attendance at workshops by Council members and/or their staff and Assembly member and his staff.

From the outset this project has been conducted with close ties to the Silver Lake community. The community process for the project had multiple goals. The first was to work closely with community representatives to ascertain community desires as accurately as possible. The second was to involve as many residents as possible in the general community workshops. The third goal was to communicate
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The Newsletter of the Committee To Save Silver Lake Reservoirs

Summer 1999

Community Votes Opinion on Future of Silver Lake Reservoirs

During Master Plans Workshop

Final Public Forum Sat. July 24

The Silver Lake Improvement Association News!

Silver Lake Reservoirs

Master Plans Ahead

by Teresa L. Swanson

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Coastal waves to continue

Inland waves to continue

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with the local council district office, to obtain their feedback and utilize them as a tool to gain access to other local agencies or city offices that would have jurisdiction over the area. Lastly, all of the local representatives to state and city government were invited to all of the workshops.

Monthly meetings were held with the Master Plan consultant, DWP and representatives from SLRA and CSSLR. Presentations of site analysis information and preliminary concepts were made to the boards of these organizations and discussed with these groups as well as the Silver Lake Improvement Association, the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Neighborhood Nursery School. Once general directions were established, a series of workshops were held in order to solicit as much direct input from local residents (both home owners and renters) as possible. Three well-attended workshops were held throughout the project schedule. Over 20,000 invitations were sent to local residents through the use of the DWP mailing list in order to reach as many residents as possible. Meetings were held at the local John Marshall High School, on weekends and evenings. Los Angeles City Councilmember Jackie Goldberg of the 13th Council District and State Assemblymember Scott Wildman of the 43rd District both attended the workshops. Staff from their offices attended and requested information about the project and were supplied with project summaries for potential funding source consideration.

The first workshop focused on an analysis of existing conditions and listening to resident’s concerns and desires. In response to the issues and questions from the first workshop, in the second workshop, the consultant team presented preliminary concepts for improving recreation opportunities, making pedestrian conditions safer and enhancing community identity. At the third workshop, refined concepts for recreation, pedestrian improvements and landscape treatments were discussed. Community discussions at the workshops were informed, thoughtful, wide-ranging and supportive.
Funding and Implementation

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Goals

- Identify and secure funding for project implementation.
- Maintain involvement by Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles County and State Assembly district offices especially as advocates of public funding.
- Encourage the inclusion of the policy proposals in this Master Plan in the Silver Lake and Echo Park Community Plan update.
- Implement this Master Plan in a long-lasting and flexible manner.

Funding Sources

The DWP has funded this Master Planning process including the production of this document; however, no funding sources have yet been identified for any of the concepts proposed in this Master Plan, and no implementation funds have been allocated by the DWP. Potential funding for various components of the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan is available both from governmental and private sources. (Note that most grant funding requires an in-kind contribution by the applicant, which may vary from 25 to 100 percent.) The following discussion outlines key sources by type of improvement.

For any funding source, ongoing coordination with the City Council office is essential, since the Council offices:

- Influence the allocation of city funds in their respective districts and greatly influence the allocation of MTA Call for Projects and Proposition K funds.
- Can influence funding availability at other levels (county, state and federal).
- Typically have access to information regarding other funding sources.

Public Open Space and Recreational Improvements

**Proposition K Funding.** Proposition K, a City of Los Angeles bond measure, funds open space and recreational improvements. While the bond measure primarily focuses on community recreational facilities, especially for children, it will also fund more passive recreational facilities. For example, funding has been provided for Los Angeles River improvements, as well as for small parks owned by city departments or agencies other than Recreation and Parks and maintained by non-city, non-profit entities. Prop. K funding may include maintenance costs. The Prop. K administrators are seeking projects that are ready to be implemented in a short time frame.
State Proposition 12 Funding. This state park bond, approved by the voters in March 2000, will provide a substantial source of funding for open space and recreational improvement projects.

Urban Resources Partnership (URP). URP, a partnership of federal agencies, is based in the City of Los Angeles Department of Environmental Affairs and provides funding for a variety of urban landscape and environmental enhancement projects.

Private Foundations. Several private foundations including the Keck Foundation, California Community Foundation and Renew America fund community-based open space, tree planting and sustainability efforts.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and San Gabriel River Conservancy. These organizations provide funding for a variety of open space projects. Projects funded by the SMMC include Los Angeles River improvements and open space throughout the region.

Trust for Public Land. This organization may provide assistance in locating and securing funding.

Traffic Calming Improvements

Community Traffic Management Division. The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recently created a Community Traffic Management Division. Use of division funding for implementation of traffic calming measures will be based primarily on priorities established by City Council offices.

Signals and Stop Signs

General Fund. The General Fund is used for the installation of stop signs and signals. LADOT administers the signal and stop sign programs, allocating funds based on priorities established by City Council offices.

Curb and Decomposed Granite Pedestrian/Jogging Path

MTA Call for Projects. MTA Call for Projects funding is typically allocated on a two-year cycle, with the next funding cycle scheduled for 2001. MTA Call for Projects funding is allocated to transportation rather than recreation improvements, including improvements for pedestrians (typically associated with improved transit access), bicycles and transit. Increasing the safety of pedestrian access along Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive may qualify as a pedestrian transportation improvement.

The amount of transportation enhancement funding available depends upon the federal allocation in a given year (the most recent funding is by the TEA-21 bill). The MTA administers the TEA funds for Los Angeles County, distributing the funds by geographic area and jurisdiction. The City of Los Angeles receives a large share of the funding due to its size. However, there are always many more projects submitted than can be funded.
Within the city, projects are prioritized in a process administered by LADOT. The key to high prioritization is support by the City Council office. In addition, the project must be supported by the MTA to be funded. Thus, it is necessary to work with the City Council office, LADOT and MTA staff to build support for a project. LADOT administers the funds and the work is typically performed by city departments.

**TEA Funding.** It is possible, through the local congressional representative, to have a project listed directly on federal transportation legislation. For example, Councilmember Chick was able to obtain direct funding for streetscape improvements in Reseda and Canoga Park in the TEA-21 bill through the local member of Congress. The City of Los Angeles and MTA obtained over $60 million of TEA-21 funding for improvements to Santa Monica Boulevard between the 405 Freeway and Beverly Hills.

**Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) Grants.** State funding for environmental enhancement projects to mitigate highway construction is available on an annual basis. A total of $10 million is distributed annually within the state: $6 million to Southern California and $4 million to Northern California. The maximum grant is $250,000. This year's due date is November 15.

To qualify for an EEMP grant, the proposed project must be linked to a highway improvement project. The more direct the link the better the chance of funding. For example, landscaping a segment of new freeway is considered to have a mitigating effect on the pollution generated by traffic on the freeway and therefore is likely to be funded. However, projects with less direct linkages may also be funded. EEMP projects most frequently include landscaping but may also include trails and other enhancements. EEMP grant applications may be linked to planned Glendale Boulevard improvements or future commuter bus lanes in the area.

**Tree Planting and Other Streetscape Improvements**

Funding sources for tree planting and other landscaping in open space, parkways and medians, as well as pedestrian lights and other streetscape improvements include the following, several of which have been discussed previously.

**EEMP Grants.** As described above, EEMP grants to mitigate highway construction are most frequently granted for landscaping projects.

**MTA Call for Projects.** As described above, Call for Projects funding is available for streetscape improvement projects, with the next funding cycle in 2001.

**URP Grants.** As described above, URP grants are available for a variety of landscape and streetscape projects.

**California ReLeaf Grants.** California ReLeaf is the urban and community forestry branch of the Trust for Public Lands. It administers the national Urban Forestry Grant Program together with the U.S. Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). California ReLeaf provides grants of up to several thousand dollars for the purchase of trees, stakes and other materials.

**Other CDF Grants.** The CDF administers other grant programs as well and publishes a quarterly newsletter, California Urban & Community Forestry, that highlights available funding for urban greening projects.
Operation Clean Sweep Grants. The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works funds a variety of community-based improvement projects of up to $5,000.

Tree Groups. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Northeast Trees, TreePeople and Hollywood Beautification have grant funding from a variety of sources for tree planting and other landscaping projects.

Art and Architecture Improvements

Cultural Affairs Commission. The City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission may provide funding or suggestions for funding sources for improvements related to the architectural heritage of the Silver Lake community.

Private Foundations. The Getty and other private foundations may also be interested in funding improvements related to Silver Lake architecture. Other foundations may fund art as well as architecture-related improvements.

In-Kind Contributions

DWP and City of Los Angeles General Fund. As indicated above, most grantors expect an in-kind contribution from the applicant. The primary sources of in-kind contribution are the DWP and City of Los Angeles General Fund.

Community Labor. For small grants, such as Operation Clean Sweep and California ReLeaf, labor by community members to plant trees and other materials can serve as the required in-kind contribution.
Project Phasing

The phasing discussion that follows is intended to identify implementation strategies as funding is obtained. Obviously, the ideal solution would be to secure funding for the total amount required for all soft and hard costs associated with the project. This would achieve the maximum benefit and eliminate the need to prioritize spending and improvements. Most likely, however, funding will be secured in smaller amounts based on the source(s) from which it becomes available and is acquired.

The phasing strategy was developed based on the following premises:

- Providing a safe, continuous walkway around the perimeter of the reservoir property is the first priority of the plan and the most important goal.

- Safety is paramount to the community, and therefore all traffic calming elements (signals, stop signs, crosswalks, etc.) should be implemented as soon as possible.

- All improvement projects on the SLRC will need to be reviewed by and negotiated with DWP.

The phasing strategy recognizes that there are intermediate solutions that would achieve some of the sub-goals of the Master Plan but would not entail a complete build-out. If a phased build-out is implemented, it is exceedingly important to remember the ultimate goals. As pieces of the plan are selected for implementation, a decision-making process must be used to make sure that future elements are not excluded.

Note that the phasing strategies do not include the construction of a water treatment facility specifically; facility requirements, size, type and location are unknown at this time.
Implementation

At the time of this writing, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning commenced the periodic update of the Silver Lake and Echo Park Community Plan, the formal process for documenting changes in the community and estimating future needs. This 18-month process, which includes a series of community outreach meetings, studies needs, goals and desires relating to existing and future land-uses, transportation, recreation, open space, and public facilities including fire, police, libraries, schools, historic and cultural resources.

The Los Angeles City Planning Department has recommended that the City Council offices for the area, District 13 and District 4, make a motion to the Council to request that the Planning Department incorporate as much of the content of the Master Plan in the Community Plan update as possible. It is recognized, however, that some of the concepts in the Master Plan may be more specific than the policy-level discussions in the Community Plan.

All of the plans, diagrams and concepts described in this Master Plan are conceptual ideas and need to be further developed in detail in order to be implemented. In general, however, DWP supports the concept of providing additional community recreation space as long as it is flexible enough in design and construction to allow current and future facilities and operations to provide safe, dependable drinking water.

Part of the purpose of this Master Plan is to assist DWP in understanding the desires of the community regarding the SLRC. As a result of this Master Plan, if a project requiring mitigation is proposed, DWP has a better understanding of the community's concerns and desires.

For any project at the site, DWP, as owner of the property, will be the lead agency in terms of project approval for CEQA documents and will cooperate with other agencies or other organizations during their development of all environmental and construction documents for approved projects at the site. However, DWP will develop the required environmental and construction documents for community enhancements when they are used as mitigation for a department project.

In the meantime, DWP is committed to providing ongoing upkeep and maintenance on its property as is the Department of Recreation and Parks for the areas it currently leases. If funding becomes available, improvements may be developed and managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks either through additional leases or other agreements.
Phasing and Costing Summary

Costs were developed using **RS Means 1999 Site Works and Landscape Cost Data, 18th Annual Edition** and Contractor supplied pricing from recent 1999 projects. The method used to generate costs is based on concepts which are not fully detailed, ready-to-build construction drawings and therefore preliminary by nature.

**Street Improvements for Traffic Calming Purposes**

- Silver Lake Boulevard & West Silver Lake Drive
  - $1,804,812.50

**Increased Recreational Space for Silver Lake Community**

- Proposed creation of separate jogging/walking path & landscape buffer section
  - $3,023,312.50

**Reservoir Embankment Resurfacing**

- $5,000,000.00

**Community Identity Improvements / Gateways**

- Identity plantings and signage
  - $1,750,000.00

**Community Street Tree Plantings**

- Extensive street planting in major commercial districts
  - + $675,000.00

**TOTAL**

- $12,253,125.00

Street Improvements for Traffic Calming Purposes

Street improvements for traffic calming purposes to counter the excessive traffic speeds and accidents along Silverlake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive. The Master Plan encourages traffic calming measures such as the narrowing of traffic lanes and the installation of speed activated traffic signals or stop signs to help slow traffic and improve safety for both cars and pedestrians.

**Silver Lake Boulevard**

(See Street Improvements for Traffic Calming Purposes Detail)

- $853,950.00

**West Silver Lake Drive**

(See Street Improvements for Traffic Calming Purposes Detail)

- $589,900.00

**Sub-Total**

- $1,443,850.00

**15\% Contingency**

- $216,577.50

**10\% Soft Cost**

- + $144,385.00

**TOTAL**

- $1,804,812.50
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Street Improvements for Traffic Calming Purposes Detail

LADOT has reviewed concepts and approve of the proposed improvements.

The following are estimated costs associated with these improvements separated by street.

Silver Lake Boulevard

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Sub-Total                                               | $853,950.00 |

15% Contingency                                         | + $128,092.50 |

Sub-Total                                               | $982,042.50 |

10% Soft Cost                                           | + $85,395.00 |

TOTAL for Silver Lake Boulevard                         | $1,067,437.50 |

West Silver Lake Drive

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Sub-Total                                               | $589,900.00 |

15% Contingency                                         | + $88,485.00 |

Sub-Total                                               | $678,385.00 |

10% Soft Cost                                           | + $58,990.00 |

TOTAL for West Silver Lake Drive                        | $737,375.00 |
Increased Recreational Space for Silver Lake Community

Current recreational use (walking/jogging) of the Reservoir edge is through a variety of dangerous conditions. Users are forced to walk/jog adjacent to vehicle traffic with no protection, with poor site lines, etc. The Master Plan will propose the creation of separate jogging/walking path separated from street traffic by a raised curb and landscape buffer section in the traffic.

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<td>L. Addition of litter receptacles, benches</td>
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Sub-Total: $2,418,650.00

15% Contingency: + $362,797.50

Sub-Total: $2,781,447.50

10% Soft Cost: + $241,865.00

TOTAL Landscape Improvements: $3,023,312.50
Community Identity Improvements / Gateways

Continuing with the direction established by the Gateway 2000 Project, the Master Plan will propose the addition of identity plantings and signage at the Fletcher Avenue and 5 Freeway interchange as well as Silverlake Boulevard and Glendale Boulevard intersection, and West Silverlake Drive and Rowena Avenue intersection. These would include median planting and signage and edge tree planting, and specialized paving at crosswalks.

A. Fletcher Avenue and 5 Freeway interchange $500,000.00
B. West Silver Lake Drive and Rowena Avenue Intersection $250,000.00
C. Silver Lake Boulevard and Glendale Boulevard Intersection $250,000.00
D. Hyperion Bridge to Rowena Avenue $500,000.00
E. Sunset Bridge Artwork and Lighting $250,000.00

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$1,750,000.00

Reservoir Embankment Resurfacing

The master plan will propose the resurfacing of the existing asphalt embankment with a shotcrete material to improve the aesthetic appearance of the Reservoir and reduce maintenance.

Estimated Lump Sum

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$5,000,000.00

Community Street Tree Plantings

The Master Plan will propose extensive street tree plantings in the major commercial districts.

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<td>C. Hyperion Commercial District from Rowena to Sunset Boulevard</td>
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Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan Steering Committee

The Master Plan contemplates Department of Recreation and Parks (or the City Council Office) taking the lead in establishing a Steering Committee subsequent to the approval of the Master Plan and presentation to the community. This committee will work with the Department of Recreation and Parks (or the City Council Office) to facilitate the implementation of the community elements of the Master Plan.

The committee will be composed of representatives of community associations, community designees of the Council Office, representatives of the Council Offices, LADOT and Department of Recreation and Parks. DWP will be invited to participate as an ex officio member to provide input on whether proposals are consistent with its ongoing operations and long term uses of the SLRC as well as to assist with implementation as appropriate. DWP will have final approval of all projects and as lead agency must approve all environmental documentation.

- The committee will act as a liaison between the community and agencies who are responsible for different aspects of the master Plan.
- The committee will support and keep track of funding activities.
- The committee will confer regarding design of project elements to ensure their consistency with the Master Plan, provide ongoing communication with the community at large on the progress of the committee and on the content of key proposals and provide ongoing input on project implementation to the Department or Recreation and Parks (or the Council Office).

Initially, the Steering Committee will meet bi-monthly as it initiates efforts to identify the order in which projects may be implemented and seeks funding. Once a significant portion of the proposed elements have been designed and implemented, meetings may be scheduled bi-annually.
11" x 17" Drawings and Diagrams

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Conceptual Design of Meadow Area Plan Drawing

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MARCH 27, 1999

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1. WATER QUALITY OFFICE
2. (3) SHEDS & STORAGE TANKS
3. CARETAKER'S HOUSE
4. CARETAKER'S GARAGE & OFFICE
5. OLD CHLORINE STATION
6. GATE WELL
7. TRAILER
8. RESTROOM
9. LANDSCAPE OFFICE
10. CHLORINE STATION
11. CHLORINE DEPOT
12. GARDENER'S SHED
13. STORAGE SHEDS
14. METER HOUSE
15. STORAGE ROOM
16. RESERVOIR TOWER
17. RECREATION CENTER
18. BASKETBALL COURT
19. DOG PARK
20. NURSERY
21. PUMP
22. D.W.P. GATE
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SECTION XI

Summary of Meeting Notes: Department of Transportation

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City of Los Angeles Transportation Element of the General Plan
Excerpt: Scenic Highways Guidelines

Workshop Statistics

Workshop #1 Summary

Workshop #1 Questions for Focus Groups

Workshop #2 Discussion Groups Workshop Comments

Workshop #2 Questions

Workshop #3 Discussion Groups Workshop Comments

Workshop #3 Questions
Meeting Notes

Date: December 9, 1999
Meeting Date: 12-2-99
In Attendance: Susan Rowghani LADWP, Gerald Gubatan Councilmember Goldberg's Office; David Gay LADCP, Daniel Scott LADCP, Kirsten Benson' LADCP, Esther Margulies ML+A
Recorded By: Esther Margulies ML+A
Project: Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan
Subject: City Planning Approval Process
Dist.: Susan Rowghani, Jim Potefan, Spencer Soohoo

- Susan Rowghani introduced the project and opened the discussion regarding options for City Council adoption of the Master Plan or incorporation of the Plan into the Community Plan for Silver Lake and Echo Park.

- David Gay requested clarification concerning whether the Plan is an Operations Master Plan or a Facilities Plan.
  - Response: The plan is a hybrid since operational changes have physical impacts on facilities.

- David Gay requested the incorporation of an ownership map into the final Report.

- Susan Rowghani noted that the entire site is owned by LADWP except for the area occupied by the Community building, which is owned by the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. David Gay commented that land owned by the Dept. of Rec. and Parks sometimes raises use issues.

- David Gay asked if DWP has standard fencing requirements.
  - EM and SR commented that no exact standards exist. As part of the Master Plan process a distance of 35 feet from the reservoirs was established where possible and the existence of non-conforming conditions were documented.

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• David Gay commented on the question of Adoption of the Plan or incorporation into the EP and SL Community Plan.
  • D.G. commented that adoption of the Plan by the City Council would not be appropriate. The Master Plan is not a Specific Plan as described by the City Planning Code and therefore cannot be adopted as such either.
  • The Community Plan could make a specific reference to the Master Plan.
  • D.G. noted that other projects with very specific recommendations for physical improvements have been reviewed by the Dept. of City Planning and received recognition from Council offices. Elements of the Projects have been included in Community Plans. Some of these projects include Barnsdall Park, The 10-minute Diamond Plan and The Figueroa Corridor Plan.
  • D.G. commented that The Community Plan does not address specific physical elements such as DWP facilities, traffic signals or crosswalk locations. These elements are controlled by DWP and LADOT and may concern issues of public safety. Policy issues that affect streets and DWP operations could be addressed in the Community Plan.
  • The Planning Department is involved in the process of determining street standards and can be of assistance if they are to be downgraded.
  • D.G. recommended that the Master Plan refer to all improvements in the right of way as “Street Reconfiguring” as opposed to ‘narrowing’ which has negative connotations to LADOT. He also recommended the Plan text mention that no taking of property is involved.
• Adoption or inclusion of the Master Plan could interfere with the CEQA process in the future.
• Adoption of the Plan would not exclude amendments in the future.
• The current update to the EP and SL Community Plan is an 18-month Process. At this point existing land uses have been documented. D.G. thinks that this is an excellent point for the consideration of portions of the Master Plan. Many public meetings will be held in the near future and Kirsten Benson will be available to coordinate discussions.
• D.G. recommends that the Master Plan be supplied to the L.A.D.C.P. after it is approved by the DWP Board.
• D.G. suggested that an effective endorsement of the plan could be achieved by having the City Council make a motion to direct the City Planning Department to incorporate appropriate parts of the Master Plan. This will assure consideration of the plan and could assist efforts in funding. The public would be invited to comment at the hearing for the motion.
• Daniel Scott asked if DWP approval didn’t carry more weight than City Planning or Council approval for improvements on DWP property.
- D.G. raised a question concerning partial approval of the Plan by the DWP Board. He suggested that if parts of the Plan are not acceptable to the DWP Board that they could accept certain sections or exclude certain sections.

- Susan Rowghani commented that this is unlikely based on the current content of the plan since it has been reviewed and positively received by DWP staff to date.

  - Comment in Review of Meeting Notes: If the content of the Plan is modified this may be a realistic approval method but given the community's interest in having the entire document approved it is probably not be desirable.

- EM asked about the possibility of making a resolution concerning the plan. Daniel Scott commented that a resolution would occur only after a plan is adopted which is inappropriate in this case.
Meeting Notes

Date: October 29, 1999
Project: Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan
Present: Susan Rowghani, DWP Planning
Maryann Kuk, Silverlake Reservoir Association
Catherine Moyers, Silver Lake Residents Association
Spencer Sool-Hoo, Silver Lake Residents Association
Steve Kuppel, Dept of Recreation & Parks
Ellen Oppenheimer, Dept. of Recreation & Parks
Mia Lehrer, Mia Lehrer + Associates

1. Overview
   A. Mia Lehrer, Mia Lehrer + Associates presented Silver Lake master plan issues and land uses for Silver Lake Reservoir.
   B. The underlying assumption being that water quality and DWP operations are of paramount importance.

2. Workshops
   A. Lehrer presented overview of previous 3 workshops and the resulting design concepts.
      i. Safety for pedestrians is of paramount importance a perimeter sidewalk, well thought out crossing, and other traffic calming measures are in order
      ii. Strong community desire for expanded passive recreation opportunities
      iii. Improve aesthetics of perimeter fencing and landscaping while preserving view corridors.
      iv. No additional parking is desired.
      v. The hope is that any new structures would be very discreet and reviewed by DWP with the community.

3. Recreation and Parks
   A. Discuss with Recreation and Parks department the possibility of leasing areas for recreation opportunities much like existing arrangement for Dog Park and Rec Center.

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4. Funding Sources
   A. Open space recreation funds
   B. Discussed lead time for potential funds
   C. Operating funds are another issue

5. Uses
   A. Meadow/Knoll Area and Eucalyptus Grove
      i. Community prefers no more formal recreation areas
      ii. Community wants passive Recreation with only paths, drinking fountains, trash
cans, & benches
   B. Department of Recreation & Parks asked about possibility of incorporating active uses
      such as playfields. Community association representatives responded that the
      community was not interested in any active recreation and/or parking that it entails.
   C. The security as well as a desire to keep the low key profile of the area was the
      motivation for the community to dwell on this approach.

6. Phasing
   A. Kuk asked if phasing would be preferred. Response was yes because that make
      implementation more realistic. Group discussed phasing by functional and/or physical
      criteria ie the whole perimeter fence and sidewalk and the Meadow/Knoll area and
      related improvements.

7. Next Steps
   A. Finalizing the master plan document
   B. Recreation and Parks to discuss the opportunity to partner with DWP regarding Silver
      Lake
   C. Kuppel requested a follow-up meeting in one month
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Approved by
City Planning Commission
July 24, 1997

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Map E
Transportation Element of the General Plan
Scenic Highways
In the City of Los Angeles

- Designated Scenic Highways
- State Scenic Highway (other jurisdictions)
- Future Alignments Designated as Scenic

NOTE: An inventory of these designated Scenic Highways is attached as Appendix E to the Transportation Element.
Scenic Highway Guidelines are presented in Chapter VI of the Transportation Element.

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D. SCENIC HIGHWAYS GUIDELINES

Corridor Plans for each designated Scenic Highway should be prepared in accordance with each Scenic Highway corridor’s individual scenic character or concept. These Corridor Plans may be incorporated into specific plan or district plan ordinances. In the absence of such adopted Scenic Corridor Plans, the following interim guidelines are established as part of this Element:

1. Roadway
   a. Design and alignment of a Scenic Highway roadway must include considerations of safety and capacity as well as preservation and enhancement of scenic resources. However, where a standard roadway design or roadway realignment would destroy a scenic feature or preclude visual access to a scenic feature cited in Appendix E of this Element, design alternatives must be considered through preparation of an environmental impact report.
   b. Design characteristics such as curves, changes of direction and topography which provide identity to individual Scenic Highways shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible.

2. Earthwork/grading
   a. Grading for new cuts or fills shall be minimized. Angular cuts and fills shall be avoided to the maximum extent feasible.
   b. All grading shall be contoured to match with the surrounding terrain.
   c. In order to negate the environmental impacts of grading in designated Hillside Areas (as depicted on Bureau of Engineering Basic Grid Map No. A-13372), maximum effort shall be made to balance cut and fill on-site.

3. Planting/landscaping
   a. Fire-resistant native plants and trees shall be utilized in any parkway landscaping along Scenic Highways located within designated Hillside Areas.
   b. In designated Hillside Areas, where previous plant material has been washed away or destroyed (due to excessive rainfall, fire, grading, etc.) erosion-controlling plants shall be planted to prevent erosion and mud/land slides. Such Hillside parkways and slope easements shall either be hydro-seeded, or terraced and then planted, with native fire-resistant plants.
   c. Outstanding specimens of existing trees and plants located within the public right-of-way of a Scenic Highway shall be retained to the maximum extent feasible within the same public right-of-way.
   d. Low-growing ground cover and/or shrubs shall be utilized as parkway planting along Scenic Highways in order to avoid blocking a desirable view of a scenic feature listed
in Appendix E of this Element. Plant material size at maturity as well as overall scale of plants within the landscaped area must be carefully studied in the site analysis and design stages.

e. Landscaped medians of Scenic Highways shall not be removed. Such medians may be reduced in width (1) to accommodate left turn channelization within one hundred feet of a signalized intersection; or (2) to accommodate a designated Class II bikeway provided that there is compliance with Guideline 3c above, and that the resulting median width is not less than eight (8) feet.

4. Signs/outdoor advertising

a. Only traffic, informational, and identification signs shall be permitted within the public right-of-way of a Scenic Highway.

b. Off-site outdoor advertising is prohibited in the public right-of-way of, and on publicly-owned land within five hundred feet of the center line of, a Scenic Highway.

c. A standard condition for discretionary land use approvals involving parcels zoned for non-residential use located within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be compliance with the sign requirements of the CR zone.

d. Designated Scenic Highways shall have first priority for removal of nonconforming billboards or signs. Such priority extends to properties located along, or within five hundred feet of the center line of, designated Scenic Highways.

5. Utilities

a. To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric, communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground.

b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway.
E. SCENIC BYWAYS GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Scenic Byways designated in the Community Plans should be established as part of the Community Plan Update or Revision process, with guidelines tailored to local considerations. Such guidelines may be incorporated into the Community Plan text or into a Community Design Overlay (CDO). Guidelines for scenic byway protection and/or enhancement should consider the following aspects:

1. Roadway design and alignment
2. Parkway planting/landscaping
3. Signs/outdoor advertising restrictions
4. Utilities (e.g. undergrounding of new or relocated utility facilities)
5. Opportunity for enhanced non-motorized circulation
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Summary

The following is a summary of comments received in the first community workshop held in the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan Project on March 27th, 1999.

Approximately 150 people attended the workshop, which was held at John Marshall High School. As an introduction the workshop commenced with Mary Ann Kuk's brief summary of the history of the community efforts toward obtaining input on the Reservoir property's appearance, operations and public accessibility. This was followed by a synopsis of DWP operations on the site for day to day and longer-term operations by Susan Rowghani of the Department of Water and Power. After the introduction the group was divided into sub-groups at different stations for discussions. The 5 sub-groups represented the elements that will be addressed in the Master Plan. The elements are: Water Quality and Operations, Land Use, Landscape and Open Space, Traffic and Transportation and Cultural Resources and Connections. Each sub-group discussed each topic for approximately 10 minutes and then moved to another station for the next discussion until all sub-groups had an opportunity to comment on all of the elements. During the discussions comments were recorded in writing and placed on site diagrams or large pads.

The following lists of comments are edited copies of those received during the workshop. There were many comments that came close to being consensus items and others that proved to have widely different opinions. We have consolidated the comments and tried to organize them by Master Plan Element and area of concern. Most of the comments are either direct quotations some have been paraphrased to express their intent.

Our next steps will be to take these comments and synthesize them into a Master Plan that will be supported by both the community and DWP. We will present concepts that illustrate possibilities that we know are desirable, and attempt to achieve a balance on issues that are not so clear at this point.
Questions for Focus Groups

WATER QUALITY

- Silver Lake / Ivanhoe Reservoirs contain "finished" (previously filtered) water which is stored in an open reservoir. Upon discharge from the reservoir, the only treatment received is chlorination. Do you feel the water is safe to drink?
- Do you feel that DWP conducts safe and neighborhood compatible operations at this site?
- Do you think that the Reservoir embankments are unattractive? Do you think that their appearance should be a priority in the Master Plan?
- Are you conscious of the buildings in the reservoir area?
- Do you feel the Master Plan should address the aesthetic quality of the current facilities?
- Considering the fact that access to the Reservoir must be restricted to protect water quality or this drinking water reservoir, would you object to moving the fence closer to the reservoir's edge?
- Do you feel that DWP operations affect traffic and safety in the local area?

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

- Do you feel that traffic speeds are a problem on Silver Lake Boulevard?
- Which intersections do you feel are the most dangerous? Why?
- Do you think speed bumps, stop signs, signal controlled crosswalks, traffic light controlled intersections are good ideas to solve traffic speed problems?
- Do you think that more mass transportation in the local area is a good idea? Where would the routes best connect?
- Do you think pedestrians need to be separated from roadways with raised (typical curb height) sidewalks?
- Do the streets around the reservoir have sufficient night lighting?
LANDSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE

◊ What do you feel is the most important issue regarding the use of landscape and open space around the reservoir?

◊ Considering that this is drinking water reservoir, would you favor the open spaces around the reservoir be open to the public? How much should be accessible?

◊ Would you favor those areas available 24 hours a day or with restricted hours? Note: This may require two sets of fences, one around the reservoir road/pertinent DWP operations and one at the edge of local streets.

◊ Would you like to see the open space around the reservoir kept as is with no public access, perhaps with some more attractive landscaping?

◊ Do you think that street trees on the streets surrounding the reservoir are a good idea? Do you think that it is a good idea even if it compromises views of the lake?

LAND USE

◊ What do you feel is the most important issue facing the community regarding land use of the reservoir site?

◊ What is your opinion of the dog park? Should dogs be allowed on leashes in possible new reservoir access?

◊ What recreational uses would you like to see in the open spaces & the perimeter? Ball Fields, nature observation, seating areas, par course, jogging path, bike path, pedestrian path, other?

◊ Do you feel there are potential conflicts of recreational use, i.e. not enough space for separate bikeways and jogging paths? How could they co-exist?

◊ Do you feel that additional parking should be made available? Parking lot or street parking and if so where?

CULTURAL RESOURCES / COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

◊ What role do you think the reservoir and environs should play within the community and on a larger regional basis?

◊ How do you feel about the addition of art, fountains, an amphitheater or other cultural resources around the reservoir if it is opened to the public?

◊ Do you feel there is adequate lighting and safety around the reservoir?

◊ The Silver Lake area has a vast collection of architectural treasures, i.e., Neutra, Lautner & the VDL house on Silver Lake Blvd, etc. Should historic or cultural markers be part of an interpretive path around the reservoirs?

◊ Should the reservoir be identified as part of the larger Silver Lake area in an obvious way? Do you feel that identification of the reservoir as a part of this area will strengthen the community’s identity?
Discussion Groups
Workshop Comments

General Design Issues
1. Consider the reservoir area’s existing character and fabric. The proposed concepts may be adding too much. Consider what is there, what is valuable. Some elements should be amended, some should be improved, some removed and some left as is.
2. Consider use of artwork.
3. Design landscaping/public uses so as not to displace wildlife (Blue Herons and Coyotes) that currently uses landscaped area around reservoir.
4. Differentiate design between sides of the reservoir – the two sides have very different characters and functions.
5. Lighting should not be over done; consider views from surrounding homes not being blinded by lighting.

Uses
1. Liked the idea of pocket parks.
2. Nursery School is important and needs to be preserved.
3. Does the proposed public use displace the child care facility?
4. Too Many people come to the dog park
5. Don’t touch anything; leave it as is.
6. There should be no recreational uses.
7. Against changing the Eucalyptus Grove into an active area.

Access
1. A few people in the group felt strongly that creating attractions would bring people from other neighborhoods. The team explained that the improvements in the Master plan are designed at a neighborhood level and do not include the kind of features found at regional parks like Griffith Park. In Los Angeles people often travel to different areas to experience the unique features of different parks. Additional on-street parking will make access for people who live in the neighborhood at greater distances or up hill from the park easier.
2. Some participants favored closing off public access after dark.
3. The focus should be on prime time use.
4. Some participants favored gated access to recreational facilities
5. Some participants were against 24 hours a day access. 24-hour access to seating areas and felt that it could encourage loitering and trash.
6. Parks will attract others no matter what.

7. Limited access inside is good but allowing some permanent paths around edges 24-hours a day is preferred. Some participants doubted that two levels of bike path and walking path would work well.

8. A participant stated that all Los Angeles parks have trash and loitering problems.

9. A participant mentioned that there used to be picnic benches near the community building that were removed because of problems.

10. Access is shown as limited to the Knoll area to discourage transients.

11. Participants felt that supervised access is a good idea.

12. Are access decisions tied to circulation options? No, but there are some important relationships.

**Paths and Circulation**

1. Bicycle Paths

   A. Many in the group felt initially that bicycle paths are not necessary. The group later showed support for commuter bicycle lanes primarily located in the street right of way and for bicycle paths inside the park that would be designed for children’s use. The children’s paths would not need to circle the reservoirs. Although some support the idea that the bike path should be continuous around reservoir, the group had mixed opinions about whether skating or skate boarding should be allowed on bicycle paths.

   B. Many participants thought that commuter bicycle paths are a good idea. The lack of striping on the newly repaved area of Silver Lake Boulevard is short sighted and needs to be corrected. The issue was raised to make sure bike paths meet city requirements for commuter bike paths.

   C. Participants stressed separation of bicycle and pedestrian paths with cyclists on the streets and pedestrians on the path.

   D. Some felt the bike path should be more recreational. Also it should be a “softer” investment—don’t add so much concrete. Others said the bikes should be in the street, pedestrians on sidewalks.

   E. Participants suggested closing off recreational bike paths after dark.

   F. Participants noted that Armstrong needs both a sidewalk and a bike lane on westside of street (where it is currently washing out).

   G. A participant asked if the team studied the engineering of the proposed bicycle paths?

      • The team has looked at general conditions but that level of detail should be addressed in the future when more detailed proposals are developed.
2. Jogging Paths
   A. Jogging around the reservoirs is currently unsafe. Running paths should be accessible during the extended hours because runners use them in early morning and evening hours. The jogging path should be a soft material.

3. Walking Paths
   A. General preference is for walking completely around the Reservoirs and green space.

Fencing
1. Most participants thought that changing the fence would be a big improvement.
2. Many participants liked the fencing suggested by the team.
3. A participant questioned the costs of the fencing.
4. Some participants suggested contacting local artists to design fencing.

Traffic and Transportation
1. Key traffic improvement desires included streets narrowed (Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive) and adding sidewalk (pedestrian access) around reservoir.
2. Participants acknowledged that traffic recommendations will result in slower traffic along both street, but may also result in bumper-to-bumper traffic congestion with increased pollution.
3. A participant suggested a new stop sign at Armstrong and Silver Lake Boulevard.
4. A participant suggested to change speed limit on Silver Lake Boulevard (Enforcement issue).
5. A participant asked if making it more difficult for through traffic on Silver Lake Boulevard, won’t create a spillover impact as more cars circulate through neighborhood streets. (Currently occurring on Occidental and Westerly Terrace.)
6. People drive fast on Silver Lake Boulevard because it looks like a racetrack with the concrete barriers and chain-link fencing. Narrowing the street and adding activities/landscaping will encourage people to go slower.

Parking
1. Some participants do not support adding parking on both sides of West Silver Lake Drive.
2. Most participants agree that there is insufficient parking at Dog Park.
3. Currently there is illegal parking in no parking zones. How can this be addressed?

Nursery School
1. Parking and Drop Off
   A. The team proposed an off-street parking and drop off area in an effort to increase safety for children.
B. The group stated that the school does not have parking or drop off problem.

C. Additional parking would take space away from the park. The Nursery school wants to maintain as much of the shaded area as possible.

Cultural Amenities
1. The Neutra house is a unique cultural resource that is planning a renovation project and increased public access. Currently there are safety problems with people trying to photograph the house from the street. A place within the park should be created from which to photograph and appreciate the house.

2. The Dog Park is horrible. What can be done to improve it? Is porous paving possible? Could maintenance fees be collected from the park users? Should the Dog Park be re-located to another area?

3. The Dog Park was a kite park in the past.

Trees
1. Existing Trees
   i. Is tree removal necessary, what is the width required for paths and other improvements?
   
   ii. The team explained that the removal of existing trees is dependent on the width of paths in narrow areas around the reservoirs. The team will study options for preserving the trees in these areas.
   
   iii. Some participants stated that existing trees are important and trees should be preserved and none removed.

2. Street trees
   i. Street trees are a good idea and they should be selected to be low in height and spaced widely to preserve views. Acacia trees are a good species for limited height.

Water Quality
1. Water Storage Facilities
   
   A. If Ivanhoe Reservoir were converted into a water storage facility its appearance would not have to change. Rowena Reservoir is a good example of the possibilities available for covering a reservoir. The construction of Rowena Reservoir has gone on for a long time and is not a good example of a project that has had a speedy construction schedule. The construction of underground tanks in the meadow area could take up to a year but could be phased so that the entire area would not need to be closed during construction.

2. Water Treatment
A. Why doesn't DWP look farther and faster into the future for alternative treatment methods and facility sites. This is extremely difficult to do since technology and regulations are constantly changing. DWP is working on developing new methods and is nationally known as an innovative agency.

Attendance
1. A participant suggested that a community-wide vote be taken on the design concepts since the 20,000 invitations were sent and only 200 attended.

Funding and other Master Plan Issues
1. Where will the funding come from for the construction of the Master Plan concepts?
   A. Most likely funding will come from a variety of public sources at local, regional and federal levels.
   B. Possible funding sources, project costs and phasing will be explored in the Master Plan process.
2. Who is paying for the Master Plan project? The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is funding this project.
3. What is the final form of the Master Plan and will people vote on it?
4. A participant requested information on local representatives for funding lobbying.
5. A participant asked about the reality of the master plan being implemented? The implementation of the plan will depend on available funding, regulations by public agencies and the effects of the community in the future.
   A. The plan is presented in the workshop process for public comment. The team will make serious efforts to address all comments in the master plan process.
Questions

WATER QUALITY

1. With water quality being the same, what is the most important consideration in choosing between the two on-site storage facilities? (Rank: 1 = most important, 5 = least important)

   _____ Initial cost of project
   _____ Time or duration of construction
   _____ Long-term cost of project
   _____ Ultimate aesthetic quality of the design
   _____ Quality of water

2. If on-site facilities are required, which storage site would be most acceptable? (✓ one only)

   _____ A park or water element over a covered Ivanhoe Reservoir
   _____ A restored meadow area over underground storage tanks

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

3. Narrowing of streets leads to traffic calming i.e. slower speeds, less accidents. Do you want Silver Lake Boulevard and West Silver Lake Drive narrowed to a more residential scale?

   Silver Lake Boulevard    _____ Yes   _____ No
   West Silver Lake Drive   _____ Yes   _____ No

4. Do you think that painted crosswalks alone would be sufficient to make pedestrians feel safer?

   _____ Yes   _____ No

5. Do you want additional parking provided on east side of WSLB & Eucalyptus Grove?

   _____ Yes   _____ No   Anywhere Else? _________

6. Of the proposed traffic control elements i.e. cross walks, stop signs and signal lights, which ones do you want to see instituted? (✓ those that apply)

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LAND USE

7. Which option do you prefer for accessibility? (✓ one only)

   _____ Designated hours of access to Meadow, Knoll & Eucalyptus Grove
   _____ 24 hour access to Meadow & Eucalyptus Grove
   _____ Other
8. Which fencing is preferable to you... if cost allows?  (✓ one only)
   - Chain Link Fencing only
   - Decorative low concrete walls with fencing on top
   - Wrought Iron Fencing only
   - Other

9. Should the Knoll area be closed at designated hours or open 24 hours a day?  
   - Yes
   - No

RECREATIONAL USES

10. Given the options for recreational use at the reservoir, which of the following choices would you prefer?  (✓ one only)
   - Separate bike and pedestrian paths forming entire loop around the reservoir (option A)
   - 10 ft. pedestrian path around reservoir with separate bike paths through the meadow and eucalyptus grove (option B)
   - 10 ft. shared bike and pedestrian paths around reservoir
   - Pedestrian paths only
   - Other

11. Would you prefer separate bike/pedestrian paths or shared?  
   - Shared
   - Separate

12. Would you prefer recreational bike / pedestrian paths to be:  (✓ those that apply)

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13. Would you sacrifice the existing trees / landscape in the narrow areas around the reservoir to get the space required for separate bike/pedestrian paths?

14. Would you sacrifice the existing trees/landscape in the narrow areas around the reservoir to put a 4 to 6 ft. landscape parkway between the new recreation paths and the street?  
   - Yes
   - No

15. Are you interested in an interpretive nature trail component to the open space area?  
   - Yes
   - No

16. Are you in favor of benches or bicycle racks in open space areas?  
   - Yes
   - No

17. Are you in favor of programmed cultural activities? i.e. concerts, performances in open space areas?  
   - Yes
   - No

18. Are you in favor of an art program?  
   - Yes
   - No

19. Are you in favor of water fountains?  
   - Yes
   - No

20. What would you like to see at pocket parks around the reservoir? (✓ those that apply)
   - Water Fountains
   - Flowering shade trees
   - Benches
   - Do Not want to see pocket parks
   - Artwork
   - Other

21. Do you want to see promontory viewpoints on top of the Knoll area or on top the dam area on the south side?  
   - Yes
   - No
Discussion Groups
Workshop Comments

Community Connections/Context

1. Participants liked the signage as one enters the Silverlake community to help bring identify to the area.
2. The urban design concepts are moving in the right direction. District ideas need to be developed further.
3. The group liked the idea of information kiosks.

Traffic and Transportation

1. The group had questions about the reality of the new traffic signals being placed. Consultants responded that there are many requests for traffic signals and other improvements, which unfortunately slow down the process.
2. The Consultants reported that LADOT would not approve crosswalks without a stop sign or a signal.
3. A participant asked if traffic could be moved to Glendale Blvd.? Glendale Blvd. is trying to reduce traffic as well.
4. A participant asked if the best route to Hollywood and points west is Hyperion and Silverlake Blvd. and it will always have volume.

Silver Lake Boulevard

- A participant predicted that traffic signals would slow traffic and divert it to smaller streets.
- The Consultants responded that the traffic measures are not intended to slow peak traffic. They will slow speeding during off-peak hours.

West Silver Lake Drive

- A participant felt that too many stop signs are being proposed.

Water Quality and Operations

1. The on-site treatment facility is still under study by DWP. Currently water is treated with chlorine that is harmful.
2. Some participants felt that the master plan should mention that the storage/filtration facility should be underground.
3. If the gate entrance is moved to a currently unused gate, safe visibility of truck traffic is an issue on Armstrong due to traffic coming up over the hill. The gate at corner of Armstrong and Tesla may not be moveable.
4. The question was asked about what kind of treatment plant is possible and if it is noisy. DWP explained that the only noise is the sound of water flowing. The consultants explained the criteria they used to find the least offensive place that a facility, if required on-site, could be placed. These included the least visibility, the least impact on the recreation activities, and good access for DWP vehicles. Located in an out of the way area. Buried into the knoll perhaps. DWP explained that there are cost considerations. They also have a long history of beautiful civic bldgs. In the current scheme the facility is being studied cut into the knoll to reduce visibility. An observation tower to view the lake and the internal workings could provide community benefits.

5. An EIR process and CPOR (another community involvement process) would definitely provide in depth community input on any treatment facility location in the future.

6. Is the chlorine depot gone? DWP has been reducing stocks of chlorine in anticipation of the new facility in Sylmar. The tanks stored for other facilities are almost gone.

7. A participant asked if perimeter roads could be replaced with gravel. Better absorption and percolation. Could gravel roads for DWP operations be possible?

Land Use and Access

1. Some participants felt that limited hours/daylight access was preferable for all larger areas.

2. A participant felt that there should be no access to the Meadow Area and Eucalyptus Grove area.

3. A participant felt the reservoir should not become a park.

4. In the Eucalyptus Grove, the group felt that one fence is the best solution.

5. Gateway locations near the nursery school. There was one at the corner of Armstrong. Did it move or get relocated? If the DWP gate needs to remain then the opportunity to get a gateway or node at the corner will need to be restudied.

6. Concern was raised about parking, crime, traffic, etc. The master plan addresses traffic calming, defensible space, and no added parking. Crime prevention requires community activity and could mean the closing off problem areas.

7. The creation of defensible space that is easily seen from the street is a respected strategy in the public space design. Gates will be used to close off the inner areas at night. The Meadow is the same scale as the recreation center area and problems are not reported there.

8. Concern was raised about the herons. Kimball Garrett, Ornithologist with the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, gave his best guess that the herons would not be affected. The nests are close to the street as it is. People come fairly close to the nests and the birds still inhabit the area. The master plan can call for phasing construction around the nesting sites. The master plan should protect other wildlife as well.

Meadow/Knoll Area

1. There were concerns about the coyotes in the DWP area and if they would still roam if the Meadow/Knoll areas were made accessible. The consultants will follow-up on the coyote issue.

2. Some participants felt that adding another water feature would compete with the Reservoir water feature.
3. Some participants felt the Meadow Area would bring athletic activities such as soccer. Others felt that the water feature or shrubs would control open play or ball sporting activities. The Consultants discussed different types of plant materials, such as native shrubs that would discourage active uses.

4. Some participants were concerned about the open areas making added noise.

5. Some participants felt that the Meadow Area should be landscaped without lawn but with areas for seating.

6. More than half of the participants favored no active sports but with a meandering path in the Meadow Area.

7. A participant liked the latest concept with the expanded edges and the information nodes.

8. A participant asked: Why consider the narrow alternative? Consultants explained that more Meadow space would be available so viability is maintained.

9. Participants agreed that no high plantings (view obstructions) be included in areas along the street.

10. A participant asked if joggers prefer straight or curving paths. A representative jogger told the group that curved is more interesting, they break up the monotony.

11. Group members requested an additional alternative with an expanded edge and as well as a children’s bike path.

**Eucalyptus Grove Area**

1. There was concern that additional trees would block views. Consultants responded that the proposed trees are small and/or open canopy trees, well spaced to protect views.

2. Some participants favored expanded edges and did not mind a double fence.

3. Group members requested a third option with narrow path along street and no access to grove.

4. More participants (blue group) favored the expanded edge but thought that the double fence was a problem.

**Fencing**

1. Group supported the expanded edge scheme and felt that the double fence is not an issue.

2. Some participants mentioned their dislike for the fence at the community center.

**Lighting**

1. The group felt that it was not appropriate to light up the Meadow or Eucalyptus Grove like a baseball. The Consultant’s goal is to light paths with lower level pedestrian scale lights for safety.
Recreational Use

1. Some participants were concerned that the pocket parks/interpretive exhibits may not be well maintained and become an eyesore.
2. Some suggested that the exhibits would be better situated near the recreation center where there is adequate maintenance and more people to deter graffiti.
3. Some participants felt that adding new elements will make it more difficult to maintain and the exhibits should be unobtrusive and maintenance free.
4. Other participants liked the idea of walking around with interactive exhibits especially with children.
5. The group felt trash receptacles are a good idea especially if they were a discrete color. There was concern about litter especially on West Silverlake Drive. It was also mentioned that sweeping the streets every six weeks is not enough.
6. Some participants felt a bicycle path with decomposed granite surface would deter skateboarders/teenagers.
7. The path material is important. The Consultants discussed the issue of handicap accessibility and was not sure if decomposed granite is an ADA approved material.
8. A participant asked: Where do adults ride bikes? The commuter bike lanes tie into a bigger regional system. Adults can ride in the streets as they do now. The landscape edges would need to be eliminated in some areas if bicycle paths were created around the entire property. The previous narrow portions of West Silverlake Drive could not sustain a landscape edge nor bicycle and pedestrian paths.
9. The group asked how to restrict use of bike path by older kids? The Consultants explained that the length is too short for older children and otherwise it would be self-policing. In addition adults would accompany young children.

Landscape and Tree Planting

1. A participant suggested using materials from the 1920s and 1930s circa the time the reservoir was constructed.
2. Some participants felt there is a need to balance the street and tree planting especially on Silverlake Boulevard. Consultants said the trees and landscape areas between the street and path would help in safety.
3. There was concern if the Department of Recreation and Parks would properly maintain the new elements.
4. The criteria for the selection of street trees is that they are attractive, low maintenance and protect views.
5. Oak trees were suggested but it was noted that their canopy is very dense and might obstruct views.
6. Deciduous trees are a good idea because views are possible for part of the year but when the weather is hotter, the trees provide shade as you walk.
7. Cedars might block views so they should be well spaced to preserve views.
Funding/Budget

1. Questions were raised about where the funding to build the master plan concept would be come from. The consultants responded that costs will be discussed at the final presentation and that the team has been working with a cost estimator. There are public funding sources for open space and traffic calming.

2. A participant added that a written document with cost estimates would enable the community to apply for future funding opportunities. Having a master plan will help secure funding.

3. A participant asked if the Department of Recreation and Parks would maintain the open space areas. The Consultants reported that in initial conversations with the Department, they have requested information on the plan and would most likely enter into a joint use agreement covering maintenance.
Questions

1. If there were a few rest/interpretive areas placed along the path that circumnavigates the reservoir, what would you like to see in these areas?

   Select from the following:
   
   - Drinking Fountains
   - Trash Receptacles
   - Seating
   - Interpretive Information

   Comments: ..................................................

2. The master plan proposes several interpretative exhibits located along the path around the reservoir. These exhibits are intended to be educational opportunities and could be updated. See illustrative plan.

   The following are the types of exhibits: Natural Habitat/Environment, Locally Significant Architecture, Community Events, and water quality.

   Do you favor this type of exhibit at the reservoir?  
   
   _____ yes  _____ no

   Comments: ..................................................

3. Are you in favor of decorative fountains as an element in the Meadow Area? See illustrative plan.

   ______ yes  _____ no

   Comments: ..................................................

4. Assuming that funding will permit it, are you in favor of artwork being integrated into elements such as walls, fencing or seating?

   _____ yes  _____ no

   Comments: ..................................................

5. Are you in favor of temporary art exhibits in designated areas?

   _____ yes  _____ no

   Comments: ..................................................

[Questions continue on other side.]
6. **Eucalyptus Grove:** Which would you prefer?

   ____ A. Limited access to the Grove with paths both through the Grove and along the sidewalk.
   
   **NOTE:** You would see double fences from the road; one along the sidewalk, one along the reservoir.

   OR

   ____ B. An expanded landscape edge with a meandering path and no access to the Eucalyptus Grove area.
   
   **NOTE:** You would see only one fence along an expanded edge.

   **Comments:**

7. **Meadow Area:** Which would you prefer?

   ____ A. A linear path parallel along the sidewalk with a small landscape buffer.

   OR

   ____ B. An expanded landscape edge with a meandering path.
   
   **NOTE:** Limited public access with designated hours to the Meadow Area is proposed in both alternatives.

   **Comments:**

8. **Meadow Area:** Which would you prefer?

   ____ A. A small scale recreational bike path intended mainly for small children and a separate pedestrian path for jogging, strolling etc.

   OR

   ____ B. A pedestrian/jogging path only.

   **Comments:**

9. **In your opinion is it a priority to improve the appearance of the reservoir embankment?**

   ____ yes  ____ no

   **Do the stripes bug you?**

   ____ yes  ____ no

   **Comments:**
LADWP Facilities and Infrastructure Map

1. Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Infrastructure Map  1 page)
Silver Lake Stormwater Capture Project Map

1. Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Map (1 page)
Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture

Legend:
- Modified Junction Structure
- New Catch Basin
- Existing Catch Basin
- New Storm Pipe
- Existing Storm Drain Line
- Reservoir Fenceline

Silver Lake Reservoir

Ivanhoe Reservoir
Ivanhoe Reservoir Walkway Design

1. Ivanhoe Reservoir Walkway Design (5 pages)
Ivanhoe Pathway
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Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Proposed Land Use Map

1. Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Proposed Land Use and Access Map (1 page)
Summary of Comments from Silver Lake Community

1. Comment Cards Summary - Silver Lake Community on 5/1/2018, 4 pages
2. Poster Board Comments - Silver Lake Community on 5/1/2018, 2 pages
3. Summary of Comments Posted on Website from Silver Lake Community, 84 pages
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SLRC COMMUNITY MEETING
May 1, 2018
POSTER BOARD COMMENT TOPICS

- Water Reclamation
- Fountains
- School Programs
- Fence / Public access
- Slope of Embankment
- Shade
- Repave embankment
- Naturalize
- Helicopter/Scooper plane access for Fire assistance
- Wildlife (Sanctuary)
  - Beehives
  - Coyotes
  - No Mosquitos
  - Birds
  - Fish
- DWP area
  - Work Areas
  - Office
  - Infrastructure
  - Parking
- Ivahoe Reservoir use
  - Convert to Parking
  - Open to swim
  - Convert to a park
- Transit to SLR
  - Bike Path
  - Walk Path
  - Parking
- Traffic
- Design/Outreach
  - University/college
  - Local Talent
- Consultants
  - Rec. Consultant
  - Sustainability Consultant
  - Tree Expert
  - Landscape consultant
- Impact on Resident Properties
- View
- Traffic
- Residential parking
- Noise (Pre and Post Construction)

- Recreational Use of Water
  - Boats
  - Floating Island/Wetlands
  - Pier
  - Ramps

- Recreational Use of Land
  - Dam
  - Meadow
  - Knoll Dog Park
  - Rec. Center Building
  - Senior center or area
  - Sporting areas
  - Kids park
  - Flowers/Garden
  - Food
  - Amusement/Carnival
  - Event Space
    - Public
    - Private
SLRC MASTER PLAN PROJECT DESCRIPTION COMMENTS
COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED: MAY 29, 2018

# Submitted Time IP Address Submission
5 43222.49319 104.184.208.102 IV 2. says there is an attachment 1 but there is none below. IV 3 "consider these natural resources" is too vague. MUST protect natural habitats so as to not disturb the activities of species which currently inhabit these areas and MUST explore ways to improve and expand upon these habitats to protect these species from human contact. Water level therefore must accommodate all water fowl needs. With regards to the IV7. Potential Support Facilities: the term "support" needs to be extremely well defined and include but not limited to the projected 50 year (5 decade) cost of maintenance, human and technology surveillance, 24/7 law enforcement support and protection and how much this will affect taxes and other public funds. Given the massive homeless population in Los Angeles and which is found within 2-5 miles of these "potential areas" the community residences need to be included in making sure these are protected from this population. Every homeowner/property and business owner in the "community" MUST be consulted and a record of access to communicanture must be made to make sure this ENTIRE population has been reached. All residents need to be assured that special group interests who regularly have access to public officials, LADWP and other parties are not "HEARD" louder than the voices of others who are not so organized and do not belong to such organizations. When and if the word "consensus" is used please provide proof of what "consensus" means in terms of actual numbers of people surveyed. So far this has NEVER been done and even though the SLNC was "elected" by a majority, unless it surveys the voting population of the community which it represents then it is as guilty of not representing a true CONSENSUS. Please provide 9. ENVISION GUIDELINES and what is the platinum level. In summary, missing: attachment 1 and envision guidelines so how can our comments be complete?

6 43222.53664 23.240.227.153 I have been walking around Silver Lake for about 15 years and enjoy the view, the water, the various birds, changing seasonal sights, and outdoor smells; it is truly a neighborhood gem and the Lake is a big part of making Silver Lake such a great neighborhood. For the future, it would be important to maintain the Lake as it is, and with added features which would make it more enjoyable for others such as more park areas, picnic areas, tables and benches. Also, would like the Consultant to explore the possibility of trout or fresh-water perch or bass fishing for the public, and possible boating on the Lake. Another suggestion is exploring and creating wild bird habitats and a camera on Great Blue Heron nests so the public can watch how these great birds care for their young. Bill Watanabe (billwatanabe@earthlink.net)

7 43222.62512 45.48.229.243 I don't see the project description.

8 43223.32382 172.58.27.124 are the length of the comments limited by number of letters or in any other way?

9 43223.35243 161.149.102.22 bb

10 43223.35269 161.149.102.22 bb

12 43223.36067 161.149.63.239 Test

13 43223.52066 98.148.83.41 Where is attachment one?...it to be: "its long term environmental value, its potential for a unique blend of both active and passive recreational spaces, and the potential for this urban lake/water body to become a special City amenity with distinct and balanced characteristics." I am concerned about "its long term environmental value" and I am commenting on behalf of the wildlife that care about what this space means to their long term existence. Please look at examples of what happened to migratory birds that are exhausted in flight because they have nowhere to land when flying over LA county.

14 43223.5448 104.184.208.102 I believe that the expectations of this SLRC space are over exaggerated if these are all the things you want it to be: "its long term environmental value, its potential for a unique blend of both active and passive recreational spaces, and the potential for this urban lake/water body to become a special City amenity with distinct and balanced characteristics." I am concerned about "its long term environmental value" and I am commenting on behalf of the wildlife that care about what this space means to their long term existence. Please look at examples of what happened to migratory birds that are exhausted in flight because they have nowhere to land when flying over LA county.

15 43223.64333 38.118.150.228 Hello,

16 43223.66873 204.148.73.190 Hello I live at 1530 easterly terrace and I'd love to see Silverlake Reservoir turn into something more like what echo park has. A cafe, paddle boats, lots of lawn....would be so nice not to have those chain link fences there. Best, Edward Droste

17 43223.70837 45.48.253.194 It's critical that the area be maintained as open space and deep water for the migrating birds who rely on the reservoir. The walkways are lovely for residents, but too much development will disrupt the wildlife further and attract more visitors than the area can support.

18 43223.784 23.243.90.162 With regards to the transformation of the Silverlake Reservoir, my hope is that the giant fence can come down and that we can engage in the space the way we use the echo park lake. IN an ideal world, it would be wonderful to be able to kayak and boat, privately as well as with manned boats (no motors) provided for rent by the city, and even swim! Transform portions into our very own east side beach. Or perhaps a miniature "Lake Arrowhead." Most importantly though is that fence. Taking down that fence and giving us direct access to the water would be magical. And naturalizing some of the shoreline or creating a sort of boardwalk that allows for direct engagement with the water. I'm sure there are incredibly creative public art and engineering projects used around the world to bridge the land and water use. Floating stages for festivals, etc. Everything should be natural though. No need for light shows and water slides.

19 43223.80755 45.48.253.27 As the Audubon Society says, the most important components of a safe environment for migratory birds is water and fences. We have the water back, and we must maintain the current perimeter fencing. Not only with the birds survive and thrive, so will our wildlife and our community. More later... Thank you, Mike Krose, 2166 Moreno Dr., 90039.
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Nancy Oliver
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22 43224.62525 76.169.42.125 Keep the reservoir as a a wildlife sanctuary. Keep the fencing as is and trim trees as necessary. Maybe the great blue herons will return after a two year absence.

23 43224.62817 142.129.100.79 I would like to see silver lake become a nature preserve. More protection for animals,banks planted. NO SWIMMING,WADING,KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF WATER.NO BOATS. L.A. does not need the liability

24 43224.6401 172.113.44.132 Make green space, natural beauty and wildlife preservation a priority! Keep the fence in its current location. Connect the LA River habitat to the Reservoir for area-wide Open Space. Bring in nature education through local resources such as Audubon. Keep the deep water oasis the same size and depth. Keep it as a safe roosting place for thousands of migratory birds. Keep deep water for firefighters and for cooling effect over the entire area. Prune and maintain our trees, for wildlife-friendly shade structures. Plant and maintain native shrubs and wildflowers for butterflies, insects, birds and wildlife habitat. Los Angeles needs to be a leader in the movement against climate change and for green space and urban wildlife preservation. Silver Lake should play a role in this with the choices it makes for the Reservoir Master Plan.

25 43224.64487 216.178.109.81 We are Silver Lake residents who live 0.5 miles from the reservoir. We support fashioning the Master Plan in a way that would provide for fence removal, public facilities such as restrooms, more walking paths, potentially a boardwalk, and improving the aesthetic appearance of the banks of the reservoir (perhaps by removing the concrete and/or planting vegetation along the banks). We would be supportive of limited commercial developments - perhaps boardwalk/promenade kiosk shopping and quick service food options. We do not support the use of the land for parking lots or structures and would not like to see the reservoir become too heavily commercialized.

26 43224.65594 162.203.63.161 PLEASE KEEP WILDLIFE PROTECTION AS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY! Keep Silver Lake as the sanctuary of nature and solitude it now is! NO drones, NO boats, NO further 'recreational' usage, NO expansion for parking. Keep the fences. Keep the water deep - for both nature and for emergency usage by the Fire Dept. I deeply appreciate the work done thus far: the "Silver Lake Meadow" and new walkway at the south dam site, as well as the pedestrian path that surrounds the reservoir. NO OTHER 'IMPROVEMENT' IS NEEDED - as the wildlife now are just returning (i.e. the herons) from when the reservoir was drained. Please preserve this jewel of nature in the middle of our city! Sincerely, Leda Siskind 2430 Kenilworth Avenue L.A. 90039

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30 43224.6726 76.111.160.177 Hi,
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31 43224.69184 45.48.255.212 Please keep Silver Lake full and protected as a wildlife sanctuary. We need it in the heart of the city.
Dana Duff
1465 Westerly Terrace, 90026

32 43224.70503 76.218.76.210 Please protect wildlife by keeping the fence and water. Living amongst wildlife and letting them have their space is important so they don't end up in people's yards. Or not have a safe place to nest. It's also important because having the reservoir and wildlife in the area are what make it special. In short, please keep the fence, the water, and make protecting wildlife a priority.
Thanks
Mary Kula
2922. Waverly Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90039

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34 43224.71913 76.169.44.130 I support all plans and activities which will help the wildlife of SILVERLAKE survive and thrive. I believe that our lives would be barren without the beauty of our natural wildlife. We are all creatures of God. Walker family
3048 Scotland St.
Los Angeles, CA 90039

35 43224.72613 172.56.37.93 Protect Respect Preserve Nuture Love Silver Lake Reservoir and its habitats for Wildlife, Environment, and for the People.

36 43224.72752 108.231.166.213 Please consider the area as primarily an urban wildlife refuge

37 43224.73485 166.216.157.26 Animals and wildlife first. We’ve already displaced so much. Keep the water and fencing.

38 43224.74648 104.184.208.102 I am concerned about putting too much value on “its use as a public and community gathering place, its strategic location within the Silver Lake neighborhood”—for whom is it a gathering place. If it is the general public I am very concerned about more crime and people who will not respect the privacy of current residents.

39 43224.75149 45.48.2.163 KEEP THE FENCE, KEEP THE WATER, WILDLIFE FIRST, REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PEDESTRIAN FOOT TRAFFIC!

3RD GENERATION SILVER LAKE RESIDENT.
90039

40 43224.77858 45.48.250.35 Please protect the natural beauty and wild life of the area and respect the wishes of those humans who have lived here for many years (myself, over 40 years) and don’t cave in to the people who will be in and out of here in short order and who will trod on and try to develop Silver Lake for their own gratification. PLEASE!!!
jeanine ennis
2272 moreno drive
los angeles 90039
323 664-1498

41 43224.80721 162.203.63.161 Keep deep water in both reservoirs, but open up more of the land on the eastern side for public use. The area where the DWP managers now have their office should be open to the public like the meadow. move the fencing a bit closer to the water on the northwestern side and keep the new dam head walkway to the south open longer hours. Consider putting some benches or chairs up there, maybe a rolling coffee bar for the view. Can the paths be widened in spots?

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In closing: KEEP THE FENCE, KEEP THE WATER, WILDLIFE FIRST . . . ALWAYS.
I very much support the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary concept that is currently espoused. I have lived in the Silver Lake area since 1957. It has undergone changes over the years due to:

- Earthquake mitigation (reduce southern end of reservoir)
- Federal water quality concerns (no potable water stored in open air reservoirs)
- Addition of dog park (for local pets)
- Jogging path around perimeter (for health-conscious residents)
- Draining of the reservoir (when open bodies were no longer permitted)
- Refilling of the reservoir with potable water (when rains in past year allowed this possibility)

Now we are facing some important choices and decisions about this iconic resource that makes Silver Lake so special. There is more than its physical presence. How can it serve as a model for local, state, national, and international communities that have a resource that has become a symbol for a culture and ambiance unique to its location. Its serenity and utilization suits the area because access is limited by the surrounding residential development that limits numbers of people, parking, and commercial enterprises. People live here, but so do a complex variety of enduring flora, fauna, and some migratory birds too. This is an evolution in a delicate balance.

Please maintain the perimeter fencing, water levels, and wildlife access. Thank you.

Calvin Lau
culau@usc.edu
Los Angeles 90039

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The Silver Lake Reservoir is a civil engineering project more than a century old that created a space for the purpose of holding water. It is not realistic to change this space to hold any substance other than water. The reservoir could be empty, but that would serve no useful purpose and, as it stands now, there is a body of water that isn't likely to go anywhere.

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Silver Lake Reservoir is less than 5 miles from two of the state's largest urban parks.

Trying to turn the reservoir property into a public park is highly problematic given that this property was never intended to be a public space and has serious limitations one becoming one. Given the close proximity to Griffith and Elysian parks, there is no particular added public good for the surrounding neighborhoods.

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As it stands, the reservoir has tremendous aesthetic value for both resident and visitor alike and provides ample ingress and opportunity for public enjoyment in the form of walking, viewing, and picnicking in spaces already available. Considerable effort has gone into numerous upgrades to enhance public enjoyment.

The reservoir property has long been home to waterfowl and both migratory and non-migratory birds. The property is also home to various mammalian species.

The following is a partial list of impractical, overly costly or invasive transformations of the reservoir property: a) public pool or beach - not designed for such a use case - major safety issue. b) venue for recreational boating - again, a safety and major administrative problem. c) drain the water and reclaim the space - refilling the reservoir with dirt is at least as much a civil engineering project as creating it in the first place - it would be prohibitively costly, disruptive and time consuming the attempt a reclaim. The same could be said for reconfiguration of either length, width or depth.

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52 43225.20147 108.231.166.213 Please protect the wildlife. I've already seen individuals trying to scale the fence on the crossover walkway throwing rocks at the ducks and geese-why? We have a unique opportunity to create something that few cities have an urban wildlife sanctuary. I know there's a trend towards the wholesale destruction of our environment - but this is not different and preserve what we have. Until the walking paths around the Griffith Observatory were made drone free zones several where buzzing hikers and photographing them without their permission, as well as chasing and frightening the wildlife we couldn't be that desperate for entertainment.

53 43225.21782 108.231.166.213 We must preserve our wildlife-please stop the destruction
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Leave the sanctuary untouched. This is a beautiful place where our wildlife call home. We enjoy this sanctuary of nature.

Linda Campbell

Dear Bureau of Engineering, please do not destroy nature - our land, it belongs to all of us, present and future. Thank you.

"We did not inherited nature from our ancestors, we borrowed it from our children." Native American Proverb

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Hi,

I am a resident of Silver Lake who is writing with regards to the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan. As someone who has lived in Silver Lake for the entirety of their life and currently resides on Putnam St. across from the Ivanhoe Reservoir, the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is very special to me. One of the saddest things for me growing up was when the reservoirs were drained. Looking out where there used to be a lake full of cool blue shimmering water and instead seeing a depressing slab of concrete made me realize how important keeping the reservoirs full is. I think that most people in my neighborhood would agree with me, and though I understand now why the reservoirs were drained in the first place, I hope that moving forward the LADWP and The City of Los Angeles will pay more attention to the value of the reservoirs. Keeping the reservoirs full of deep water, would not only provide an incredible amount of natural beauty and cooling for the neighborhood, it would also allow firefighters to pick up water in case of an emergency.

Having read this master plan outline my main concern is that while the city moves forward with turning the SLRC into a mixed purpose space it does not threaten the natural wildlife that already lives there by keeping the welfare of that wildlife and its habitat as a top priority in all decisions regarding the reservoir. I would love to see the fence around the reservoirs stay in its current position to protect species like the Blue Heron that nest in Eucalyptus trees around the sides of the reservoirs. I would also love to see more wildlife crossings and corridors created so that animals can move more freely between different habitats. Continuing to plant native shrubs, trees, and other plants would increase the habitat for important fauna like birds, butterflies, and bees that provide basic ecosystem services for the neighborhood. The SLRC has massive potential to become a tool for teaching people about the importance of nature and its impact on human well-being.

I sincerely appreciate the new walkway that has been built on the South side of the reservoirs. Creating more easily accessible walking paths and maintaining current ones is a vital task as hundreds of people walk/run around the reservoir each day. I also think that things like improving the Rec Center and adding more public bathrooms (to prevent people from literally pissing on the sidewalk) would be wonderful. As more and more people use the SLRC to run, admire the wildlife, walk their dogs, or have picnics in the meadow I would appreciate it if certain activities with negative impacts like littering, flying drones, leaving dog poop on the sidewalk, and parking in front of resident’s houses were addressed in the new master plan. While I would like to see more people enjoy the SLRC I would also like to avoid turning my neighborhood into a massive parking lot.

Thank you for taking the time to read my response and feel free to contact me via email at: jkacandes@gmail.com

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This looks very good. I would love to see a few tennis courts included in the plan. Another idea I've heard floating around is a small sailing school. The conditions would be perfect for it!

Who is gathering and for what reason? Please heavily promote the survey and survey all residents. The SLNC elections were a good example of the turn out in-person but the website/online voting function malfunctioned.

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Given that Griffith Park is a mile or so from this area, there is no need to create a recreational area in the Reservoir Complex, especially given that it sits within a neighborhood that is already impacted by its current use (perimeter walking/running, etc). It's important to retain the unique habitat and peaceful environment, while also improving conditions for conservation and education without negatively impacting the neighborhood. Therefore, I support the following:

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2. No additional parking
3. No recreational use
4. Keep reservoir same size and depth
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Thank you!

I like the way the Reservoir , is looking now. Great job! Please keep the lake the same depth and size, along with the fence line.

"no drones"!!!!!!!Planting more trees and bushes along the walking pathways, would be awesome! Please, consider anything that would help and promote the environment for the "wildlife" at the lake.
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Please keep the water, and the water levels, of the two reservoirs just as it is, and has been for the last century. If you want to lower the fence somewhat, that's fine as long as it is safe for the public. It would also be great to extend the walking path closer to the water and to make the wooded area at the northwest corner of the complex open public space (that could be closed off after dark if you prefer). But please leave the water as is, for the public to view, for emergency firefighting or water needs and for the preservation and enhancement of birds and other wildlife.

Please, KEEP THE FENCE, KEEP THE WATER, WILDLIFE FIRST. In a city starved of breathing space please retain the Peaceful Natural Beauty of the Reservoir water and grounds. The Silver Lake Reservoir is the neighborhoods pride and joy. Doris von Hermann Ivanhoe Drive resident for over 40 years 90039 dvhdesign@hotmail.com

Exactly what is this process: "As the process unfolds, our objectives include sensitivity to existing conditions and an openness to new ideas and concepts for the SLRC." PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED OUTLINE OF DATES OF MEETINGS, SURVEYS, AND ANY PROCESS THAT MUST INCLUDE ALL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNERS in the zip codes that involve the SLRC.
The opportunities at the Silver Lake Reservoir are plentiful. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input - it is important that public input and open dialogue drives the design. When the fencing comes down, we should have a public park that is open to the public 24 hours a day, safe, well lit, and full of opportunities for both passive and active recreation. I favor maintaining both the upper and lower reservoirs as open water. After two decades of dreaming about touching that water, I also envision many points of access to the water: terraced areas of the shoreline with lounging areas (à la Paris Plage), public docks with small boat rentals and lessons - with a boathouse for making/repairing watercraft that supports an at-risk youth program like Waterside Workshops in Berkeley CA, a floating swimming barge like those in Berlin and Copenhagen - no need for a separate swimming pool facility, a lakeside cafe concession with both casual and elegant options similar to Tavern on the Green in Central Park (NYC), both floating and fixed places for public art, performing arts, and film - bring on the floating film barge with seating on the terraces at night!

As luck would have it, the upper portion of the reservoir has the perfect ratio of volume to the lower reservoir so that it could be transformed into a filtration bog - a biofiltration wetland - that could filter and turn over the larger lower portion of water - keeping it clean and healthy without chemicals while at the same time providing valuable native habitat. A solar-powered pump station would pump water from the furthest end of the lower reservoir to the upper level reservoir where gravity would then pull it through the vegetated bog, releasing it gradually back to the lower level over the existing spillway. Systems like this are not unusual - and it would save millions of dollars in chemicals and maintenance compared to a standard swimming pool system at a separate swimming facility - not to mention being light on the environment.

I have lived and worked in Silver Lake for 20 years. I founded a non-profit on Silver Lake Boulevard (Materials & Applications) that hosted open air exhibitions exploring unconventional approaches to public amenities and the built environment. The projects there garnered international attention and many design awards. I am also an aquatic systems specialist, working professionally designing and engineering public water features and grey water systems for 25 years. The past ten years I have focused on permanent public art works commissions - my work is in cities all over California. The innovative use and development of community engaged and activated public space - especially as it relates to water - is my passion!

Thanks for your consideration - Jenna Didier (www.jennadidier.com)

I would like to see the renovation of the rec center be in the master plan with more rooms, more shade and more bathrooms.

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5. Renovate the current Dog Park, find ways to make it more sustainable, less dusty and smelly.

My name is Emmanuel Delege, I reside at 1810 Redesdale Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90026, a few blocks from the reservoir.

Here are my comments.

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Comment about “As the process unfolds, our objectives include sensitivity to existing conditions and an openness to new ideas and concepts for the SLRC.” Who is open and what new ideas? Is this comment area the only place for new ideas? Here is one: create a walking path with signs that point out various wildlife habitats and make this "educational" for children, and adults of all ages in various languages. Please keep in mind that most (probably 90%) of the ACTIVE SENIORS do not use or have access to the internet. Members of the GPACC may use its computers at the center but do not own one at their homes, use a mobile phone or have any way to comment or be surveyed digitally. And, at a recent meeting of a senior group, I can assure you they have very strong opinions about what they want to see for the SLRC and these are not only very long-time residents but also home owners with as much as 100% equity in their homes and also they are rental property landlords.
The highest priority is enough water for fire helicopters.

Has dam safety been evaluated for withstanding a quake on the San Andreas or Newport-Inglewood faults, for example?

Here are my somewhat random thoughts and suggestions:

Considering that the "forested" area on the east side has been relatively untouched for decades, I think there should be a biological assessment of life in that area. Los Angeles is a biological "hotspot", as documented by the scientists at our Natural History Museum. We should know what we have before we proceed.

Please hire a Californian as the Master Plan consultant, as I think they will have the best understanding of our climate and flora/fauna issues. Also, can we partner with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy? I would like a preponderance of native trees and plants (like an oak grove, for maximum support of biodiversity) but am not a purist.

Plan for tree and plant maintenance!!!!!!

I prefer a natural, park-like environment; one that promotes non-human life and human enjoyment. No amphitheater!!!!

Our neighborhood has a terrible rat problem. Perhaps we should apply for help in the form of BARN OWLS, which are renowned rodent eaters. With some help from ornithologists, we could place owl nesting boxes within the reservoir area.

Can we assist our west coast Monarch butterfly population? This requires a permanent native milkweed patch, similar to the one at the Monarch preserve in Natural Bridges State Park in Santa Cruz. It would be a wonderful place for educating kids about the butterfly life cycle. The thing is, it is not always pretty. In fact, it looks pretty scruffy by summer. That, however, is part of the reality. The plants, having been eaten by the caterpillar, look horrible, but the beautiful chrysalis are present.

I read about sending storm runoff into the reservoir, which I support. It could be really dirty water, though, during the first rains. Can it be sent through some kind of marsh area? In fact, can we have some marsh-like areas for water fowl and water cleaning?

Thank you.

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We are in danger of losing a very important wildlife habitat in the center of the city.

The city is always talking about green space. With the La River water way under review for future water shortages the Silverlake water way becomes even more important. The ever increasing build up the Silverlake makes this ever so more urgent.

As a Life long resident of Silverlake (JMHS 74) I urge you to help us make this refuge a reality.

Sincerely.

Kevin Dosch

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Not every "stakeholder" belongs to any of these groups listed: "The planning process will also include coordination with government agencies, elected bodies, interested non-profit groups, and the neighboring community groups." This sounds like Washington DC in which lobbyist with the most connections with the right people are heard the loudest. How do the individuals get in on this process? What about people who work? What about seniors who have no way of showing up or going online? Exactly what is the definition of the neighboring community groups? What if one does not belong to a group because there are lots more "stakeholders" than the memberships of all groups combined.

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More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
Walkway over north dam
Naturalizing or removing asphalt banks
Remove the current fence.
Community Nature Education Center
Comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

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I think swimming with a snack booth nearby - odes to public east coast lakes and public parks. throw back feeling, rentable kayaks. Shaded spot. Reading library. No metal fence. Wood fence, something to compliment the landscape. Perhaps a bridge over the reservoir so you can cross over to the other side would increase walking, biking, access in general and make the space more pedestrian friendly. Thanks!

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Water, Parks & Wildlife Com.- pls. support AB 2422 - IS IT OK TO SUBJECT CAL. WILDLIFE TO ANTI-COAGULANT RAT POISONS? PLS. RECONSIDER!!!!!
Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a resident and property owner in Silver Lake. I run laps of the reservoir at least four times a week. I bring my daughter to play at the rec center, and in the meadow, several times a week. I might be a "super user" of the park.

The reservoir and park were THE reason I decided to move to this neighborhood, and I am pleased that plans to both preserve and maintain it are underfoot.

I want to briefly note my own desires for this wonderful and important public space.

- I would like to see the enclosed area at the north of the park, maintained as a protected area for birds and native wildlife;
- However, I would like to see the perimeter of the reservoir transformed into a walkway similar to the beautiful work that was done at Prospect Park, in Brooklyn, where in 2013 a wooden walkway with play and picnic areas, was constructed. It is called the Lefrak Center. The works also included a small retail/reception space that sells food and drinks (yes, including alcohol!), and has a space that is a splash pool in the summer, and an ice-skating rink in the winter. There are tables for people to sit and eat their food, while watching their kids play. The walkway and center have made a tremendous contribution to the lives of New Yorkers. Obviously, I'm not suggesting an ice-skating rink in Silver Lake; I raise the Lefrak Center by way of example of what a superb transformation is possible with some relatively superficial works. It also demonstrates a possible revenue stream for the city, or whichever relevant entity would be entitled to proceeds from restaurant and/or event space leasing. (There are lots of weddings at the park in Brooklyn.)
- I would like to see the very high chain link fencing replaced with something far more attractive.
- I strongly support providing significantly more shade, and would urge you to do this by planting more trees. (On the western edge of the reservoir, this could be achieved by moving the fence to the other side of the existing trees, which could already provide fantastic shade to a new route for the walking path.)
- It is crucially important that the water quality be properly maintained. Currently, the water is changing color and does not look healthy.

No doubt, some locals would object that making these improvements could cause unwanted traffic and parking congestion. With respect, this is a species of NIMBY thinking and does not fit with the growing spirit of creating public amenities for ALL people of Los Angeles.

Thank you for considering my submissions.

Sincerely,

Sharona Coutts

Maximize Potential Free Space + Potential Shared Space.

Include a new, renovated and/or expanded Recreation and Parks building at the south side of the SLRC - which currently is very small and does not work for older kids.

Include Shade Structures - but even more importantly TREES.

Include permeable banks with filtering plants and working wetlands to increase natural habitats, water quality and beauty.

Increase walking paths.

Include public restrooms.

Increase play space - including adding Parks and Rec facilities such as a swimming pool for neighborhood use and a larger soccer field.

Include play facilities and areas that appeal to tweens and teens, such as a public swimming area and larger play fields.

Increase wooded areas open to the public for shade and serenity

Eliminate the fencing, which creates a prison like appearance, everywhere except where needed to fence off DWP area, by finding other design answers to making the space beautiful while making it reasonably safe and maintaining a feeling of nature.

Do not include parking for automobiles, but include safe drop off zones and parking for bicycles and scooters to encourage active transportation to these amenities, while maximizing public space for use by people.

Upgrades to the silver lake reservoir complex should be designed by a local team with experience in fields related to the reservoir. The team should have experience and knowledge of working with the LA city as well as working on public parks in LA.

As a resident of the area who bike rides frequently I would like the project to tie into the expanding bicycle network of the area.

I see this reservoir as an open space that relates to the wider hydrology system of Los Angeles - so the design should be considered holistically with works occurring on the Los Angeles river.

This looks like an exciting project. I've been following the press on this area for a long time. I would hope when the city chooses a consultant, they consider the working knowledge the consultant has with the community first and foremost. As community input is critical as mentioned in the RFP, comfort and believe-ability is crucial to project acceptance. This obviously lends to the fact that the consultant must be local. The other qualifications as I'm sure you know are experience with designing with water bodies, DWP works, BOE works, park design, and sustainable infrastructure. Best of luck.

It's exciting to see the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is moving forward. I believe the project should be designed by a team with local expertise, someone who not only actively knows about the current site issues, but one that would continue to use the space beyond the project completion.

The new project should support water goals of the city as it has been taken off line. One tool to do so would be to store and release stormwater to the LA river during the dry season. Other items for the complex should include expanding the existing bicycle network, improve bus transit, and provide potential recreations swimming opportunities.
Hello,

Very excited to hear this will be happening. I hope that water issues will be taken very seriously when considering a new master plan. This kind of infrastructure is very valuable for the capturing and storage of stormwater. Stormwater from neighborhood watershed should be captured. Perhaps there is also a way to link the reservoir to the LA River so that it can retain peak flow during a storm. This is an amazing opportunity for a park that will be of great value to the adjacent communities but also to the region itself. Remember this was supplying water to the city not just the neighborhoods and so it truly should be accessible to the city at large. I hope the designers will have a deep understanding of local plant typologies and the intricate nature of LA’s water system. Thank you.

The design team for future silver lake master plan should be the team with experience on la’s water related project. With local experiences, the team need to be familiar working with city of la, native plant materials, and with understanding the needs for the neighborhood and community. The team who has long-time understanding in this area , professional experiences and willing to dedicate themself to this area to create their vision for this area will be the first choice.

All SLRC "potential free space" (as shown in green on map below) should be opened up and developed as park space for the public. That would mean expansion of the existing "Meadow" which would extend up the hill to the north along Armstrong Ave. As well, the tree-covered area along West Silver Lake Blvd should certainly be developed. The existing chain link fence bordering these areas should come down for many reasons: mainly it is such an eyesore, much like a prison. These green spaces should be developed much as an city park space would be with walkways, benches etc. This area should be open to all including pets on leashes. At least 20% of the public who currently walk around the reservoir do so with the dogs. The reservoir could also resemble Echo Park Lake in its improvements and a simple 4’ high black chain link fence could go around the perimeter of the lake along the “potential shared use” existing DWP roads. Much like Echo Park Lake there is no reason why pedestrians should not be able to walk right up to the lake’s edge. Echo Park Lake has no such fencing and thus preserving the beauty. Finally, “bird islands” should be installed within the lake to attract more bird life to the lake. Thanks, Tom Drew, 2714 Ivan Ct, Co-Founder Refill Silverlake Now, 25-year SL resident.

I am a resident of the area and use the trail around the reservoir to run. Unfortunately, the experience is greatly diminished by the presence of the tall fence. The chainlink filters light to the trail very strangely and makes running very uncomfortable in certain areas. I would like to see the new park change the topography of the reservoir at the edges to make it more shallow so that fences could be taken down or relocated away from the paths in some or all areas. In addition to making the park more usable and enjoyable, I would like to see the reservoir and land be used more for stormwater capture and storage to help the city during periods of drought. The Reservoir is already such a vibrant public space in the neighborhood, but I really think the city can do better. The public space is actually very limited and as I stated earlier, the fence makes the experience of being in some areas rather uncomfortable. Including the reservoir, its a huge amount of space and it would be great if more area could be given over to the public and if the remaining space could be better utilized for water management for the city in the future. Thank you.

Great work on the dam walkway! I would love to see the entire inner perimeter of the reservoir become accessible as a walking path. I would like improvements to focus on preserving and enhancing the current status of the reservoir complex as a quiet neighborhood park and wildlife preserve, such as stormwater treatment to preserve the water level and more walking paths (preferably DCG, not concrete). No parking lots, baseball diamonds, soccer fields etc., please!

Please keep one of the last refuges for birds in the LA area. A benefit for all residence, human as well as wildlife.

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Please consider:

- A decorative fountain in the center that also is used to filter the water.
- Additional walking paths that cut through interior sections.
- Swapping masonry walls with a more organic material. Alternatively opening up the walls for select artists to paint murals.

As a long-time resident within walking distance of the reservoir, my family makes use of the facilities at the Silver Lake Rec Ctr and would encourage any upgrades to those structures, including adding air conditioning to the gym. We also routinely walk, jog or bike on the path along the reservoir and like to visit the meadow to throw a frisbee or fly a kite. It would be nice to have more shade in the meadow and at various spots along the path. A couple restrooms near the meadow would be a good idea. It would also be great if eventually there could be landscaping along the reservoir to reduce the impact of the concrete surround. Finally, the ultimate goal should be to open up access to the water (limit fencing to only DWP restricted areas) just like Echo Park. This complex is a jewel in our city and is well used by residents.

I think it would be key for the project team to be experienced with similar projects - for example, experience working with the City of LA, public park projects in general, public projects that incorporate water (another reservoir, river, creek, wetlands, etc), and good local knowledge offerings like local building materials, California planting and irrigation watering practices.

It would be so nice if the project can help with very important local issues - for example - capturing stormwater, perhaps some sort of way to achieve groundwater and aquifer recharge, helping the health of the watershed. Other great uses would be improving public access to water, providing improvements and connections to walking and biking trails for outdoor exercise opportunities, and increasing access to nature. It would be smart for master plan to consider native California and drought tolerant Mediterranean planting.
Extend the relationship to the community and nature. First and foremost, please remove the Reservoir awful surrounding gates and make the inner areas of the lake walkable and habitable. The bio-reserve type and green ideas shared by the Silverlake Forward group are a great step in the right direction. The neighboring houses are benefited greatly from having their homes so close to lake. And the only way for LA to tackle density and be more inclusion is to provide more parks. So please don't let the multi-millionaires ruin what should be a beautiful and open space for the entire city. I have lived in this area for over a decade (and now own a home in Atwater Village, another area that can use more green parks ;-) and can attest the desperate need for more green spaces. Also, maybe some portion of the lake can be swimmable? Best of luck. Look forward to the plan to a park. Greener the better! Thank you, James

I live a few houses away from the reservoir. I am most interested in retaining the peaceful natural beauty of the reservoir water and grounds. Silver Lake is a quiet, open natural space in middle of a sprawling metropolis, that is why such a special place. It is also why it is the heart of the neighborhood. To change it from a gathering place for local wildlife and migrating birds would be a crime.

Please provide more space for the public to enjoy. Swimming, boating, soccer fields, etc. Take down the chain link fence. More walking paths. I live on Locksley place- in the neighborhood- and I walk around the reservoir daily.

Please make sure the RFP is approved by the community because I am concerned about this being too vague and general: its potential for a unique blend of both active and passive recreational spaces. What do you mean by potential? Recreational?

The Consultant will propose a suite of cost-effective stakeholder and public involvement strategies to best capture the ambitions and concerns of the public. Costs have never been discussed have they? Who is going to fund the Master Plan? At one meeting the residents were supposed to shoulder them. If that is so then the consultant needs to be a homeowner and there needs to be a residency in terms of years and approval of all property owners.

Would be be possible to replace the perimeter to a more beautiful one without barbed wire?

At minimum the Armstrong leg of fence is dilapidated versus the other areas, so it would be great to improve the aesthetic.

Finally, is it possible to renovate/repair the roads around the lake? Armstrong "Hill" in particular is challenging.

The Plan needs to address DRONES and how to protect Mallards and Canada Geese, and more vulnerable species such as the Horned Grebe and the Long-Tailed Duck. The Great Blue Heron nest and raise their young in the tall eucalyptus trees on the Reservoir shores, and this site provides seasonal protection for the heron nesting areas. Like the alternative, invisible "border wall" --we need technology to monitor and protect these nesting areas. Also, drones interfere with migratory birds as they pass over our airspace and they could also interfere with LAFD helicopter water refills for water drops during wildfires.

LADWP needs to comment on the quality of the water, not just where it comes from, in terms of how it will benefit or harm the wildlife who drink it and swim in it. And others are worried about how larvae and mosquitos are being kept out of it. People and/or boats must be kept out of the water because they bring additional elements into the water (micro beads of plastic, sunscreen, oils, and trash/garbage.

I would like to dispute the "currently schedule and planned future projects" portion of this document. Part of the master planning effort should be to evaluate the site as a whole and determine if and where offices might be located, fences should remain or be removed, new pathways constructed, facilities modified, etc. These modifications should not be made until a complete analysis by the landscape architecture, environmental and engineering consultants.

Additionally, I would like to specifically dispute the installation of LADWP modular offices in a residential neighborhood on a piece of open space about to be restored and opened up. There are a multitude of LADWP sites throughout the area that are not about to undergo a master planning effort, please consider those sites so this doesn't hinder the ability of master planners to make the most of this open space opportunity.

I like to see that the water level and edge conditions are to be analyzed. That is very important.

There should be limited parking so as much of this open space can be naturalized/preserved. Additionally, some bathroom facilities must be added to the meadow or any other large open spaces. Currently the kids are all using the native planting as toilets -- not the best alternative!

The "LADWP Use Area" in red is too large. The best views and forested areas are in that space. Please allow the master planning efforts to consider the best use of spaces that are not mandatory LADWP infrastructure (i.e., pipelines or actual fixed infrastructure that absolutely cannot be moved).

Well, I guess this is new that the big Silver Lake park project is really only about an extra 25% - why is most of it still reserved for DWP service truck parking? Is that really the highest and best use for the space?

Parks for people AND wildlife - put grass islands in the middle of the lake!
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I am neighborhood homeowner. People in the community often have elaborate plans about the reservoir and complex. My hope is that the facilities that exist now are better maintained prior to the addition of any new uses or any expansions of uses. I would like the damn walk-way opened for more extended hours and the pedestrian path around the reservoir better maintained. I think that there is often a rush to build new projects rather than to focus on maintenance of existing structures, facilities and uses. The meadow is a nice addition to the reservoir complex but with it there is more traffic and congestion and, while, it has remained well-up kept I would not want new expanded uses of the reservoir to take away from funds for up keep of the meadow and the walking path. Also, I think that have undisturbed water, woods and wildlife areas within the city are important for birds, animals and insects and consideration should be given to that more than expanding public recreation uses of the reservoir. Instead of expanding new uses of the reservoir (while it is from different sources of funding in the city and a different department), more attention and focus should be paid to the maintenance and upgrades to the Silver Lake Rec Center and park (and the walking path and meadow). The rec center is one of the best things in the city, the staff are great and it is a nice park that is heavily used. Again, rather than expanding uses of the reservoir, the city should focus on improved facilities at the park and rec center and other existing public access uses at the reservoir. Make what we have now nicer and continuing, instead of building new stuff to the detriment of maintenance of existing facilities and uses. Also, animals, birds, and insects need wild spaces too.

The master plan should be handled by a team with local expertise on water related projects in los angeles (including the L.A. River, Reservoir itself, etc.), work on public parks, and working with the City of L.A.

The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy is pleased to provide the following comments for the upcoming Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan.

The Reservoirs Conservancy supports including the following elements in the updated Master Plan:

More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expanding the meadow
Walkway over north dam
Naturalizing or removing asphalt banks
Removing the current perimeter fence
Lighting on the path outside of the meadow

SLRC also supports a comprehensive tree survey on the reservoir property to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees.

Our comments are informed by our 2016 community survey which was mailed to approximately 3400 residential addresses in Silver Lake. We received over 800 responses. SLRC has surveyed the Silver Lake community for more than a decade. These improvements are consistently supported by a large majority, over 75%.

As someone who grew up in British Columbia, an area known for it’s parks and emphasis on recreation and beauty, I strongly encourage a development of the reservoir to create a useable park complete with picnicing, grasses for play (ie an extension of the meadow), trails, and even a swimming hole (please check out Barton Springs in Austin, TX for reference - it is ICONIC).

I am a homeowner on Hidalgo Ave, which is a few blocks away from the reservoir. And though I am a very strong advocate for harnessing the recreation potential of the reservoir, I do want to be conscientious of some of the issues that come with parks, such as parking, traffic and homeless encampments. Obviously, it is a tough needle to thread and will need some unconventional solutions. For example, is there a shuttle system we could create to get park goers to and from the site?

My bottomline: it is a jewel of a site and should be open to the public. Let’s connect nature to the city and give people the best of both worlds.

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Thanks,
Brian Wright

I would like a team which is focused on best uses of the space. LA is extremely limited on park access so this area is useful for residents local and from nearby areas. Its closest residents (I am one) are not the only users of the area, nor should they be, nor should their voices be the loudest ones. Safety of the water is vital - it's too deep for swimming or boating unless people are screened for swimming ability. Any use of the water must be a controlled use with limited access. More walking areas, more bathrooms, more places to relax and sit. It's a park!

Dear DWP - PLEASE:
Increase public space use around walkways - remove cement walls around reservoir edges or plant species friendly vegetation - install small floating wood islands and wildlife piers as seen in public lakes around the world for ducks and birds to rest on - enable birds/goose/ducks etc to reach the water without having to walk down the cement walls, e.g. enhance cement walls into nature/vegetation - think beautifully - Silver Lake is a sophisticated community with taste and intellect - make it work for all of us! thank you xx
Looking very much forward to just a few improvements in the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex

Bathrooms in the “Meadow”
Meadow extension a few yards towards the water.
Fencing to be made less “industrial.”
Keeping the flair of a “Neighborhood” Park, not a city wide destination, the reservoir is in the midst of a residential area, not adjacent to a big 4-lane boulevard and freeway access, i.e. Echo Park Lake. Thank you for these consideration.

Marlys Gilgen

Well of course this could be a home for wild boar, seagulls, coyotes and stray animals from across the states zoo system but much more interesting would be to expand the use for human beings who live in Los Angeles. The banks should be softened and restored to a “natural state.” There should be plenty of wild pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists to share. The reservoir should be lawns and picnic tables and a little swimming area. At the south end rec center that might also be a good training pool for 2028 Olympians. There should be hundreds more trees and native plants and butterfly and other pollinator friendly plants. There should be expansion of the Rec center playground area and a removal of all fences. Any small fences that do remain should be short and not chain link. A permaculture approach to water for the system should be pioneered ... overflow from the surrounding valley and the la river adjacent should be captured whenever possible. Any resistance to full opening of all land for human use in our green spaces starved city should be ignored.

We’re a family living near the Ivanhoe Reservoir and we completely embrace the new plan. We think the reservoirs should become more natural and more accessible to both animal wildlife as well as for people as a recreational area – much like it is already the case at Echo Park lake. Thanks for your great work with and for the local community!

The Master Plan process will explore ways to reconfigure the edge condition of the reservoirs with multiple objectives that include environmental values, public safety, visual quality, public activities and other identified goals that might require the edge condition to be altered. Silver Lake and other communities are home to many local artists who create metal fences and sculptures. Fences can be very artistic; there might be designated areas for permanent sculptures or rotating ones. The fences MUST keep human beings out of the water to protect the water fowl and other wildlife as well as for safety of children and those who cannot swim. Fences can be made to be modern, decorative as many homes in the area have them. Local welders/artists can bid to design these.

Echo Park’s lake should serve as a model for the use of non-potable water and recreation. Rowena Reservoir is the exactly opposite of what the SLRC should be because the LADWP is not capable of establishing security other than an unfriendly restrictive ZERO-access fence.

I live on Lindsay Lane and I overlook the reservoir. I have lived in Silver Lake for 18 years. Regarding #6: Reservoir Edge Condition … I support the restoration of natural edge conditions. I believe that the fence should come down. I recognize that DWP facilities would need to be secured but, much like Echo Park Lake, there is no need for a fence around the reservoir given that it has been decommissioned.

I hope that the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex will become more accessible to the neighborhood and that the unsightly, unwelcoming giant chainlink fence can come down. My family and I enjoyed walking inside the fence boundary, closer to the water, during the DWP event in March. The Meadow has been such a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. We are hopeful for much more of these kinds of thing please! And bathrooms near the Meadow as well. Thank you!
Permanently open the space around the reservoirs (inside the fences, as was done for a single day a few months back).
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A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Just take down the huge prison-like fence. That will have the largest impact.

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A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Replace the current fence with something nicer, is barbed wire necessary?
Community Nature Education Center
Identify dead and dying trees develop a replacement plan for those trees
Encourage natural habitat for more birds and butterflies, native plants and flowers.

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Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Lower the current fence to the height of the fence on the new walkway
Design a Community Nature Education Center

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I've lived in Silver Lake for 12 years. Here's what I'd like to see for the reservoir: remove the asphalt banks and make them more like a natural lake exterior; remove the fence (no barrier - like around Echo Park Lake); install a walking path between the reservoirs; expand the meadow and try to provide more shade. Thank you.

I would just love to see the fence taken down. I don't know why Echo Park Lake can sit unfenced and we're stuck with ugly chain link in an otherwise beautiful setting.

As a resident that uses the space on a near daily basis I would like to see more walking paths to the water, including a walking path between the two reservoirs. I would like to see the chain link removed from the area that separates the reservoirs from the walking paths,
We love the meadow and would like to see it Expanded.
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks would be lovely
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees.
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146 43235.68513 66.133.193.3 Re safety, would prefer some abatement method other than fencing — maybe terracing or a low hedge hiding a low barrier wall or fence around the perimeter.

147 43235.68574 45.48.167.185 Hi. I'm a stakeholder/property owner in Silver Lake, CA. I would like the following...
Removal of the current fence
More walking paths closer to the water & between the two reservoirs
Naturalization or removal of asphalt banks
Community Nature Education Center
A comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees
Wood chips or gravel to diminish and deal with the stink of the Dog Park
Circuit training equipment (like Marsh Park) somewhere in the park (near the Rec Center??)

Thank you,
Stephanie Wolf Hicks
2736 Armstrong Avenue
Los Angeles, CA . 90039

148 43235.68618 64.183.43.108 I would like to see a wetlands where the public can view wildlife. Note that the island in the middle Echo Park Lake is off-limits to public and is reserved for wildlife/birds. Walkways across wetlands...an environment that is instructive about our watershed, where the public respects the wildlife and it is a place to walk, relax, and enjoy nature. No more hardscape! To mitigate traffic impact on the neighborhood (already suffering greatly; I live on Earl Street and our street has been ruined by the Waze app and an onslaught of traffic not intended for a narrow one block-long street...) we must have ample parking for visitors. There is no Metro line that serves the park and limited bus access. Those are my first thoughts. thank you.

149 43235.68872 161.149.102.22 Remove all current fences
Remove asphalt banks and naturalize the shoreline
Create wetlands and shallows for habitat
More walking paths closer to the water
da walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Allow dogs on leash in the meadow

150 43235.68943 204.128.192.31 This project is solid, and I especially look forward to reading more details about extending vegetation to the reservoir edges and adding more support facilities.
If anything, this does not seem ambitious enough to me. Like — let's get restrooms, great, go ahead. But I would love to see everything from additional walking paths that cut closer to the reservoir to full on boathouse-with-kayaking. We live in LA, let's show it off. Everyone loves the meadow and walkways and the park — let's keep adding to it!
(I live within a quarter mile of the reservoir, and have for the past 8 years. But IMO that shouldn't matter too much, and I'm glad that stakeholders to this project include general city residents).

151 43235.69228 216.253.197.242 More walking paths closer to the water
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I believe one of the beauties of Silverlake is its nature. We already interrupted a portion of it with the meadow and am against taking anymore areas for increasing it. I am for walking paths closer to the water but not reducing the size or depth of what is there currently. Thank you.

I would like to see Silver Lake maintained as a nature preserve, with limited human access.

I would like to see the tiger striping around the perimeter recoated in a neutral color, with edge landscaping to create a more naturalistic environment.

My hopes and dreams for the future of this complex include:
* Lightening along the Meadow path on SLB,
* Increased public access closer to the water: aka "inside the fence".
* Bathrooms on the Meadow
* Tree survey with replacements for the Eucalyptus and other tall trees with close to mature trees that will support Herons and other nesting birds
* A public space for music near the current "Caretakers Bungalow" similar to an amphitheater w/ electricity
* A water feature for both Ivanhoe and Silver Lake Reservoirs that is both decorative and practical for water movement
* Nesting islands for ducks and other water birds so they don't have to navigate the banks
* Naturalizing the banks to increase water permeability, plant growth, and ecological benefits.
* Walking path across the Ivanhoe Dam similar to the South Dam access.
* Benches and shade trees (in containers?) on both the South Dam and the Ivanhoe Dam
* More decorative fencing similar to the gated entrances to the LA River in Atwater and Frog Town, as well as at the Rowena Reservoir
* Reliable irrigation for any and all plantings on the property both inside and outside the fence. Currently, neighbors are hand watering the newly planted trees on WSL, and have taken on that role for the Armstrong section of the Path.
* A vector control system that is effective and reliable.

The project should also include contractors who are highly skilled in Focus Group Moderation, and Conflict Resolution. There are various factions within the community that are all passionate about their desires but may not be willing (or able) to work collaboratively on their own. The loud voices of the few, who want nothing new and fear any change, can often drown out the desires of the many, who want the greater good for both people and animals, residents and visitors.

The current and proposed areas for public access and new uses for the Master Plan process are shown on Attachment No. 1.”

I am unable to find “Attachment #1”. How can I read it?

In the meantime, here are my comments:
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Thank you,
Jordan Corngold
2926 Waverly Drive LA 90039
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Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow and keep it up better. The sprinklers seem to be broken and flooding at times. The gophers are eating most of the shrubs.
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Paddle boats, kayaks, or canoes like Echo Park lake has so there is some life to the lake. Just took the kids a few weeks back and there were turtles, ducks, birds, dragonflies, all hanging out with the boats. When we visit Minneapolis Minnesota, it’s lovely to see all the lakes being used by people kayaking etc., instead of just a dead body of water for the people on the hills of Silver Lake to look at. (we live in the hills of Silver Lake)

A beach or swimming area like we saw on some renderings seems unnecessary.

I would like to see more trees planted on the west side of the lake. And DWP needs to implement better watering and upkeep for these trees. In the past DWP has planted trees and not installed adequate watering systems. Don’t waste our tax dollars by installing planting and not maintaining it. I’d love to see paddle board rentals in the reservoir. I’d like to see better lighting for nighttime runners/walkers. And what about ability to have walking paths over the reservoir?

Expand the meadow
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence

More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

a water’s edge path would be fantastic with more access to shaded tree areas

More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow and add a restroom
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize banks
Remove the current fence, replace with something less ugly
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

There is already considerable increased motor traffic in the areas around the reservoir and because the streets within the Silver Lake area are so narrow, PLEASE consider plans that DO NOT increase automobile traffic. Please DO NOT build any additional parking facilities or do anything that will increase congestion in the area. PLEASE DO help us maintain the peacefulness of Silver Lake. PLEASE REMEMBER that this is essentially a RESIDENTIAL area. The beauty that is Silver Lake is mostly due to the natural surroundings of trees, birds, and tranquility of the view of the water. Please preserve these as we move forward.

THANK YOU for including community input!

Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

2508 Armstrong Ave.
I've lived in SL for 40 years, have been a community activist for 30 years (past president of SLIA and co-organizer of SLNC), and walk regularly around the reservoirs. I would like to see significant but modest (and easily doable!) improvements, such as:

1. A lower fence and certainly removal of the barbed wire. The new south dam path magnificently demonstrates the advantages of a lower fence.
2. A north dam path, with benches, as the SL Conservancy (which I highly respect) has proposed.
3. Some aesthetic and/or environmentally beneficial enhancement of the unsightly asphalt-covered banks.
4. Removal of dead trees, which are unsightly, a fire hazard, and unsafe -- as some recent tree and large branch fallings have demonstrated.

Please consider additional paths and access to the reservoir. Also we are very interested in emulating programs on the westside which involve setting up the lake for the quiet sport of crew rowing. On the west side there is a rowing club which also trains inner city kids in rowing. The result has been 100% college acceptance for the kids who learn to row. We think this would be an aesthetically attractive use of the reservoir which would also give people of the wider community the opportunity to benefit from this resource in a city which does not have parks and water available to many of its residents.

Hello,

I vote strongly for naturalizing the asphalt sides of the waterline much the way they did in the Venice Canals. I also would love to be able to walk closer to the water and never want to see another ugly chain link fence as long as I live. It would be wonderful to have Silver Lake reservoir more like Echo Park lake for walking purposes. A path between the two reservoirs would be wonderful too. I could care less about a nature center. Nature is all around us and I wouldn't want to see an inch of ground be taken from what little nature is left here to put up a building to tell people about what's right in front of them. Sorry to be snarky...let's see what else...yes, more meadow would be grand. In short I am a strong proponent of maintaining the area in as natural and sweet, meaning no construction, no exercise equipment, etc. Just a lovely place to walk or fly a kite and watch water fowl. I've lived here in Silver Lake for nearly forty years and have been walking around the reservoir when it was still a very urban experience so to see the loving positive changes happening to that peaceful patch of water and green is deeply gratifying. I have always felt I lived in the best part of LA and now it's really true! Thanks for all the work you're doing to make our city more livable!

Best regards,
Bev Baz

More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Add parking and restrooms by the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Add shade for the playground

We would love access to the water - for seasonal swimming, for boat or kayak rentals (like Echo Park lake).

I walk the lake every morning. I think it should be left the way it is now. If someone wants to ride a boat go to Echo Park.

A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow

Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

As a homeowner one block from the reservoir, I encourage non-commercial development of the reservoir, such as walkways and green spaces. I think the Meadow is absolutely amazing and support similar initiatives. I feel strongly that no commercial activity should be allowed at the reservoir. I also oppose public restrooms and any additional parking. The surrounding areas, with their narrow and winding roads, lack the infrastructure to support any further influx of cars, and already the safety of the community is jeopardized by ever increasing number of reckless driving and clogged streets.

Hi! I would like to have walking access to the water, with no fencing, and maybe even something fun like paddleboats or even something more exciting and cool like a floating islet—it could either just be for birdlife or it could be for special events like a yearly Christmas-themed float. (Or it could be periodically decked out for a celebration of something else that's worth celebrating—like a fun homage to multiculturalism that changes every six months etc).

Thanks!!!

More walking paths closer to the water
Remove the current fence
Please please please!!

- More walking paths closer to the water
- A walking path between the two reservoirs
- Expand the meadow
- A walkway over the north dam
- Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
- Remove the current fence
- Design a Community Nature Education Center
- Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Thank you for all you do.

My top priorities as a stake holder are:

- More walking paths closer to the water
- A walking path between the two reservoirs
- Expand the meadow
- A walkway over the north dam
- Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
- Remove the current fence
- Design a Community Nature Education Center
- Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Thank you for soliciting community input. Looking forward to further cooperation.

I have lived around the reservoir for over 12 years. I would like to see the natural water be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that a top-ranked wildlife habitat specialist/ biologist/ ecologist be part of the consulting team.

We have already witnessed algae blooms as well as mosquito blooms and it is important that are professional biologist be part of the team.

Thank you,
Dane Taylor
dane.taylor@gmail.com
Moreno Heights 90039

The most important issue for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is designation of the land AND the water within the perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary for the protection of the wildlife and birds we are so privileged to have in our neighborhood.

I ask that a qualified wildlife specialist be included on the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the complex to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Thank you,
Laura Geffen
geffenroper@yahoo.com
3023 Fernwood Avenue
Los Angeles 90039

Take down fence around reservoir and open up walking path around.

Naturalize banks

Would be KICK ASS if you could swim in the lake—lap lanes that you have to sign up for and pay a small fee for, for LA residents only, monitored by lifeguard if need be, etc. Swimming for exercise and swim lessons/programs primarily, not a splash pool for kids or lounge pool for adults. No other city would have such an amenity.

More LA native plants like in meadow, planted around perimeter

Terrace some seating benches/shelves into dam, create outdoor theater, etc. screen movies, concerts, etc. in summer like in Central Park NYC.

Build a planted and curved median to separate cars from bike lanes and walking path along Silver Lake Blvd.

Allow model boat races in Ivanhoe reservoir, or remote control battery operated boats, etc. for kids, coin or credit card operated for 5 mins, etc.

Setup food trucks on recurring schedule
More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
Walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Keep as is as much as possible with as little human intrusion as possible. Tree plan and water protection plan would be valuable.

Remove all current fences.
Remove asphalt banks.
Lower the water level.
Naturalize the shorelines.
Create wetlands and shallows.
Walking pathways closer to the water contiguous to the shoreline.
Allow dogs on leash in the meadow and along all pathways.
Walking path between the two reservoirs.
Walkway over north dam.
A boating facility such as in Echo Park with a snack bar.
Include boating, such as canoeing, sailing, paddle boats.

I support the goals outlined in the Project Description. As a Silver Lake resident in close proximity to the reservoir complex, I enthusiastically support increased access to the dams, walkways, paths, and green areas that are currently inaccessible. In addition I'd like the consultant to push as far as is feasible to increase the natural element of the lake, by removing and reducing fencing, removing and naturalizing the asphalt banks, and doing proper tree studies to address the currently dead and dying trees and planting new appropriate vegetation and trees. While the community has already outlined many of these ideas, I would like to see the selection of a consultant that has shown ability to think of new creative solutions, uses, and naturalization ideas that the community may not have considered yet. I'm incredibly excited for this project, and to realize the under utilized potential of the reservoir complex.

As a resident of Silverlake, I support a reservoir plan that includes all of the following: Removal of the current chain link fence, naturalizing or removing the concrete banks, and adding more walking paths -- both closer to the water, and also between the reservoirs and over the north dam. I also support expanding the meadow, adding more grass and parkland, and improving the lighting around the entire reservoir. Thank you!

Please consider the following improvements:
More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
Walkway over north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Lighting on the path outside of the meadow

Thank you for all your work on this! I wanted to see if it would be possible to "beautify" and make usable in some form the white structure and driveway off Armstrong? Currently it's chained shut, and I felt LADWP and the public can co-locate on th site as a meeting spot or resting area. San Francisco has several examples of this in the Presidio or Marina Green. Perhaps a coffee shop with silver lake themed gifts or a historical museum type of structure.

It's across the street from 2536 Armstrong and seems to be a "natural" historic entrance to the new hill section.
I would hope the land and water within the current fence be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that a top-ranked wildlife habitat specialist/biologist/ecologist be part of the consulting team!!

A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

I am a homeowner in Silver Lake, and I value the reservoir for the beauty it gives our community. I also appreciate and frequently use the walking paths around it. The new path opened at the south dam is an improvement over the previous crowded and broken path, and I look forward to the path over the Ivanhoe dam opening.

My wishes for the reservoir in the future are these:
1) Remove the fences. The water is no longer potable, so it does not need to be protected. The Echo Park reservoir has no fences. Is there a reason why Silver Lake needs them? They are an ugly barrier between the water and parkland landscape.
2) Create a continuous walking path along the rim of the reservoirs (separated from LADWP areas with a fence if necessary).
3) Beautify the reservoir banks, replacing the asphalt with natural materials. For example, I’ve seen drawings of proposed riparian areas that were very attractive.
4) Provide areas where children can at least get their feet wet. When my grandchildren visit, I would love to be able to take them to a lovely, natural area with wetlands and wading areas.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment!

Jenny Pulsipher
1926 Micheltorena Street

Please put paths closer to the lake(s), add more green space, remove the concrete around the water and allow the lakes to have natural banks, remove that ugly fence and add lighting.

Thanks

Please give us the following:
More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow and add restrooms
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

Hi there,

I love walking around the reservoir and do so almost every day. Please move the fence so that it’s right next to the water (and lower it like on the wonderful, new path over the dam on the south side). We need better and more access to the green spaces in our neighborhood and the wildlife will still have their spaces to rest. More access! More places like the meadow where we can come together as a community, enjoy our beautiful natural resources, and coexist with urban wildlife. Thank you!

Please give us the following:
More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow and add restrooms
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Design a Community Nature Education Center

Thank you for taking on this project. I am excited to see the results. Having a space where the community could swim would be amazing, I would be in favor of that.
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I live just a few minutes walk from the reservoir, and can see the Ivanhoe reservoir from my house. I believe this reservoir should be open for all people—just like Echo Park Lake is. This is a public resource and treasure that shouldn’t be shamefully hidden and restricted from public access like the Rowena reservoir. Best case, it would include park facilities: playground, picnic tables, access to reservoir, etc. It’s a shame it’s all ringed in concrete—it would be great if that could go, but I reckon there’s some engineering issues with that.

Make the reservoir and its surroundings open for all (not just the neighborhood), accessible to all, with world-class park infrastructure. A great model, as noted above, is Echo Park Lake.

More walking paths closer to the water. PLEASE GET RID OF THE CHAIN LINK FENCES. If Echo Park can do without, so can we.

A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees
Plant more trees along the Silver Lake Blvd side AND TAKE CARE OF THE PLANTINGS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE. ANNUALLY, please.
A walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks

Dear BOE,
Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Bob Soderstrom and I am President of Silver Lake Forward, one of the three groups in “The Coalition for Silver Lake.” My personal thoughts are here:

I would love to see the consultant’s team consist of the following experts:

• Water engineers / hydrologists.
• Landscape architect.
• Expert in both public and private fundraising and capital campaigns.
• Environmental education consultant to study potential for the area’s many schoolchildren to use the reservoir complex as a nature learning and field trip destination.
• Natural habitat experts, including wildlife biologists, arborists and limnologists.
• Transportation expert to study the revolution of ride share services, passenger drop-off and pick-up spots that are safe, bike lane connectivity to the LA River, and other ideas like a possible car parking structure on Glendale Blvd, if even needed at all.

Features I’d like to see studied by the new Master Plan and hopefully integrated into the future design of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex:

• We at Silver Lake Forward are interested in moving the fences all the way to the water’s edge to create vast open space and a new, internal walking path. (External walking path already exists and is well-used of course).
• The internal walking path can connect with the external path at many points, including particularly beautiful spots like the Knoll, where the paths can traverse the gentle hillside and connect with each other.
• A walkway over the north dam.
• An open and accessible Knoll, which is the prettiest parcel within the entire complex; this would require decreasing DWP’s footprint on the Knoll and perhaps moving DWP’s landscaping materials storage area to another work yard in the city.
• Naturalize the banks with plantings and / or floating islands to create wildlife habitat for ducks and feeding grounds for herons to hunt for small fish that live within / under the reeds and grasses.
• A Nature Education Center where kids can study butterflies, birds, frogs, etc.
• A re-design of the streetscape of Armstrong Avenue, including burying the unsightly power lines (which was done long ago on the other side of the lake), cleaning / clearing brush, replacing the rusty fence and re-paving the badly bumpy road.
• Reduce DWP traffic and offices within the complex.
• Remove all barbed wire around the entire complex; it is unsightly and unnecessary.
• Make all fences a standard 4 feet high, which allows for the best sight lines.

We are so grateful for your time and effort on this magnificent project. It is a huge opportunity and we are eager to work with you to make a wonderful new future for Los Angeles.

Thank you,
Bob Soderstrom
Co-Founder and President
Silver Lake Forward
A neighborhood 501c3
Hi! I live very close to the reservoir and enjoy running on it's path daily. Please consider taking all the fences down and creating more public spaces and access to walk the reservoir paths. Please consider the reservoir as a space for the community to engage and interact with one another and also as a space for learning about animals and plants that live in Los Angeles; conservation and our environment. The museum of natural history has a wonderful exhibit and garden that educates the public about Los Angeles...it could be used for inspiration. The lake should be accessible to the water as a beach for swimming, fishing, paddle boarding. It would also be great to have a community garden/farm/orchard and work with local schools for educating kids about science and agriculture. There might even be space for a solar utility to power our neighborhood. This is a huge opportunity and the plan should consider how the space will be used for generations. Thank you for taking comments from the community!

-Aimée Lubin, 2801 West Silver Lake Drive

We need a fountain (similar to the Echo Park lake fountain).

I strongly support any efforts to increase access to the reservoir, especially including removing the current fence and allowing access to the path that runs around the reservoir. The recent changes to open the southwest corner of the reservoir have been a resounding success!

Keep the fence in its current location - do not remove it please!

Do not expand the meadow
Do not construct any new buildings; use Recreation Center
No additional public parking
Reduce traffic due to WAZE and other apps
No drones, no active recreational use
Leave the open vistas open
Leave the banks in place for structural integrity and water depth, do not plant or break-up

For those of us who have lived adjacent to the reservoir for many years, it is sad and disheartening to see our peaceful, secluded neighborhood "repurposed" merely for the sake of "repurposing", and to live with years of never ending construction.

I am a Silverlake homeowner and would very much like to see this beautiful resource improved so that it can fulfill it's potential as one of the few urban parks in Los Angeles. First thing is to remove the huge fences which entirely ruin the vista. I would strongly recommend lowering the water level and sloping the sides of the reservoir so that they can be landscaped, creating a bank of sorts on which people could sit and enjoy the water. The ugly concrete sides and high fences render what could be a beautiful public space cold and uninviting. The concerns from my neighbors about traffic and "other people" are motivated by, to be quite honest, veiled racism and privilege. Similar concerns were raised regarding the meadow development and they have all been entirely disproven - it has been a resounding success. Please capitalize on the success of the meadow to make the entire reservoir a beautiful and usable public space.

Hi There, I'd like to ask for the following:
More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Expand the meadow
Walkway over north dam
Naturalizing or removing asphalt banks
Remove the current fence
Lighting on the path outside of the meadow

Thank you so much!
Peggy Gorelick (90039)

Aerate the reservoir(s), install pump(s), so wildlife has a better chance of survival.
Install a 'floating island.' anchor it to the bottom, so that birds have a safe place to nest away from predatory coyotes.

These steps would greatly improve the "naturalness" of the reservoir and surrounding area.
Keep machinery away from previous heron nesting area of the eucalyptus trees on the west side of the reservoir.
Make a point of no machinery activity, tree trimming, undue loud or disturbing noises etc. unless absolutely necessary during nesting time so birds are not distressed.
Do not disturb the swifts at the south end of the reservoir. They keep the gnat population down and are beautiful to watch.
Thanks for reading!

I am a homeowner residing on Edgewater Terrace. I can say without any hesitation that our street / neighborhood has already been impacted by the opening of the meadow - lack of daytime parking, increase in street traffic, rise in noise level from nightly gatherings in the park. I would like to see the Reservoir kept as a sanctuary for wildlife and not turned into yet another public space that is invasive to the locals who live here. Silver Lake is next to one of the largest public parks in the country - Griffith Park - that provides a vast amount of public activities and space for families to enjoy. There has to be a line drawn to protect those who have invested in property in the neighborhood.

For God's sake, let's have an open and creative conservation about how this space can be turned to public use and to the vital work of making common spaces. This is the future of cities. To forsake the opportunity to work with this space will be an insult to the future of Los Angeles and to Silverlake.
Hi there, my comments: More walking paths closer to the water.
A walking path between the two reservoirs.
Expand the meadow.
Walkway over north dam.
Naturalizing or removing asphalt banks.
Remove the current fence.
Lighting on the path outside of the meadow.
Thank you, Bill Weber (90039).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this master plan. I have lived on Lake View Avenue (yes, with a view of the lake) for 25 years. My husband and I make regular use of the walking path and meadow. (On rare occasions, we show up for the monthly volunteer work days at the native plant garden.) I greatly appreciate the activities at the recreation center, especially yoga and Tai Chi. Concerning proposed changes, I heartily support as much access to the lake as possible, the removal of the asphalt banks, the removal of fencing around the lake, and the installation of a public restroom at or near the meadow. I think boating would be just fine. I like the idea of replacing some of the existing lake area with park space. As an alternative to on-site, off-street parking, I support anything that promotes the use of public transportation into and through the neighborhood and increased safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Please implement the "shared street" model (see Bimini Place and White House Place, 90004), taking multiple measures to slow down and discourage automobiles and to provide bike lanes that actually keep cyclists protected.

I do not see the need to cordon off areas in the (purported) interest of preserving habitat for wildlife. Through many years of observation at Silver Lake Neighborhood Council board meetings and its various committee meetings, I have come to recognize that those board members and members of the public who give (loud, uncivil) voice to that position are the same folks who tried to obstruct the installation of the meadow and walking path in the first place. ("No more pikaka parties!" was a rallying cry.) In their own statements, they conflate their "fears of safety" and "need to preserve local character" with their objections to RVs and motorhomes parking overnight, to the presence of homeless persons, and to their concern about "attracting outsiders." (Uhm, in the City of Los Angeles, who gets to say who is an 'outsider' anyway?) It is my position that the reservoirs belong, not just to homeowners whose properties encircle them, but to all members of the populace, who wish to enjoy their health-promoting environments and activities.

I am very in favor! LA has so little uncommodified public space as it is. Turning the reservoir into a park would improve the character and accessibility of LA and become a community meeting place for all. It would also increase the property value for local home owners.

Jeremy Lingvall

The most important thing you could possibly do is put public restrooms near the meadow. Many children play in the area and with no bathrooms within a 5-minute walk, I have frequently seen kids peeing in the bushes, peeing in their pants, etc. . . . no fault to them or their parents (they are small and cannot hold it) but PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PUT BATHROOMS NEAR THE MEADOW. I have lived near the reservoir (11+ years) and have been using the meadow since it opened...bathrooms are a MUST.

The other number one wish is for removal of the chain link fences and breaking up the asphalt on the banks, even if it makes the reservoir slightly smaller. And of course, swimming is on everyone's dream list but we're not holding our breath for that. We will settle for bathrooms in the meadow and NO chainlink fences. Thank you for listening!

An impressive plan. I would suggest a few more benches around the lake as the aging population continues to walk the paths. I didn't notice if parking was to be added to the rec center itself. Would be helpful. And somehow a few (more) shade options on the meadow?

I support this becoming a more welcoming park, and less of a fenced off eyesore. LA NEEDS MORE PARKS and this could be the next "Echo Park Lake" Please please please makes this a place for people to go and enjoy the outdoors.

More park space please and bathrooms should be required for all public space!

I am concerned about more traffic even if there are more parking lots. I am also concerned about how to regulated overnight parking if and when a new parking lot is added. And if a new lot is added I would hope that residents would be given special stickers giving them special parking areas in the added lot(s). Public Activities on the SLRC Site need to be listed so the consultant can understand the scope of how the SLRC is currently used. And how many more people and vehicles will be expected to use it and how all residents will be impacted in terms of parking, traffic, noise, waste/trash, etc.

I live on Auburn Street and use the reservoir facilities on a daily basis for running, recreation in the meadow, etc. I strongly support a vision for the reservoir that increases it's recreational and environmental benefits for the community. Echo Park Lake is an example of a vibrant multi-use community space that could be a starting point for how the reservoir is developed. At a minimum, the plan should include removal of the fences, lowering of the water level, environmentally sensitive landscaping of the slopes of the reservoir to provide habitat and additional green space, and the addition of recreational facilities. Amenities.

The reservoir is currently a wasted opportunity to create a vibrant multi-use green space in the heart of LA.

Very much would like a swimming beach to be inclined in the plan for silver lake reservoir!

Architect Dion Neutra's biopark using part of the meadow is brilliant. No fence, paddleboats, canoe, ditch the cement banks where practical.
Thanks for taking the time to read this. Overall the project sounds great! That said, I do have a couple of concerns, most notably in Section 7: Potential Support Facilities. This section mentions the possibility of public parking and office facilities, both of which would take up a considerable amount of real estate. I assume this is for the area marked in red in the map? I don't think parking/office is inherently bad, but I think it should be explained in more detail, as the details could alter the environment substantially (e.g., does office mean bungalow-type structure or 5-story building?).

Have owned a home in Silverlake for 6 years. Reservoir should be as much like Echo Park Lake as possible! No fences, access to water, recreation opportunities, restrooms, etc...

Hi there,

As neighbors and stakeholders, the main need for us is that as many fences as possible are removed, and that access to the bank is granted. Whether a pedestrian walkway is built closer to the water, or a native environment for plants and wildlife is engineered, we must be able to approach the water without being stopped by a fence. Swimming, boating, or other water activities are not first priority -- we just want the fences down so we can enjoy viewing the water.

Thanks,
Chris Cruse
2378 Silver Lake Blvd

Thanks for considering our input. I live in Silverlake, and I am in favor of making this area open to all Los Angeles residents. I have enjoyed converted parks in many cities, which are great. That said, I believe this plan overlooks the biggest feature of the reservoirs - THE WATER. I think we should consider keeping the water, and looking into the feasibility of installing a Kelly Slater Wave machine in the reservoir, so that surfers that live on the east side do not have to drive an hour each way to the ocean. This would also be a huge boon to LA for tourism, as the Kelly Slater Wave machine creates an endlessly repeatable, technically perfect surf wave. Cost of the machine depends on multiple factors, and can vary between 2 and 20 million. The reservoir could also be opened to swimmers and bathers when the machine is turned off.

The most important thing is to keep the SLRC as a natural resource to preserve and protect the urban wildlife. This is a unique place in the city and should protected. It may mean that some area should be restricted to the public.

Please consider taking down the fences and providing as much access to the land surrounding the water. Limit DWP facilities to the near minimum. Fence off their pump stations and minimize the size of the fenced off areas. Similar to the base of a cell tower site. Access to the water itself for Patel boarding kayaking and other activities. Consider natural berm and access for a floating pool or buoyed off swim area with sandy beach. Bathroom facilities are needed also. It will be beautiful. A beacon!

As a longtime resident with Silver Lake Reservoir as my front yard, I am hopeful this development process will adequately consider the impact on the surrounding community as well as address the broader usage of this site as a public park. I am excited to see the reservoir develop as a natural habitat supporting wildlife as well as a passive public park. I do not support active watersport access, such as boats and slides or swimming areas without a very thorough impact study. The local community is already impacted by the increased traffic and parking needs of the meadow and walking loop. As a parent of a young child I am thrilled with how the meadow has become a gathering place for families and friends. It has seamlessly become an integral part of our lives. And I am hopeful that the rest of the development plan is as well handled. I appreciate the complexities involved and am hopeful our lake will emerge from the development process as the shining jewel at the heart of our community it begs to be.

Very much in favor of this :) Just some caution against LADWP using its area on the reservoir to construct buildings that are not minimalistic and hidden with landscape.

educate landscape people to utilize concept of "view corridor" before planting new trees which will inform spaces to be left without trees.

Address maintenance for every development especially in projects the DWP is pulling out. ie. What agent will trim landscape, remove, change, repair, etc.

I would like to see a fence that is better looking and closer to the reservoir so that the space between the reservoir and the street can be landscaped with a nice walking path. One or two more water fountains would be nice.
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Additional Priorities might include:

- Stroller access
- An improved recreation center
- Shaded play areas
- That it be beautiful
- That the consultant be local
- Minimum or beautiful fences
- Sloped sides of the lake
- A place to buy coffee

Thank you for all your hard work. We love the neighborhood and want to continue to add to its beauty.

We’d love to provide safe and beautiful public access through wetlands and natural banks that increase wildlife habitat and improve water health.

Please remove fences to increase public access.

Thank you.

1) please gather input from families and kids, who are some of the most frequent users of the area

2) Improvements to the dog park offering, so dogs and kids have safe and separate places to play. Dogs in the human area are a big problem and partly because the dog area is gross and has no shade.

3) Natural spaces for kids to play and explore that are safe and enclosed, but with fences that are natural or at least not evoreses.

4) Take the fence around the reservoir down and keep LADWP's footprint minimal, so there’s a lot more area for the community to enjoy.

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6) Shade, shade and more shade! Lots of it! Trees and shade structures would be ideal.

7) Clean and accessible bathrooms with child and family facilities.

8) Improved rec center facilities and programs (Bellevue is a great example)

9) Improved walking path along Silver Lake Blvd that keeps pedestrians away from car traffic.

10) More facilities on park such as a cafe or coffee shop at the Ivanhoe end.

11) Anything that can help park areas and activities feel like a step away from the city - trees that screen the roads, quiet, lots of paths, etc.

Thank you!!

Please have the master plan minimize, if not eliminate, any use of potable water. The area with water should be a natural habitat more than an artificial lake - even if that means a dramatic reduction of the water that is stored/held there. To the extent that the footprint of the stored water is reduced, consider additional options for housing, including affordable housing. Ground leasing portions of the reservoir for private development can help pay for operations of the public spaces. Consider maximizing public open and community space through appropriate active and passive recreational spaces. Do not add any parking. As in none.

I read the proposed description below and wish there were some visual diagrams because it’s a little hard to visualize and understand. The new walkway across the south end is wonderful but I have heard that there is proposal for opening up a walkway under the eucalyptus trees and I am concerned about disturbing the nesting of the herons in the trees above and I’m not sure I see the added value. But again - I would love if some visuals were shared on Next-door so that we can all understand clearly what is happening. Thank you for allowing us to weigh in!!

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Hello,

I have been living in Silver Lake for about twenty years. My partner thirty; her mom forty. We own a house just above Ivanhoe and Tesla, overlooking Ivanhoe Dam. We want to see this. Complex left to preserve the trees, birds and wildlife. It is one the last sanctuaries that we have. There is not much left for them. Is there?

It is better for our children to see these wonders as they are now. Not at the zoo or museums. We agree wholeheartedly with the recommendations of the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary group. Please stay within their guidelines.

Thank you,
Hugh Kenny

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Please do not alter the reservoir to the detriment of the wildlife. The expansion of the meadow is unwarranted given that it is primarily used on the weekends only most weekdays it remains empty or used very sparsely. A good compromise would be to complete the crossovers but retain fences. On several occasions I have witness children and adults throwing rocks and other objects at the waterfowl in and around the reservoir. In addition children unattended by parents attempting to scale the cross over fence. Removing the removal of trees I have observed workers cutting down trees that were perfectly healthy rather than trimming them. The trees are nesting areas for the blue herons-why is the city intent on destruction rather than conservation?
We are Silverlake residents with young children. We are very passionate about this new project and can't wait for the changes. We would love to see: 1) the fences DOWN and a minimal DWP footprint, 2) a natural and beautiful play area, ideally enclosed with shade and near the north side of the reservoir, 3) bathrooms would be fantastic. We want this special place to be a place for families and individuals to gather—exercise, play, walk and appreciate nature. We would love to see as much space opened up as possible for running, playing, flying kites, picnics, etc. A small place to purchase good coffee and local snacks would be fabulous too (like Trails Cafe in Griffith Park). Improving and growing the local rec center would also be awesome. They already have some awesome staff and we love spending time there----if they had more classes and space, it would be even better.

Please include local families in the planning----we would love to be a part of a focus group to help decide how play spaces could best be used and designed.

Thank you,
Teresa Bernau, Esq.
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The current Request for Proposals (RFP) does a good job of describing the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC), its history, and existing plans for the future of the complex. However, in its current form it lacks sufficient detail about the scope of work that the consultant is expected to perform regarding the Master Plan. In the development of RFPs it is a maxim that the proposals you receive will only be as good as the specific direction provided in the RFP. In other words, bidders will only respond to what they are asked to respond to. In addition, bidders' proposals can be compared more thoroughly and objectively based on their responses regarding specific project deliverables. For example, in its current form the RFP does not describe:

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2. The type of public outreach required and the proposed methods the consultant will use to solicit stakeholder input and provide feedback to stakeholders. Specific criteria should be provided in the RFP regarding what constitutes “cost-effective stakeholder and public involvement strategies.”
3. The planning horizon upon which the Master Plan should be based, e.g., 10 years, 20 years, etc.
4. A requirement that cost estimates be provided for all proposals included in the Master Plan.
5. A requirement that all bidders provide a detailed description regarding their experience in the development of large-scale sustainable infrastructure projects and of the qualifications of each member of their project team.
6. There are numerous enhancements to the SLRC that should be evaluated by the consultant in the Master Plan. A suggested list of these potential enhancements is shown below and it should be included in the RFP.

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Casey Revkin
President
MOMS Club of Silver Lake
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Courtney Davis

I would like to have walking trails in amongst the trees, with greater proximity to the water. A boat operation - rentals of kayaks and paddle boats would be nice. A soccer field would be a great addition, as well as some sort of public swimming area and beach.

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Dear Bureau of Engineering,

I am writing to specifically provide comments on the question of what I would like in a consulting team.

As an Angeleno who has lived within blocks of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex, it is important to me that the consulting team have the knowledge, approach, and commitment that this important place demands. More specifically, I believe that this unique set of qualities can only be found in a team that is based and deeply rooted in Los Angeles.

KNOWLEDGE. The neighborhoods surrounding the SLRC, like many urban areas across the country, are increasingly experiencing tremendous change. While there may be similarities at first glance, there are specific and nuanced differences at the local level that must be respected if any planning process is to be successful. The dynamics of gentrification and displacement in Brooklyn, for example, may look like those of East LA but are very different as experienced by the specific residents of each neighborhood. The consulting team needs to have an understanding of the environmental, social, economic, historic, and political context of Silver Lake and Los Angeles in order to be successful.

APPROACH. As with any complex project involving multiple stakeholders, the consulting team needs to have a proven track record of employing an approach that is genuinely inclusive, respectful of diversity, and strives for equity. In practical terms, this approach necessitates a team that is capable of showing up throughout a community engagement process in every way possible. This level of presence, again, demands a consulting team that is based locally and has the ability to have multiple representatives at stakeholder and community meetings throughout the process.

COMMITMENT. As acknowledged in the draft project description, we have a unique opportunity to repurpose a major piece of urban infrastructure. The process will be long and the impact with be enduring. Because of the significance of this project, I strongly believe that the consulting team needs to be one that has demonstrated its commitment to Silver Lake and Los Angeles and is accountable to its role in the project. Done well, we as a community will feel that this project is happening with us and not to us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alex Sasayama
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community member

In regard to the Silverlake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project I support the following ideas set forth in the list attached:

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Under Section IV (Master Plan Project Description), item 7 (office facilities for the LADWP), I would like to recommend that the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project include development and implementation of a facility and program dedicated to demonstrating the principles of transforming Los Angeles by creating a cleaner environment including being more water wise and using zero emissions transportation and renewable energy sources. I would like for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan to include a facility dedicated to education for Los Angeles residents and tourists to learn about ways to create a cleaner environment!

I like most of the Silver Lake Now ideas: More walking paths closer to the water, an "esplanade" between the two reservoirs would be cool, along with a walkway over the north dam. We should naturalize the concrete banks. And we need to look at dead and dying trees and come up with a plan for replacing them. It would also be nice to have a bike loop around the entire res.

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Thank you for letting us share our opinion.

- Would be nice to have clear signs about things allowed inside the park.
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- Please signs No rubbish inside (I had noticed before about people having some food in public parks or beach, and once they are gone, all is left behind is rubbish.)
- Or pay to the park xxx amount for maintenance.
- Fences around the reservoirs shouldn't be taken down for safety, some kids and maybe animals can access the water and it won't be safe.

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There should be a beach at each end. The fence should be taken down and swimming and sailing small boats should be allowed. With an electric powered boat, waterskiing could be taught to inner city kids as with small craft sailing--I volunteer my time. There could also be freestanding pools ala the badeschiff in berlin https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Badeschiff -- make watersports a part of silverlake.
There are so many families with young children that use the area around the reservoir. Pushing a stroller can be a challenge because of uneven dirt and sidewalk surfaces. Stroller access should be a priority in the master plan.

The rec center is in need of a face lift. It would be amazing if there was more outside dog-free space for kids to play. It would be wonderful to have an outdoor play space that is in a more natural space. More bathrooms are a must!

The water should be open to small Kayaks and row boats. A company can contract to run it to avoid traffic congestion and having a public dock. How amazing would it be for local schools to have a row team to practice on the lake.

Restrooms are a good idea; these will bring the homeless which may not be a good idea. The city needs to provide these for the homeless but the residents of SLRC probably do not want to encourage the amount of homeless population in these communities. The SLRC is an easy walk from homeless encampments under the Sunset over pass, and other areas. They all would welcome a public restroom.

Please consult the LAPD for security and crime input. Many residents are concerned about increased crime if the SLRC is more open to public use. LAPD needs to comment on additional costs for patrol and other presence and these costs need to be in the budget for a long term basis. I am not saying that the homeless bring crime but LAPD needs to be consulted.

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My name is Arianna M. Please see my comments below.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Arianna
COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED: MAY 29, 2018

From the Petition
ESTABLISH A SILVER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NOW

Jane Cook
LA, CA
The birds and wild animals that inhabit the Silver Lake Reservoir area are a priceless resource to Los Angeles. We must carefully protect them. (additional comment ) - The Reservoir has been a source of joy for me as long as I have lived here. The birds flying south in fall and north in spring, the serenity of the lake, I am so happy to be getting it back at last, and I want it to be there always.

Mike Krose
Los Angeles, CA
I want the animals protected from development and the community protected from traffic, noise, and crowds. We don’t need another park. Keep the fences up. Keep Silver Lake an oasis.

Robert Wolin
Los Angeles, CA
Thank goodness this group has started. A few years back “New Yorker” magazine called Silver Lake the “Hippiest” neighborhood in the United States!! Why anyone would want to change the profile of this amazing neighborhood is astounding to me. I can see beautifying the lake as it is, but the other ideas including parks, swimming pools, and cafes—argh! The people I speak to who actually live here—close to the lake—are all opposed to major development in the area! Keep up the good work; you will continue to have my full support as you go forward.

Karen Singer
Los Angeles, CA
This is what we have been waiting for—an option that re-imagines this beautiful wildlife expanse in a new and meaningful way.

The Lakes and surrounding area have long been a wildlife corridor—home to a profusion of birds and other animals. We now have an opportunity as well as an obligation to truly preserve the fauna and the flora, the peace and beauty of this treasured sanctuary so that all may enjoy it for years to come.

Wendy Rodoff
PLEASE PROTECT ALL OF THE WILDLIFE AND KEEP FENCE AS IS. ALSO, please maintain the natural beauty and peace of the reservoir and surrounding grounds. Perhaps the interested community could become involved in some way...to work together with Parks & Rec, Bureau of Engineering. Planting gatherings, litter pick up events, etc.

MG Artz
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For decades, when Silver Lake Reservoir was operational, people walked around it, trees grew, and birds and animals enjoyed a modest refuge in an emergent residential area. It worked for all creatures. Don’t change a good thing.

Each day, the City appears to condone initiatives that produce even more built-up areas that increasing destroy the unique quality of openness, space, big sky, and natural beauty which has been a major part of LA’s appeal. The Reservoir, still represents that quality, as well as being home to much wildlife, including the herons that nest in the surrounding trees every year.

Like many others, I add my voice to those who are demanding that the City respect the wishes of the majority and quit tampering with this much-loved bit of nature in Silver Lake. We want real preservation and conservation of the Reservoir, not tactics designed to push forward the agenda of developers, and those who seek to make it into some kind of “go to spot” — another tourist destination in the middle of a residential area, like the debacle of the Hollywood sign.

If people desire a visit to a park, there are a number in the near vicinity that serve the greater community, including MacArthur Park, Exposition Park, Grand Park and, of course, the more than 4000 acres of Griffith Park, Sincerely,

Janice Parente
artfind@earthlink.net

90211
We own a house on Redcliff St. and from our backyard we can see the reservoir. What we lack in our urban environments is at least some quality habitat for wildlife. I advocate for an island to be placed in the middle of the reservoir. This will provide an isolated space for waterfowl and other species to nest and have native food. This is the most critical factor for some of our most endangered species. The reservoir provides an excellent opportunity to bring back such a safe haven in our part of southern California where we have destroyed almost all of what was here less than 150 years ago. Over time the island can be managed to keep a diverse native flora and fauna which is free of human disturbance and certain predators such as cats, dogs and rats. Bird watchers will love it as well as people who simply love to see a bit of wildlife thrive in our city. The water level will of course have to be maintained. The potential of getting government grants and private contributions for such a project would be very high. Please make this an alternative in your plan. Thank You.

I completely support and look forward to the proposed changes to the reservoir. In particular, the removal of asphalt banks and fencing to create a more natural and wildlife-friendly space for the diversity of birds and other local wildlife served by the reservoir is long overdue. More open public green space is always welcome in Los Angeles.

I support a wildlife sanctuary for the various species of birds and animals that have for years made Silverlake their home. Make a park somewhere else, please.

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As you may know, now through May 22 we have the opportunity to give input online to help shape the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. It's really simple to do online. I'd love it if our club could all contribute comments that focus on making the space welcoming to small children with amenities such as an enclosed play space, stroller access, and bathrooms.

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I am a 31 year resident of Silver Lake. One of the treasures in this neighborhood is the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. I am a strong advocate for making the complex a permanent wildlife sanctuary keeping the land and water protected by the perimeter fence. I understand that there are various proposals to change the nature of the complex and turn it into a more public open space. While I understand why some might advocate this kind of change I would only stress that I hope and pray that this small bit of protected land and water will continue to be protected from any kind of significant development. I would argue that the current SL Complex is a unique and very special space and should be preserved much as it has been when it was part of the of the LADWP water system. Stephen Montgomery, smontgomery26@roadrunner.com, 2142 Micheleorean St, 323-6668-0688.

The statement below was adopted by Los Angeles Audubon Society last year. It emphasizes the importance of keeping disturbance-free zones to the use of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex by migratory and nesting birds. The consulting team to develop the Master Plan must include a qualified ornithologist with a command of the scientific literature on disturbance and behavioral ecology of birds. With input during the design process from an ornithologist, the site could be managed in such a way as to increase the diversity of wildlife habitat, so long as it were managed to avoid disturbance by people and pets that would make such efforts fruitless. Please keep Los Angeles Audubon Society informed of the development of the master plan. Travis Longcore (travisionlongcore@laaudubon.org)

Statement on the Future Management of Silver Lake Reservoir (March 27, 2017)

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Contact: Travis Longcore, Ph.D., Conservation Chair. (310) 247-9719

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we hope someday to move close to our daughter, in Silverlake, who is an oncological breast surgeon at the City of Hope Hospital and would hope that the Reservoir and its wildlife and birds are preserved.

Thank you.

Paul and Nancy Kruper
pkruper@verizon.net

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Silver Lake resident for 20+ years
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Thank you!
The Prager-Dargan Family
prager.alex@gmail.com
90039

285 43239.38308  64.246.156.177 The Silver Lake Reservoir should be protected and preserved with ecologistd and other experts caring for it.

286 43239.40035  162.203.60.177 As a lifelong resident of Silver Lake, I’m very concerned about increasing traffic and noise and potential trash (i.e. EP Lake) should this complex be opened to the public. I want people to enjoy the reservoir, but with respect for its’ place in our world and community.

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I have lived in and loved Silver Lake for 45 years. The Reservoir area is a serene spot that should be enjoyed by many residents, but at a distance to protect the wildlife. The South and North (to be opened) pathways are lovely, but please.....no more human invasion of the wildlife areas.

Thanks very much!
Sandy Driscoll
1839 Rotary Dr.
Los Angeles, CA  90206
323-660-2162

287 43239.40838  23.240.255.195 In a City built by artist (film makers) you continue to ignore that most important element that keeps us all afloat... art! In the center of the reservoir I would like to propose an instillation of some sort. I see something massive that the world will travel here to see. - Nicky Gagliarducci

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Danielle Dosch  danidosch@gmail.com  90039

I would like to see an open wildlife refuge with a small lake or pond setting with walkway access for the public, a mixture of deep and shallow water areas for small animal activities, shallow water plantings like reeds, water lilies, lotus pants, etc., giving natural waterway shelter for local and migrating bird species, small animals, fish species, native amphibians species, etc. A recreated natural environment with pedestrian walkways. I'd like to see the tall fences come down and be replaced with low fences like those in Griffith Park. New tree plantings alongside the reservoir.

No skateboards, scooters, bicycles. No food or novelty or kraft vending allowed. No commercial activities allowed.

It seems to work well in Echo Park.

We have a unique opportunity to create something beautiful.

Thanks.
Rod Crosby
Silver Lake
310-339-1592
Please ensure that Silverlake remains a wildlife sanctuary with wildlife experts to review and evaluate any possible changes. Thank you!

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Thank you.
Leigh Jacoby
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Silverlake is a real gem just outside the city. As a resident of Silverlake, I am strongly in favor of converting the closed off space around the lake to public use park areas. I'd also like to see the reservoir concrete retaining wall entirely removed to allow for natural grasses and vegetation. The lake should be shared by any who choose to enjoy its beauty and amenities. The constituency that desires leaving it as is lacks imagination, are too old or old acting to realize that a public space would be a place of joy and beauty for all ages and that the lake must be looked at as a resource more than a body of water to view from afar. For those that compare it to Echo Park lake, it's not the same given it's not visible from the main thoroughfare bypassing it (unlike Echo Park lake) and I would not want to see it have Disney type boat rentals and other silly elements which suggest a theme park vs a park with a beautiful lake. Make it accessible to all, make it all about nature, let the world breathe in its uniqueness and let the children and young people find joy and love in its environs.

Sincerely,
Manuel J Rosales, Stakeholder
Los Angeles CA 90026
manuel@rosales.com

Regarding the Silver Lake,
As a resident in the Silver Lake neighborhood for 65 years it is my preference to envision the Silver Lake as a refuge for wildlife and in particular migrating birds. While the Ivanhoe reservoir could be included in the public area the Silver Lake reservoir should remain OFF LIMITS TO HUMANS.
To better understand the nature of a wildlife refuge it is suggested that an expert or group of experts be consulted to better understand how the Silver Lake should be managed for the benefit of wildlife and in particular the migrating birds. Although I have seen many suggestions and proposals for converting Silver Lake into a sports destination or other public use this is not appropriate for this resource as the traffic congestion and in particular parking is already saturated. Birds and fauna need to parking and the need us even less to mess up their environment - the little that is left!
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Such spaces are all too rare and therefore precious.

Sandra Ferguson
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Los Angeles 90026
elegwork@pacbell.net
213-200-2352

Please take down the fences entirely and/or move them back to the perimeter of the basin (water's edge). It would be nice if there was as much open space around the entire reservoir, walking paths, bathrooms and playground equipment. If the SL rec center is part of this process, please consider upgrading the facilities there, the playground equipment is old and the bathrooms are gross. I’d like to see walking paths up over the knoll and expanding the meadow to the water’s edge. My children and parents and I go to the meadow every weekend. Please expand that space, but keep the rules for no organized sports and no dogs. It works very well as a quiet park. Walkway along the water's edge the whole way; yes. Walkway between the two reservoirs: yes. Walking through the eucalyptus grove: yes. Create shallow water or plantings on the banks for water plants and habitat for birds and ducks. Remove fences, barbed wire, short fences if needed. More green space please!! Maybe a community garden for the kids and learning center too. Thank you for reading this.

Hello, I am a mother who lives on Lake View Terrace East, three houses up the hill from Armstrong Blvd. I have a 6 year old daughter and another baby on the way. I would like to see the reservoir become a large quiet park for families to use, from toddlers to seniors. My 80 year-old parents visit us from Koreatown and they love to walk around the lake with us and visit the Meadow. Take down the fences as much as possible. I'd like to see more open space, as much as possible. It would be nice to walk next to the water edge with a short fence so that we can see the views. I’d like to see the Meadow expanded as much as possible and to include that big hill. We would like to walk between the two reservoirs on an esplanade, and walk amongst the trees on the west side (but only when the herons are not nesting). Can there be more playground equipment? And perhaps bathrooms in one or two places. The rec center is old and could use some upgrades. I would like to see quiet activities for children, like gardening, bee keeping, and perhaps a science learning center. My daughter goes to Ivanhoe school and it would be wonderful if her class could walk to a "field trip" at the reservoir where they release butterflies etc. Please open up as much space as possible to humans, our children and seniors need a place to walk and experience green grass. I’d love to see a lid placed on top of the small reservoir and it would all be made into an expansive green park. More walking opportunities, but no noisy organized sports and no swimming please. Thank you for your time. Soyun Kim

The waters of the Silverlake Reservoir are a gem of peace and beauty within our ever more cluttered city of Los Angeles. It is essential that this entity be preserved as is, with its protective fence, for residents and visitors and especially for the wildlife and birds that it harbors and welcomes everyday. This vital function must be part of any planned future use of this precious space. The land and water within the current perimeter fence must become a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for their preservation and protection are paramount.

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Thank you.
Molly Siple
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90039

Please continue to increase community access to the lake around the reservoir and even the water itself could have some limited accessibility. It could be used to train underprivileged kids to row as has been the case in the marina thru a westside rowing club. Also one of the great frustrations since I moved to the neighborhood over a decade ago is there are few places to look at the water without looking through a fence and the distance to the water from the current paths is too far. Why now develop other points around the reservoir where one could stop on a bench and view the water and wildlife. Incidentally, people do not scare away wildlife. they can easily coexist.
Hello, My name is Elicia Laport, 2486 Moreno Dr. LA, 90039 elicia@handelworks.net

I have been living near the Silver Lake Reservoir since 1990 and both a renter and a home owner. The reservoir and recreation center have been a central part of the life of our family, including raising a son who went to the playground daily and participated with the rec center sports programs for many years.

I have watched and appreciated the thoughtful way that the improvements over the years have aided our ability to appreciate the natural beauty and the wildlife that lives here. As a frequent circumnavigator of the reservoirs, I appreciate the improved safety and the native plantings. It’s truly an amazing walk and we must preserve the natural beauty.

My priority for its future are outlined below:

1. Designate the land and water within the current fence as the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, for birds, coyotes, bobcats, skunks, raccoons, the many animals that we are so lucky to have.

Keep the fence in its current location - protects wildlife, birds and community.

Top-ranked wildlife expert (ecologist, ornithologist) to be member of the consultation team and available to the public.

Develop nature education potential of the Sanctuary - coordinate with Audubon or other experts to build telescope viewing platforms in safe areas vetted by wildlife experts, hold birding visual and auditory ID walks, intro to nature and living with wildlife classes for children, night walks. Use Rec Center as base for classes.

Link the LA River wildlife habitat with the designated Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary to create a joint open space for wildlife and birds which cross back and forth.

Retain wild habitat for animals on North Side above current DWP office.

Increase access for wildlife crossings - e.g. for bobcats at the South Dam walkway.

2. Keep our Deep Water Oasis same size and depth.

Leave the open vistas open, for serenity and nature’s respite.

Leave the banks in place for structural integrity and water depth, do not plant or break-up - if desired, paint same color as Ivanhoe.

Keep size and depth of water as a safe roosting place for thousands of migratory birds; Silver Lake Reservoir is a recognized “birding hotspot” by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Keep deep water for firefighters and for cooling effect over the entire area.

3. Retain the Peaceful Natural Beauty of the Reservoir water and grounds.

No drones, no active recreational use.

Fencing to protect natural environment.

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Renovate the current Recreation and Parks Center.

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Prune and maintain our trees, for wildlife-friendly shade structures.

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Allow the overall design to emerge from Silver Lake Reservoir’s function; not from any outside concept.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Krueger

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Strait
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Keep the area permanently as a wildlife sanctuary, no ifs and or buts! Rosalyn Steiner, 2317 Ewing St., LA 90039
rsteinbabe@aol.com

As a resident of Silver Lake, I agree with the Silver Lake Reservoir Conservancy and support:
- More walking paths closer to the water
- A walking path between the two reservoirs
- Expanding the meadow
- Walkway over north dam
- Naturalizing or removing asphalt banks
- Removing the current fence
- Lighting on the path outside of the meadow

Thank you for the chance to weigh in!

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We have resided in Silverlake for over 30 years. With all the negativity around the neighborhood we enjoy the tranquility the reservoir provides. Treating the reservoir for drinking should be a solution for potable use. I Flores

Please remove gates and allow for full public access to the grounds. This is the heart of the neighborhood and residents are not allowed full access to enjoy the beauty of our namesake. Echo Park Lake is fine without a gate. Please limit LADWP presence and instead allow for families to roam the grounds, including the infamous trees and inner walking areas. Silver Lake Meadow is a wonderful start and more of the grounds should resemble this aesthetic. Thank you for your contributions to our neighborhood.
J Flores

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Thank you. Darlene Littlefield
d.littlefield9479@sbcglobal.net 90027

I am a resident of the area immediately around Silver Lake reservoir. I support keeping both reservoirs filled with water. I support keeping the area similar to what it is currently with modest improvements like opening up the pathway across the south dam (which was already done) and opening a walking path by Tesla.
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Michael Richards
Hapabuddha@aol.com

I have been a resident of Silverlake since 2008. With my wife, we are raising 3 children in Silverlake and live two blocks from the Reservoir. I support a plan that results in giving the maximum access to the Reservoir. I think we should move to get rid of the fences and bring everyone closer to the water. I think as much open accessible green space as possible should be part of the plan. The meadow and the south dam have been great successes. They bring people from across the area together and encourage dialogue and a sense of community. In the long term, I think the plan for the reservoir should be based around sustainability. Wetlands should be a part of the eventual plan, as well as a design that encourages the growth of an ecosystem and one that provides a space for walking, relaxation and recreation. Most families I know are in favor of such a move — towards an open, sustainable reservoir complex.

Open it up to the public like the Hollywood reservoir. 42" fence is all that is needed by law. Let’s make it a destination like echo park lake but with more security.

As a member of the Silverlake MOMs club, I will echo the input of our president, Casey, as I do agree with her views:

1) It’s vital that the team be local and include an organization that has community consultation expertise in getting input from parents, families and children. Some concerns I have about the master plan are that it include focus groups with local families and also with just with kids for example to find out what they think about how to play in the area - bike, run, kite, etc.

2) Top three priorities include A) a natural play area that is enclosed in an attractive (ideally natural way) so children can play safely in an enclosed area but also be in nature B) Safe attractive and easily accessible bathrooms C) Fences around the reservoirs be taken down and that the DWP footprint is kept as minimal as possible so that as much land as possible is available to the community for play and recreation in nature!

3) I request that the an improvement to the recreation center be included in the master plan.

4) Top 3 things we do when visiting the reservoirs include, spend time as a family in nature, play in the play areas, walk and enjoy the paths around the lakes. Stroller access is important.

5) I would like to see a natural play space for children rather than a traditional playground.

6) I would like to see as much of the 100+acres as possible opened up to the community for play and recreation. This community needs nature and space for kids to run around!

7) A place to buy snacks and coffee would be nice.

Thank you,
Tamika Nelson-Glass
Silver Lake resident and mom

I think the changes made so far have been great. Opening the meadow was a huge success. Hopefully the entire park can be opened to the public like Echo Park Lake. Including adding a restaurant and paddle boat rentals. And removal of the concrete walls in the reservoir. Thank you!

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Stroller access is very important as well to encourage families to spend time there.

Also, having a cafe or snack stand (like Echo Park Lake) would be great to have somewhere to meet and spend time if parents or kids get hungry, etc. The one at Echo Park Lake is always packed, so I think it would be a great business venture.

Turn the reservoir into a beach or lake that is swimming friendly.

Fashion the reservoir into something similar to echo park lake.
I have owned a house overlooking the reservoir on the west side and we currently own a house on the west side with no direct view of the reservoir. I walk around the reservoir at least once a day. We would like the fence to be removed or at the very minimum be reduced to 4 feet. Open the green areas all around the reservoir to the public and add any support facilities necessary. We are concerned that because this is not part of the parks department it will be designed more like a utility than a park. Too many restrictions done in the name of protection. When we go to parks in the city there are not barriers (fences) and there are many cliffs, trails, hills water features and people manage. Visiting our country and other countries we have seen how beautiful these projects can become. It's even better when people get to enjoy them. Our neighbors on both sides run around the reservoir everyday and they have expressed the same views. Our only worry is that there are a few people on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council that would prefer access to be limited and they are pushing for this in the guise of saving "natural resources" but they really don't want "outsiders" coming into our area. When we had a pool, ducks and geese used to enjoy it and birds nested in our trees. It doesn't have to be restricted to save natural resources. They do quite well...it's natural. Thank you, Brian Witham

Michelle Faucheux
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Zip 90039

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I also ask that top-ranked wildlife specialists/biologists/ecologists be part of the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Sabrina Gizzo
2565 Ivanhoe Dr.

The entire report is unavailable for review, only page one of the report is viewable.

I am a Silver Lake homeowner of twenty years and I prefer that no additional reservoir land be designated for public use or access.
Thank you,
Sabrina Gizzo

To Whom It May Concern.
I have lived in Silverlake since 1980. I have been a homeowner in Silverlake since 1996. My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to maintain it's beauty and serenity by designating the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are vital.

I also ask that a top-ranked wildlife specialist/biologist/ecologist be part of the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered. I would also request that an artist be part of the team in terms of beautifying the area (in which I jog six times a week twice around the lake each time) enriching the community where the lake appeals to all of our senses - sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste.

Thank you.
Tim Dang
dangtim369@gmail.com
90039
I have lived in Silver Lake for 44 years. My daughter and her family live 6 blocks from us. My grandchildren attend the same schools—Neighborhood Nursery School and Ivanhoe Elementary—as did my daughter. Many of my daughters friends chose to buy homes and are raising their families in Silver Lake. We are a real community.

Friendly neighbors, a serene environment make Silver Lake Reservoir and surrounding residents and commercial establishments an inviting home to return to each day. Any change of Silver Lake Reservoir must maintain those qualities. In the last 8 years, the traffic, b/c of narrowing of key streets, has greatly increased the possibility of children and adults being hit by speeding cars in front of our homes. We have never experienced this danger until the last several years. So, any change to Silver Lake should keep in mind first:
No increase in the density people or cars of Silver Lake.

Listed below are
1. Designate the land and water within the current fence as the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, for birds, coyotes, bobcats, skunks, raccoons, the many animals that we are so lucky to have.
-Keep the fence in its current location - protects wildlife, birds and community.
-Wildlife habitat and welfare to be top priority in all decisions within Reservoir.
-Top-ranked wildlife expert (ecologist, ornithologist) to be member of the consultation team and available to the public.
-Develop nature education potential of the Sanctuary - coordinate with Audubon or other experts to build telescope viewing platforms in safe areas vetted by wildlife experts, hold birding visual and auditory ID walks, intro to nature and living with wildlife classes for children, night walks. Use Rec Center as base for classes.
-Link the LA River wildlife habitat with the designated Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary to create a joint open space for wildlife and birds which cross back and forth.
-Retain wild habitat for animals on North Side above current DWP office.
-Increase access for wildlife crossings - e.g. for bobcats at the South Dam walkway.

2. Keep our Deep Water Oasis same size and depth.
-Leave the open vistas open, for serenity and nature's respite.
-Leave the banks in place for structural integrity and water depth, do not plant or break-up - if desired, paint same color as Ivanhoe.
-Keep size and depth of water as a safe roosting place for thousands of migratory birds; Silver Lake Reservoir is a recognized "birding hotspot" by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.
-Keep deep water for firefighters and for cooling effect over the entire area.

3. Retain the Peaceful Natural Beauty of the Reservoir water and grounds.
-No drones, no active recreational use.
-Fencing to protect natural environment.
-No additional public parking or other litter-prone facilities.
-Renovate the current Recreation and Parks Center.
-Reduce traffic due to WAZE and other apps, or due to increasing urban density.
-Prune and maintain our trees, for wildlife-friendly shade structures.
-Plant and maintain native shrubs and wildflowers for butterflies, insects, birds and wildlife habitat.
-Allow the overall design to emerge from Silver Lake Reservoir's function; not from any outside concept.

"Silver Lake is a quiet, open natural space in the midst of an urban metropolis, that is why it is such a gem. It is also why it is the heart of the neighborhood. To change it from a gathering place for local wildlife and migrating birds would be a crime." -- Gregg Baxter, Silver Lake, 90039

In general I am concerned about how all stakeholders will be kept abreast of the process and each turning point. I want to avoid coming to meetings in which something was decided at some meeting and the only thing the stakeholders can comment on is on a going forward items. This seems to have happened in the past so all minutes of all meetings and all decisions need to be made public immediately just as this comment area was made open immediately. I would like a website like this or this one to be available for this purpose.

Comment about equal input: "Stakeholder, community, and City residents' input and participation is critical to the success of the Master Plan. The Master Plan process will consider the ideas and priorities of all the interested parties, and will be an inclusive process to accurately incorporate this input." How is this input being taken in? The process of creating the master plan needs the "input" process spelled out in detail and needs to accommodate all stakeholders. Keep in mind that many elderly cannot come to evening meetings and many do not know about this Master Plan yet.

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Absolutely against any future projects in silver lake reservoir complex. Enough damage has been already! Jean and Robert Clark

1. The project descriptions says: “The Master Plan process will consider these existing habitats, and explore the potential to improve and expand the SLRC as a natural resource.”

Please. The Silver Lake Reservoirs is part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds. It is very important to me that respect for the wildlife whose home are the reservoirs, as well as the migratory birds, do not lose this to Development.

2. I am NOT in favor of active uses for the Reservoirs. PASSIVE uses & options only, please.

3. Frankly, I'd like to see this become a Wildlife Sanctuary. With a nature or learning component about wildlife in Los Angeles.

4. No active uses (as mentioned above). No swimming amenity, no boating, no vendors, no parking structure, etc. I live here. We are in kind of a a bowl and noise amplies here and travels. If this becomes some kind of "amusement park," it will destroy the neighborhood. First and foremost, Silver Lake IS a neighborhood -- not an "amenity" to be exploited.

Thank you.
Silver Lake Resident
2811 Waverly Drive, 90039

It is an of the rare place in LA. Please preserve it and just leave it the way it is.

Please explore the following modifications to the SLRC:
Remove the concrete edge and replace with a natural (soft) edge.
Convert a portion of the reservoir to natural wetland that can provide habitat to birds and animals.
Provide daytime access around some or all of the perimeter.
Provide recreational facilities similar to Echo Park Lake: pedal boats, kayaks, etc.
Provide a safe, stress-free bicycle and walking access to the area from north and south.

We would love to see more of a natural landscape around the reservoir, less concrete and would love for the striping to somehow be removed or covered with a more green element. We do not think the reservoir should be used for boating or swimming.

What an amazing opportunity for the neighborhood! It needs public restrooms for sure and more public access (the new walkway is a great improvement). Hopefully improvement to the striped concrete edging. Improved bicycle infrastructure would be ideal, there's room for it! Less chainlink! How about a cafe like Trails or Square one at Echo Park lake?

1. Dont let LADWP control it, but a parks service
2. Make it natury

KEEP THE FENCE, KEEP THE WATER, WILDLIFE FIRST.
Pat Kwoh, Kenilworth Ave, 90039

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Thank you.
Stewart Kwoh Kenilworth Ave 90039

Could the commission recommend replacing all the electrical poles and wires with below ground electrical? West Silver Lake has below ground power, would it be possible to do the same with the East side? Safety and aesthetic it makes a lot of sense.

Thank you for considering..
I would like to see the following:

1) opening up more of the reservoir complex for low impact activities (more walking paths, gardens inside the current fence)
2) Naturalization of the banks
3) implementation of a storm runoff capture and cleaning process - similar to what exists at echo park lake
4) Removal of the current fences
5) new lighting all around the walking path and especially along the new south dam path.
6) expanding the time the south dam path is open. Ideally with the addition of lighting it can stay open longer.
7) Creation of the "esplanade" walking path along the North dam bank separating Ivanhoe reservoir from Silver Lake.

Silver Lake hosts an amazing collection of birds, small mammals, lizards and butterflies. These critters are part of the uniqueness of Silver Lake as an urban oasis. Havens such as this are increasingly under threat of development due to human population pressures. We must fight to retain wild spaces such as the Silverlake Reservoir surrounds so that future generations will be able to enjoy and learn from nature as our ancestors have done.

Silver Lake has been our family’s home since the late 1950s. We love the area for its beauty and peacefulness. And we delight in the fact that over the years, the reservoir has become home to a diverse range of wildlife. As we plan for the future, it is critical that we take measures to preserve these remarkable qualities.

We respectfully ask the following:
- that the land and water inside the fence be designated a wildlife sanctuary
- Not only will wildlife be protected; this will provide a wonderful opportunity for wildlife consultants to develop educational programs for the community.
- that the water be kept at its current level not simply for beauty’s sake but also for the needs of migratory birds
- that the peaceful nature of the reservoir be maintained by regulating parking and recreational use

Thank you very much for giving us this opportunity to voice our thoughts. With an effective plan, Silver Lake will continue to be a unique oasis -- a much-needed sanctuary for wildlife and a place of peace and calm for all.

Mary Ellen Kwok Shu
90039
shustringlady@gmail.com

I would like the area north of the meadow, below Armstrong, to remain as managed city wildlife reserve area. Not open to the public.

Petition: ESTABLISH A SILVER LAKE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NOW
2084 signatures as of May 17, 2018

We, the undersigned, request the City of Los Angeles and the DWP (Department of Water and Power) to establish a Wildlife Sanctuary within the current fenced boundaries of the Silver Lake Reservoirs. By preserving the open waters of the Silver Lake Reservoirs and their surrounding acreage as a sanctuary, this will create a protected habitat for migratory birds and urban wildlife, to be enjoyed by all, and ensure this tranquil oasis is preserved for the benefit of the community and the entire city.

Note:
• We are not requesting any city funds for this Wildlife Sanctuary.
• We fully support the amenities that currently exist around the Reservoirs, such as the meadow, the walking paths, the dog park, the recreation center, the tots playground, the basketball courts, and the pocket park on Tesla. (While not an “amenity,” we also support the neighborhood Nursery School there.)

Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary
silverlakewildlifesanctuary@gmail.com

Signatures

Name Location Date
Jerome Courshon Los Angeles, CA 2017-04-17
Sandy Driscoll Los Angeles, CA 2017-04-17
Please, bring in the experts to help keep the Silver lake a place for wildlife!!!

More trees and bushes would be great!

Thank you

Pete Diaz
9026

My priorities for the master plan include:

- Maintaining the size and current water level of the reservoir.
- More walking paths closer to the water
- A walking path between the two reservoirs
- A walkway over the north dam
- Safe but discrete lighting on all walking paths
- Expanding the meadow, maintaining it as a "Quiet place"
- Remove the 8' barbed wire fence and put in a shorter fence
- Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees
- Include the LADWP operational needs in the Master Plan Process, and postpone new building projects until the Master Plan is complete
- Portions of the land and water within the current fence should be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary
- Top-ranked wildlife habitat specialists/biologists/ ecologists should be part of the consulting team
- Do not remove or naturalize the asphalt banks without a comprehensive plan for structural integrity, maintenance, and control of the foliage growth on the banks, and unless the water level can be maintained at or near the current height. If these criteria cannot be met, all the asphalt banks should be kept and painted.

Thanks for including the community in this process.

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Leave it as is please

Vicki Baral
designduo1@mac.com
zip code 90039

Please keep the land and water within the current fence be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that top-ranked wildlife habitat specialists/biologists/ ecologists be part of the consulting team. This is what makes Silver Lake so unique. Do not let us change our signature community.

A Silver Lake home owner since 1981.

Thank you, Sara Cameron

Provide safe space away from cars for a bicycle skills park. Allowing families to enjoy the benefits of the bicycle and strengthen community public health!

Our position always has been to leave the reservoir as is - beautiful for walks and jogs, with or without dogs. Parking and traffic have gotten unbearable and we don't need any structures/events to worsen that!
SLRC MASTER PLAN PROJECT DESCRIPTION COMMENTS
COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED: MAY 29, 2018

368 43241.37999 45.48.186.243 Please create more walking paths and access to the green areas around the reservoir. I believe that allowing more access to green space will improve the quality and value of the neighborhood to the community without compromising the natural habitat of the reservoir. Please make sure that the budget for maintenance and clean up is also increased as access is increased.

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370 43241.42628 104.184.208.102 Envision Guidelines: I assume these are good but they are not specially detailed. The... needs to be environmentally sound. We need vision to understand the impact of global warming on the SLRC. California will be experiencing more wildfires and the water in the SLRC needs to be easily accessible to fight these fires so the LAFD needs to be consulted. What does it need in terms of water level and ability to fill helicopters, planes to make water drops. "The consultant shall compile in a spreadsheet all Envision options for final analysis, which will include the advantages and disadvantages of each option selected." This is good and I hope the consultant will present this for comment and review by all stakeholders. I would like to see the SLRC become a Community Nature Education Center in which there is some emphasis on why we need to protect our natural environment from increased wildfires. Why our environment is changing and needs to be protected should be the focus and priority.

Also, there needs to be a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees since they are part of the birds habitat.

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4. Repurposing should also factor in public safety and environmental impacts. Repurposing should not promote congestion, dangerous road hazards, nuisances to the neighborhood, such as:
   a. Congestion impedes emergency vehicle access
   b. Congestion causes a significant back-up for residents accessing from the smaller residential streets to the major boulevards traversing the complex (e.g., it now takes about 20 minutes to commute less than 2 miles from Sunset Blvd and Glendale Blvd along the complex)
   c. Increased volume of visitors promotesjaywalkers darting across the streets, double parking to drop off people along the road, runners and walkers detouring onto the streets and not staying on the designated paths
   d. Public parking is flowing on to quiet side streets and negatively affecting parking for homeowners
   e. There is an increased in noise, trash, defacing of properties already to the area
   f. Lowering the standard to limit access to the reservoir itself (i.e., removing fencing, giving more direct access to the water) invites a potential preventable tragedy. One stupid act by an irresponsible person will be one too

373 43241.49002 69.230.48.13 We need Silver Lake to be a "Quiet Park" and an "Open Space". Where you can meditate, a walking path, a running path, and bird sanctuary. Not have concrete or buildings. This city doesn’t have breathing spaces it’s cluttered with buildings, parking lots, shoulder to shoulder crowds. We need "Green Spaces" in Los Angeles. Let’s make Silver Lake one of those Quiet Parks.
I'm a 35 yr resident of Silver Lake and a 20yr board member of the SL Reservoirs Conservancy, but these comments are my personal opinions and may not reflect the Conservancy's position.

I'm certain a majority of the SL community would like more access to the reservoir property in the form of more walking paths, closer to the water. The MP should explore creating as many pedestrian paths as is feasible. As long as I've lived in SL, people have complained about the banks or edges (as you call them) of the reservoirs. Most people would enjoy a more natural appearance (and function). It would be more attractive and provide a friendlier habitat for wildlife around the reservoirs. I've been told the composition of the reservoir banks varies along the approximately 2 mile perimeter. Exploring what kinds of modifications can be made along what parts of the edges would go a long way toward pleasing many constituencies in SL. Further, I believe a "demonstration project" whereby test treatments are installed in small sections to help folks visualize available options would be very valuable. Personally, I would like to see the perimeter fence removed entirely. I'm not in favor of a decorative fence. If, for some reason, fencing is required for safety, I'd prefer it closer to the water and as low and unobtrusive as possible.

I'm very concerned about the trees on the reservoir property, particularly those on the west side of the reservoirs. Many of those trees appear to be at the end of their lives. I feel it's absolutely critical for the MP to include a long-term plan for maintaining the trees that still have life in them, removing the dead and nearly dead trees, and planting new more appropriate species. It takes time for trees to grow; and they are an important part of the habitat on the property. A well-thought-out plan, staggering removal and new planting over many years is what's needed to optimize the many benefits provided by trees.

I'm somewhat perplexed by the emails I've received from people who want to turn the property into a sanctuary. They seem to view protection of wildlife and access for people as mutually exclusive. I'm not sure what evidence there is for such thinking. I'm not a wildlife biologist, but I believe humans and wildlife have peacefully coexisted at the reservoirs forever and will continue to do so unless the entire property is completely paved over, and no one is advocating that! I'd like to suggest that BOE and whatever contractor(s) you hire are rely on evidence as opposed to fear-based speculation in making decisions about improvements.

I'd like to put in a word for inclusiveness. Water takes up much of the property, so the land available for public use is not very large. Any space set aside for the exclusive use of one group deprives those who are not among that group. For example, I'm opposed to ball fields because the majority of SL residents do not play ball. Likewise, I find the amount of space devoted to dog parks to be unreasonably excessive, even though there are many dogs in SL. IMHO at least some of that space could be put to a better use that includes people with and without dogs.

And I'm not sure the basketball courts at the Rec Ctr are the best use of that space. Fewer than 10% of people who responded to the Conservancy's survey said they used them, whereas about 90% of respondents said they

According to LA Times, in 2015, electrical power problems sparked the burning of 149,241 acres — more than twice the amount from any other cause. Can elimination of above ground electrical wires in Silver Lake be apart of the project? In 2017, according to Washington Post, nearly 10,000 structures were burned due to fires. Above ground powerline elimination in Silver Lake then supports aesthetic & safety.

I would like for the lake to stay the lake— I don't want the water to be drained. For people who want it to be created into a park I would tell them: drive 1/2 a mile to griffith park. The lake is beautiful and a wonderful place for a nice walk on a summer day.

I'm mom to a toddler and live walking distance from the reservoir. Top three priorities include A) a natural play area that is enclosed in an attractive (ideally natural way) so children can play safely in an enclosed area but also be in nature B) Safe attractive and easily accessible bathrooms C) Fences around the reservoirs be taken down and that the DWP footprint is kept as minimal as possible so that as much land as possible is available to the community for play and recreation in nature! I request that the an improvement to the recreation center be included in the master plan. Top 3 things we do when visiting the reservoirs include, spend time as a family in nature, play in the play areas, walk and enjoy the paths around the lakes. Stroller access is VERY important.

Make it look like Echo Park Lake. Take down the perimeter fence. Put in fountains and ily pads and cat tails and geese. Oh yah, paddle boats are a must.

Hello:

I am very concerned that decisions may be made behind closed doors regarding the future of this wonderful and iconic landmark. Decision which will be deleterious to those who live near the complex. My hope is a fair, patient and independent facilitator is hired to lead this Master Plan project. One who is not in the "pocket" of Councilman O'Farrell and/or developers and those who are pro density no matter the collateral damage. I support a continuation of passive only activity. A protection of the wild life who have lived in this open space longer than anyone or anything. Limited expansion of public use as long as the expansion does not turn this semi-quiet space into a "global destination location" (O'Farrell). And it is imperative the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council take a leadership position during the whole process. We elected them and they are there to serve the Silver Lake community directly. Unlike O'Farrell, Ryu or the mayor.
Thank you for engaging with the community so early in the process on this important matter.

I have lived in Silver Lake for nearly 20 years, and my at-least-once-daily walks there, are a highlight of my life in this wonderful place. I know it is an amenity for residents in many surrounding communities, and it is a privilege and pleasure to share it with them.

My priorities regarding the future of the reservoir property are:

- naturalized banks with increased habitat for water birds
- more trees and native plantings, including budget and staffing for irrigation and maintenance
- an assessment of the possibility of installing floating islands for water birds
- an open path across the north dam with Ivanhoe and seating along both dam walks
- any new paths to be assessed by biologists to determine their effect on wildlife
- no expansion of the meadow or increased access to the DWP site (the hill along Armstrong)
- aside from the new Ivanhoe path, no additional new paths inside the current fence on the west side of the complex

To expand a bit on those bullet points:

One thing I think we all enjoy, is seeing the reservoir act as a resting and breeding site for local and migratory song and water birds. There is nothing more uplifting than watching the ducks and geese paddling in the water or foraging among the trees. And, of course, we all thrill to the nesting families of herons in the treetops.

While some people have expressed a desire for increased access inside the current perimeter fences, I think most of us would like to ensure the well-being and continued presence of those birds and other wildlife. I would rather be outside looking in at them, than inside looking at a lifeless body of water.

To that end, I’d love to explore the possibility of having floating islands in the reservoir that could serve as nesting sites for ducks, etc. We have seen a huge decline in the mallard population in recent years. This year - even with the reservoir refilled - was especially disheartening.

I think we’d all like to see the banks naturalized or beautified in some way. Maybe there would be a way to integrate some safe nesting spots along the banks.

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Best regards,
Cyndi Hubach
Kenilworth Ave.

I am a 22-year resident of Silver Lake. My husband has been a lifelong resident. I regret that I was not able to attend the recent meeting regarding the SLRC. I think more public meetings need to be scheduled and available to us.

I read the SLRC project description and it sounds fine to me. Hopefully, the comments about transparency and involving stakeholders will be true. I don’t want the residents to suddenly be surprised at the changes in the SLRC as time goes on.

However, I do fear that special interests, like developer-driven people, who don’t even live here, will be able to push their agendas with all their money and lobbying. Maybe city officials will decide that this could be a “star” on their name if they push the Silver Lake area to become some sort of attraction rather than a community.

Silver Lake has become more congested with the removal of driving lanes, addition of bike lanes, and the increase in the number of people who live here, visit here, and drive through here. The idea of creating more recreational uses of the reservoir might yet cause more and more congestion. Let’s make sure that the decisions made will not change the true wonderful nature of our Silver Lake community.

I am but a resident / homeowner, and have, at times, experienced that my “voice” was not heard in the case of other public issues. It seems my city leaders preferred to listen to the “money”. I feel a sense of hopelessness that as a resident, my concerns and needs will not be heeded no matter what I do. Please do us right.

Sincerely, Jane Taguchi, 22-year resident of Silver Lake

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More trees to provide shade as one walks around the reservoir.
Thank you to the City, DWP, and BOE for moving this process forward.

As a Silver Lake resident, homeowner, and enthusiastic user of the reservoir space (as a runner, dog owner, and I hope future swimmer!) I am asking you to:

Reduce the size of the DWP footprint on the site as much as possible, to the minimum area required to maintain water operations

Provide safe and beautiful public access through wetlands and natural banks that increase wildlife habitat and improve water health

Remove fences to increase public access

- Consider the broadest possible range of uses - active and passive recreation, and use of the water itself - in the future of the plan. Don't preclude anything.

Focus on long-term sustainability and the future of water for our region

Include the LADWP operational needs in the Master Plan Process until, to minimize visual impacts, and postpone new building projects until the plan is complete.

- Focus on public health via recreating and civic engagement via community events and public space activations - art, music, environmental education.

- Consider seasonal-specific uses

- Make the banks more sloped, reduce the overall depth of the reservoir. DO NOT be guided by the historic level of the reservoir. It could be 5 or 10 feet deep and still fulfill all the wildlife and open space needs.

- Incorporate the Rec Center and Rec and Parks into this process.

- Consider the Olympics and a long-term vision for this space.

I hope the consultant will be a multidisciplinary team that includes local knowledge, experience repurposing public infrastructure, water engineering experts, landscape architects, creative designers of beautiful public space, conservation and wildlife expertise, and expertise in outreach and engagement of diverse communities. We know the wildlife and the community can exist in harmony at the Reservoir site, and look forward to working with the Master Plan consultant on the best way to make that happen.

Thanks!

Develop a comprehensive wetlands project to enhance bird migration and nesting possibilities through the use of artificial islands within the lake. Please visit https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/conservation/conservation-and-sustainability/advice/conservation-land-management-advice/artificial-islands. This lake can be a spectacular addition to the Los Angeles biosphere.

The SL Reservoir is a treasured neighborhood asset. Like many of my neighbors, I would like to see greater access via walking paths inside the fencing, and more native landscaping along those paths. At least, I would like to see a lower, less obtrusive, fence at the height of the recently opened (and greatly enjoyed) dam overpass. The Meadow and the walking paths around the reservoir have been great improvements that have enhanced life for residents and visitors, and they haven't led to any of the problems opponents feared (too many people, destruction of the environment, etc.).

Build bathrooms at the meadow! Many families with young children spend time at the meadow, and young children routinely urinate in the bushes because there is no bathroom. (Many, many neighborhood parents in with small children will be happy to have a bathroom.)

Offer boat rentals like at Echo Park lake.

I am most concerned that the natural habitats of the birds and coyotes are preserved -- they are a part of the reservoir and we have greatly encroached on their area with the meadow and I am very concerned that we do not push them out with continual expansion of public areas

The reservoir should be protected and cared for with consideration for the space, neighbors and the wildlife that calls it home. I object strenuously to creating a park beyond walking paths which the neighborhood, the DWP and the city cannot maintain. Griffith Park, quite close by, is the place for recreation, not the reservoir.

It's vital that the team be local and include an organization that has community consultation expertise in getting input from parents, families and children. I would like for the master plan to include focus groups with local families and also with just kids to find out, for examples, what they think about how to play in the area (e.g., bike, run, kites, etc.).

I would like for the complex to include:

- a natural play area that is enclosed in an attractive (ideally natural way) so children can play safely in an enclosed area but also be in nature

- safe, attractive, accessible, gender neutral bathrooms with diaper-changing facilities

- no fences (in other words, take down the fence separating the path from the body of water -- it is an unnecessary eyesore)

- improvement to the recreation center

- installation and repair of concrete sidewalks around the reservoir (there is currently a tree-root ridged patch by the dog park that makes negotiating a stroller nearly impossible, and is certainly impossible for folks in wheelchairs)

- a place to buy snacks and coffee (like the boathouse at Echo Park Lake)

- conscious planting of shade trees to provide relief for young children (among others)

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Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees
I support the use of a Master Plan and the list of desirable inclusions of the group called Silverlake Now.

Thank You

John Groper
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jdgroper@yahoo.com

Please include some of the below for discussion the Master Plan:

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We should build restroom, we should make it so we can swim.

As a homeowner across the street from the reservoir (the meadow) one of the things that concerns me the most is the increase in traffic. Some of the things we have to deal with as a result of the meadow is people littering, people hanging out at late hours of the night/early morning, increase in crime.

A balance between community and wildlife is what I would like to see.

A beach forget it we live in an urban jungle. With a thing of beauty in the midst. If any thing be done closer fence around and more greenery. You don't let the masses paw at a work of art.

As a Silver Lake resident and frequent user of the Silver Lake Reservoir path and the Meadow, I would like to see a public bathroom constructed in the Meadow. It would also be nice to reduce the amount of concrete around the walls of both the reservoirs giving them a more natural appearance. Thank you.

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I support increased parkland with trails, access to nature. DWP seems to have a lot of land it does not need anymore as these are no longer working reservoirs. It would be wonderful if at least one reservoir could sustain recreational activities and wetlands like Echo Park. I view that park/water space as a real success.
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Have a dedicated plan for tree maintenance including adequate watering and pruning until trees are well established.

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412 43241.65235 45.48.231.1 I am a neighbor of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. As I’ve observed it, the reservoir serves many important functions in our community: a natural open space, a migratory bird haven, a helicopter’s watering hole in times of fire, as well as a popular recreational destination. I believe that it needs to continue to maintain a balance between recreational use and wildlife and nature sanctuary.
Therefore, I am in favor both of making the recreational piece better for the users, and of improving the edges to protect the flora and fauna that depend on the reservoir for water and habitat. Remove perimeter fence and asphalt banks; Improve native plantings and natural pathway at perimeter; Replace dying trees and consider adding bicycle plaza; Maintain a deep body of water for birds and wildlife; Remove the perimeter fence; Incorporate a green belt around the water element; Protect areas for nature only.

413 43241.65587 76.169.34.10 The most important thing for me in regard to the Silver Lake reservoir complex is to designate the land and water there a permanent wildlife sanctuary. That means no swimming holes or access by the public. Our local wildlife is losing precious land everyday. I fear the master plan for the L.A. River is going to steal even more land away, please do not allow this to happen to our reservoir, which is so important to wildlife and local and migratory birds.
I would also like to see highly credentialed wildlife specialists, biologists and ecologist as part of the consultation team overseeing the reservoir complex repurposing project, NOT real estate developers, property owners or landlords who are already changing the face of our neighborhood for the worse. This is to ensure that our concerns regarding wildlife are taken seriously and heard involving ALL decisions.
Thank you,
Rachelle A. Arslan
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414 43241.65743 172.119.9.152 I would like Silver Lake Reservoir to remain just as it is. I have two primary concerns - one is for the animals and the natural world. The other is for the maintenance of the neighborhood as a neighborhood. To speak first of the nature, humans have more than enough room to walk and run and bike and play. Most of us in the immediate neighborhood have yards, and there are several small and large parks within a very short distance. Humans seem to think we have first choice over every environment, to do as we please. The natural world is under siege - from pesticides decimating our bee population, to rat poison killing animals who eat the rats, house cats who are released during the day to prey on our bird population, pollution, and the list could go on. It is important that humans understand we cannot have a balanced environment if natural spaces are not allowed to be natural. People have not been able to abide by boundaries - look at the hill by the Park and Rec Center - doesn't matter how many signs or how many people remind dog owners that dogs are not allowed, there are at almost any given time dogs running all over off-leash. I really would like the reservoir to be a simple, quiet respite for the animals and for our eyes and ears. Humans can benefit by nature using all 5 senses without trampling on grass, leaving trash, making noise, and otherwise disrupting animals and other living things.
In terms of the impact on the neighborhood, I have seen the changes as the reservoir has become a destination for joggers, walkers, soccer players etc - plenty of positives, and plenty of negatives. We have to clean the area in front of our house every other day from people who come park for the view and to have a nice place to chat in the car - beer bottles, fast food wrappers, dog poop bags, and seriously, last month we had to pick up and dispose of a bag of urine! I have walked down my stairs with my two young-ish children (on West Silver Lake Dr) to see a couple naked and having sex in a car at the bottom of our stairs, had my car keyed while parked, and seen a man getting oral sex on the stairway down the street. I do not want to encourage additional visitors with the traffic and parking issues and lack of connection to the neighborhood. When the walking path was open for the months that the pipes were being worked on, walkers could look up and see directly into the homes on W. Silver Lake. Suddenly the privacy that was originally part of the home's design, was lost and everyone had to take precautions to maintain privacy. Silver Lake is losing the charm and small town feel that it had. I support the idea of leaving things as they are and letting the neighborhood get some balance before additional steps are taken to alter the existing expansions that have already happened.
As Silver Lake residents since 1976 and always in love with Silver Lake, we share support for a measured and thoughtful approach to the master planning process. At the top of our list we do NOT want the following as part of this plan:

1. No restrooms, we have enough issues with the homeless and local residents are close to home
2. No public parking
3. No shade structures, plant and maintain trees instead
4. Minimal office space only for DWP
5. We need the fencing to protect park users and wild life

Thank you,
Ann and Charles Phillips

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As a resident of Silverlake, these are the things I would love to see in the reservoirs future:

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Thank you!
- Aaron Stanford

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Objective:
- To keep the SLR Complex as a clean, pristine habitat for migratory and indigenous avian populations.
- To allow native critters to live and thrive in this, their environment by a well laid out ground cover/shrub/tree plan.
- To welcome residents, neighbors and visitors to enjoy the beauty of the reservoirs by enhancing walkways with lighting, seating areas, a space for children to learn about nature, a quiet, beautiful, safe space for all.
- Exterior fence should be upgraded and enhanced but certainly not removed.
- Lighting must be provided throughout the perimeters of the area to discourage crime and vandalism and protect the surrounding residences, family homes.

Install access gates into the area with posted visiting times. Above all, designate this area as a permanent wildlife sanctuary.

NADINE TRUJILLO. email: nadinetrujillo@me.com, 90039
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Add--Workout Stations on the path around the lake

The Silver Lake Reservoir serves as the permanent home for a lot of Silver Lake's most beautiful wildlife, like the herons, and as a temporary resting stop for Canadian Geese and other birds. I'm concerned that the proposed changes to the Reservoir complex would disrupt the birds who make Silver Lake their home, and would also displace other animals like coyote into the neighborhood. I grew up with a bedroom facing the lake, where I could look out my window to see the herons sweeping past, and I want to preserve this beautiful coexistence we have. Silver Lake already has plenty of parks and walking paths, please do not disturb the beauty and nature of the Reservoir. Thank you for considering these comments.

These are my wishes;

1. I want the public to be able to walk all over the reservoir from 6am-9pm. There should be a guard on staff just to make sure all is okay.
2. I'd like to see more walking paths closer to the water
3. I'd like to see the water level increased so that we don't see the ugly grey asphalt.
4. Include a walking path between the two reservoirs
5. Make the meadow larger.
6. Make the park more natural and/or remove asphalt banks
7. Remove the current fence. It's an eyesore.
8. Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees

I think this plan works, and I hope to see the walking paths implemented. I can't tell you how nice the south path is. Also, I hope there are steps taken to raise the water level (as it looks really low). With that in mind, maybe a pump to help circulate the water that is in Ivanhoe - maybe a geyser fountain like they have in Echo Park Lake? The Reservoir is the jewel of this neighborhood, and it's important we preserve that. Thank you.

Hello, my name is Jacob Hempe. I've lived in Silver Lake, Franklin Hills for 25 years, my current zip is 90026. I urge you to please, please restore the reservoir back to a natural state for wild life. Many people dont know this but our California bird population is in drastic decline, "the U.S. Geological Survey, documented declines of 75% to 96% in several California species, including the northern pintail, horned lark and loggerhead shrike. ( http://www.latimes.com/local/obituaries/l-a-me-birds15jun15-story.html ) I believe the overall numbers of California wild birds are down 75% in the last 40 years!!! We need to restore the reservoir back to nature so that our children and their children can have a decent world to inherit. This is not just hyperbole, or abstract numbers, this is about being good stewards of our planet. Restoring the reservoir would be a huge step in the right direction, and acting locally is extremely important. Please take out the asphalt and replace it with native plants, which do the most for wild animals and insects, in terms of food and shelter. Only 7% of exotic plants provide food for insects and animals. Please do the right thing for the heroins, and other birds but most importantly, and our children. Thank you very much smurfshoe@gmail.com
Dear Bureau of Engineering,

It is of utmost importance that the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex be an essential ecological resource now and for future generations. I believe that this is central to the consideration of any and all choices regarding the use of the Complex.

I'd like to see moderation or removal of asphalt banks as feasible, in gated areas away from the public, with the addition of introducing native amphibious wildlife in those areas. I think there should be distinct spaces for wildlife, with perhaps the addition of one more walking path for the public somewhere on the property.

Dana Wakefield

As a resident of Silver Lake, I believe it is time our neighborhood follow the precedent that nearby Echo Park Lake has set: A shared, open space, for recreation, boating, picnicking, walking, wildlife, a bird sanctuary and a cafe. I live a few blocks from Silver Lake Reservoir. There is so much unused potential here it’s frustrating. Install angled parking along St. Blvd. and the westside of the lake. Add a restaurant / coffee shop or two that pay rent to the city. There's money to be made and community to be developed. Let's do this! NIMBY-ism be damned. - Bil Yoinil, Silver Lake.

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I love the idea of opening up more of the lake. I just hope you don’t add a parking lot which will encourage more visitors that our neighborhood can accommodate.

I live and work from home on West Silver Lake Drive, and feel privileged to witness the lives of the animals that live inside the fence. I am often amazed to see runners jog right by coyotes they don’t see opposite them inside the fence. I think that if people knew how much wildlife lives inside there and how much they need this safe space they would want to protect it too. I’ve attended neighborhood meetings where people are arguing out over coyotes, but if the fence is taken down it will lead to many more coyotes roaming the neighborhood. So many Canada Geese migrate through each year and rest at the reservoir. Their available resting places are rapidly diminishing and I believe that it is short-sighted to open up the reservoir to humans who will disturb this safe habitat.

The reservoir complex is a wonderfully magical place as it is; humans and wild animals can all enjoy it. Please allow it to STAY wonderful just as it is.

This doesn’t make any sense. It goes against the interest of the community.

I live in silver lake and have for 25 years. It would be a tragedy to lose this! It creates a energy break in all the surrounding and give people a place of beauty. There is zero reason to remove it and why can it not become a feature like the one in Echo Park. It makes zero sense removing it, filling it in or any of such. Stop ruining the community and allow some space for the residents to enjoy. I’m tired of money hungry people driving the economy and not socially aware people who get what life is about.
My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount. I also ask that top-ranked wildlife specialists/biologists/ecologists be part of the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Thank you.
Deja Brown

I would like to see the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex be permanent wildlife sanctuary, designed and overseen by wildlife specialists and other scientists who can provide expertise on the environmental impact of such a designation. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered. I have been a resident of Silver Lake since 2010 and plan to stay--the reservoir is a remarkable feature of our area and I welcome the idea of its utility as a home for non-human creatures.

Alan Berman
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The two highest priority improvements that should be spelled out in the Master Plan Project Description are:

1. Pathways Along Banks

Pathways along the reservoir banks, with roughly 4-foot fences at the top of the banks, will be the single most popular improvement that can be added to the SLRC.

At selected locations around the reservoirs where space is available, benches or other forms of seating should be installed, either individually or in groups. Shade structures should be an additional consideration.

2. Naturalized Banks

Replacement of the asphalt on the reservoir banks above the high water level with native plant landscaping is the perfect accompaniment to pathways along the banks.

Landscaping the banks will require an understanding of erosion control and soil stability, capabilities the consultant should have demonstrated experience with, either in-house or otherwise.

These two improvements will have exceptionally high community support.

Thank you,
Howard Peterson

Please leave the reservoir as somewhat undeveloped Ca native green space...a natural resource for the birds and animals that seek to live near its waters. Projects should enhance the wilderness corridor our neighborhood celebrates ... it "spreading ground" or as overflow for the river (storm water diversion). We should honor this area within our city and celebrate it for its unique qualities -- qualities not often found within a major metropolis.

Anahiem has Disneyland. Let that aspect of life stay there...no water slides or swimming pools. Let the vision of Silver Lake be one of natural beauty which keeps building to a minimum and maximizes its natural qualities.

Dear Sirs,
I have lived in Silver Lake since 1985. I think it is important we preserve the land and water that falls inside the current fencing so the wildlife that nests and breeds are not disturbed. With the releasing of the land associated with the Meadow the coyote population has migrated up into the neighborhood. Coyote dens are now in utility easements and back yards creating a nuisance for the residents. I think it is vital we engage a wildlife specialist to inform us of potential changes that will occur with the possible displacement of the natural wildlife. In addition I think we must also take a hard look at how making a destination of the Silver Lake reservoir will not only impact traffic, parking, density and the general character of what was once a quiet sleepy neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. I look forward to a transparent and civil discussion in the coming months to create a livable solution for the residents of the community as well as input from the City of Los Angeles.

Stephen Marcussen
smarcussenmastering.com

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a long time resident of the Silver Lake / Los Feliz area I am very excited at the prospect of the reservoir becoming a more accessible, enjoyable place for everyone. In it's current state; fenced off and ringed by concrete, it's hardly living up to it's potential. Now that it has been decommissioned, it's an actual reservoir! The first order of business should be to remove that ugly fence! I would also like to see more walking paths closer to the water and the meadow expanded. I'd like the banks of the lake to be naturalized and have the asphalt banks removed. I've seen lovely renderings of what a naturalized Silver Lake could look like. Please make the lake a place we can all enjoy and while you're at it for God's sake, let us bring our dogs into the whole park! That dog park is the saddest one around. Please take into consideration the whole community when you draw up your plans. Make Silver Lake a place of beauty we can all enjoy.

Thank You,

Tamra Stern

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1. Designate the land and water within the current fence as the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, for birds, coyotes, bobcats, skunks, raccoons, the many animals that we are so lucky to have: A TOP-FLIGHT, RECOGNIZED WILDLIFE EXPERT SHOULD GUIDE ALL DECISIONS FOR THE RESERVOIR.

Keep the fence in its current location - protects wildlife, birds and community. Wildlife habitat and welfare to be top priority in all decisions within Reservoir. Top-ranked wildlife expert (ecologist, ornithologist) to be member of the consultation team and available to the public. Develop nature education potential of the Sanctuary - coordinate with Audubon or other experts to build telescope viewing platforms in safe areas vetted by wildlife experts, hold birding visual and auditory ID walks, intro to nature and living with wildlife classes for children, night walks. Use Rec Center as base for classes. Link the LA River wildlife habitat with the designated Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary to create a joint open space for wildlife and birds which cross back and forth. Retain wild habitat for animals on North Side above current DWP office. Increase access for wildlife crossings - e.g. for bobcats at the South Dam walkway.

2. Keep our Deep Water Oasis same size and depth.

Leave the open vistas open, for serenity and nature's respite. Leave the banks in place for structural integrity and water depth, do not plant or break-up - if desired, paint same color as Ivanhoe. Keep size and depth of water as a safe roosting place for thousands of migratory birds; Silver Lake Reservoir is a recognized "birding hotspot" by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Keep deep water for firefighters and for cooling effect over the entire area.

3. Retain the Peaceful Natural Beauty of the Reservoir water and grounds: A FENCE MUST REMAIN, EITHER THIS FENCE OR ANOTHER , BUT A FENCE.

No drones, no active recreational use. Fencing to protect natural environment. No additional public parking or other litter-prone facilities. Renovate the current Recreation and Parks Center. Reduce traffic due to WAZE and other apps, or due to increasing urban density. Prune and maintain our trees, for wildlife-friendly shade structures. Plant and maintain native shrubs and wildflowers for butterflies, insects, birds and wildlife habitat. Allow the overall design to emerge from Silver Lake Reservoir’s function; not from any outside concept. Quote from https://www.silverlakewildlifesanctuary.org/: "Silver Lake is a quiet, open natural space in the midst of an urban metropolis, that is why it is such a gem. It is also why it is the heart of the neighborhood. To change it from a gathering place for local wildlife and migrating birds would be a crime." -- Gregg Baxter, Silver Lake, 90039

WE MUST ALSO HAVE THIS WATER FOR EMERGENCIES ---- WILDFIRES IN GRIFFITH PARK, EARTHQUAKES, MASSIVE REGIONAL POWER OUTAGES, NATURAL DISASTERS!
451 43241.97251 45.48.183.224 More walking paths closer to the water
A walking path between the two reservoirs
Bathrooms at the meadow!
A walkway over the north dam
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453 43242.021 108.231.165.169 I assume you will be making this a wildlife refuge. I have been running around the reservoir at night for 15 years, and now there are NO or very few coyotes, great horned owls, or geese or birds honking at night. I haven't seen a gecko lizard in a few years now. No herons. IN MY BLOG I CALL IT DEAD LAKE. But you know what we DO have? Lots of mosquitoes and spiders in the trees. That's because we DON'T have any birds left. Gross.

454 43242.04086 108.246.243.142 My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount.

455 43242.05802 45.48.176.21 I urge you to make the land and water inside the fence a permanent wildlife refuge.

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458 43242.11147 45.48.237.97 Regarding the selection of facilitator and committee to guide the creation of a Master Plan for the iconic Silver Lake Reservoir Complex I propose that the committee include an acknowledged wildlife expert as well as an acknowledged ornithologist...and that the planning process be transparent throughout.

459 43242.14653 107.129.183.134 I propose that any new designs be developed from the standpoint of maintaining within the existing fenced areas a sanctuary for the wildlife that the community is privileged to live among in this extraordinary serene oasis within our increasingly dense urban environment.

460 43242.14678 107.129.183.134 I propose that the open space and deep water be recognized and maintained for the protection of the many species of migratory birds that roost in safety from both swimming and flying predators. The fact that the reservoirs provide this resting spot for migratory birds on their long journey along the Pacific Flyway is another unique opportunity to convene with nature while protecting this phenomena. Ultimately bird watching stations could be provided as well as birding and nature tours to the interested public and to the schools.....creating a legacy for the Cultural Monument status of the Silver Lake reservoir Complex for all to enjoy.

461 43242.14683 107.129.183.134 I propose that the perimeter fences be retained in the interest of community safety as well as for the protection of wildlife and the birds.

462 43242.14724 107.129.183.134 I propose that a maintenance plan be instituted for the care of the existing plants and trees and that native species be planted to maintain the natural habitat for wildlife and birds.

463 43242.14732 107.129.183.134 I propose that the planning recognize that the benefits of a serene vista over open space and deep water, north to the mountains provides a respite from the chaos of the city and this benefit is uniquely available to commuters, walkers, visitors and residents and is truly the heart and soul of the creative and diverse neighborhood that is recognized as Silver Lake.
459 43242.1652 23.240.219.191 JUST STOP THE MASSIVE TRAFFIC RUINING SILVER LAKE HEIGHTS’ BY LETTING IT BE RUN THROUGH WITH CARS AND TRUCKS POURING OFF SR2 ONTO WATERLOO AND DUANE ST JUST SO THEY CAN AVOID USING GLENDALE BLVD NORTH TO GET TO SILVERLAKE BLVD SOUTH.

460 43242.1688 95.238.134.80 As homeowners (Antonia Robertson) at Locksley Place 90039 we were disappointed that the reservoir was not made into a public park like the park at Beverly and Third Street. It seemed like a win win situation and ideal for long term city needs. We think the positives far outweighed the NIMBY negatives. Failing that we strongly request that more of the reservoir area be opened to the public for green space, running, walking, picnicking, dog walking sports and more. This is a densely populated and used area and people are pretty desperate for recreational green space to exercise and unwind. We strongly support the following changes:

- Reduce the size of the DWP footprint on the site as much as possible, to the minimum area required to maintain water operations.
- Provide safe and beautiful public access through wetlands and natural banks that increase wildlife habitat and improve water health.
- Remove fences to increase public access
- Focus on long-term sustainability and the future of water for our region (an evaporating lake seems non sustainable)

Include the LADWP operational needs in the Master Plan Process, to minimize visual impacts, and postpone new building projects until the plan is complete.

461 43242.28894 107.184.34.126 If LADWP is planning to partially fill the reservoir with rainwater runoff from the surrounding neighborhood, additional measures should be taken to mitigate the pollutants in such runoff.

That said, it should be a priority to maintain the water at or near its current level in order to maintain the goals of environmental sustainability and community use. For that reason, the plan should not remove the surrounding concrete bed/walls around the reservoir unless it is determined that doing so would not materially reduce the water level, or that the water level could be replenished through sustainable means notwithstanding the removal of the concrete.

462 43242.32124 76.169.39.99 Make it a park.

463 43242.33399 162.197.230.81 Keep the reservoir while providing some bigger open spaces along the perimeter...for more social opportunities.

464 43242.33453 162.223.5.124 Please remove the fence if possible like Echo Park.

Thanks!!!!

465 43242.35168 151.147.196.18 Thank you for receiving my comments:

1. Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees.
2. Naturalize or remove asphalt banks.
3. More walking paths closer to the water.
4. A walking path between the two reservoirs
5. A walkway over the north dam
6. Expand the meadow
7. Design a Community Nature Education Center
8. Remove the current fence

Most important is keeping the natural resources for the birds and animals.

Please note that there are people defacing signs with stickers and writing including graffiti on the local properties.

466 43242.38804 128.125.244.181 brainstorm of my wishlist: the waters edge [in certain areas] could be made more accessible: possible docks overhanging [like in EchoPark]; create shallow wetland-like areas; NO boats; small parking [underground] garage;

- removal of all fences; pedestrian bridge; some of the reservoir edges could be more of a cobble stone [like in EchoPark]; bathrooms but designed safely to discourage unwanted activities; LOTS of sitting zones and different types of sitting; kid friendly splash zone [not reservoir water or edge of water but a separate water play zone...doesn't have to be huge...like at Kidspace]; THANKS

467 43242.41108 23.240.221.203 The Silverlake reservoir Complex is perfect as is. The new walkways are good addition, but I wouldn't want the area to be turned into a wider public park. The public already have access to the meadow and recreation center. The improved path for walking is great for the community and public use. The water should not be accessible for public use... too much liability and disturbances to the existing wildlife. Silverlake already has too much traffic...gridlock starts daily at 2:30pm, disrupting the tranquility that was the charm of our community.

468 43242.41723 45.48.178.11 PLEASE I urge you to ask that the land and water within the current fence be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that top-ranked wildlife habitat specialists/ biologists/ ecologists be part of the consulting team. We have an urban wildlife treasure in front of our homes and need to preserve that for generations to come.
I have lived in Silver Lake since 1980. In summary, I would leave the reservoir as is. Here are my specific, and I hope constructive comments:

1. Preserve the open space (enjoy the tranquility of the space as we always have)
2. Protect the wildlife (leave the fence up to protect the natural environment, wildlife, birds, community, etc.)
3. Maintain passive use only (as we do now)

The Blue Herons at West Silver Lake Drive and Hawick Street did not come back after the construction and they probably never will.

The environment around the reservoir is fragile.

Let’s work together to preserve what we have!

Thank you,
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I think the whole area should be made more accessible for our community to enjoy.

I am a Silver Lake resident on Angus street.

One path inside the reservoir was enough for me - I understand there is another path coming - leave the rest alone!

Let the animals who have been there for hundreds of years have the little remaining land left for their habitat. We can enjoy the beauty of the reservoir as it is without trampling through every corner of what’s left. Keep the fences up could remain chain link or another material like wrought iron would be fine but please keep up the fences. Without fences you’ll be fishing people out of the reservoir and trying to get rid of homeless encampments that are guaranteed to spring up in there.

Thank you,
Michele Kuraner

My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount.

I also ask that top-ranked wildlife specialists/biologists/ ecologists be part of the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Thank you,
Ben Decter
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I grew up in this area and used to run around the lake in 1967-68 long before there were any paths. I now live in Northeast LA but return to this neighborhood monthly. In the past ten years I have led hundreds of enthusiasts on neighborhood walks focusing on the stairways and on the many assets of this wonderful community. The plan looks well conceived and has been undertaken by some people which I hold in very high regard. This looks like a good approach balancing the historic culture of the neighborhood with the needs of a new generation of citizens and the new opportunities created as this resource was no longer needed for surface water storage. It should be approved.
Protection of the Silver Lake Reservoir wildlife and migratory birds must be the first priority because, once modified, the rare treasure of space for wildlife and migratory birds from Canada and western North America so close to the urban environment, will be gone forever. Silver Lake should be a designated sanctuary for the one of the reasons national and state parks preserve wildlife areas, to preserve open space for the future.

Not only will failing to protect the wildlife deny the immediacy of viewing wildlife and migratory birds but it will take away Silver Lake as a destination for the migratory birds. It will be a loss not only for the community around the lake but the children and adults who will be denied the experience because they cannot or otherwise will not be able travel to see them. The zoo experience is not as accessible or as meaningful. The zoo is not comparable to walking or running around the lake, a lake where migratory birds stand and fly and feed and honk and quack.

Protection means the fencing must stay to keep the birds feeling safe and being safe. Protection means that there should be wildlife and migratory bird experts as part of the planning team.

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Please make the reservoir a permanent wildlife sanctuary with the consultation of ecologists and the appropriate professionals.

Top 3 things we do when visiting the reservoirs include, spend time as a family in nature, play in the play areas, walk and enjoy the paths around the lakes. Stroller access is important.

Please do not allow any human being to get so close to the water that they can throw refuse into it or get into the water (this is for safety like a swimming pool owner would not want a person to fall into a residential pool and drown). Make the paths around the water; remove the current fence and have local artisans create custom-made artistic fences that depict various wildlife that live in the SLRC and include various educational signs at look out places. Put wildlife as a priority in any plan in which the focus is "wildlife and the community can co-exist" rather than the humans come first. Why do humans need to come "closer to the water?" The banks need to be repaired or painted so they do not have those cracks. Make sure each tree is identified and is checked annually for any problems.

A walking path would be wonderful. Water sports WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING to enhance the beauty of the lake or area. We need to realize that this still has some DWP mechanics within the compound and that has to be respected. Silver Lake is not Central Park in New York, we should appreciate it’s beauty but it is NOT a park and we need to respect the fact that we do not have public transportation to this area nor do we have parking availability for all the people that will be attracted.

We urge you to designate the land and water within the current fence at the Silver Lake reservoir a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that top-ranked wildlife habitat specialists/biologists/ecologists be part of the consulting team. These days, people and the earth need designated green spaces more than anything else.

The Brown family
Silverlake
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I support increased pedestrian access in all areas of the Silver Lake Reservoir complex.

The Silver Lake Meadow should be enlarged, and should be planted with shade trees.

The perimeter fence around the reservoir should be removed and the reservoir edge reconfigured to allow closer access to the water edge by pedestrians.

The LADWP-allocated area at the north side of the reservoir should be greatly reduced. This compound appears to be a long-term fiefdom maintained for exclusive use by LADWP staff for their own enjoyment; it should instead be available to the public.

Parking areas for cars should NOT be part of the reservoir complex master plan. We should be encouraging the use of public transportation and bicycles to access this space.

naturalize banks and preserve wildlife protection
LA is one of the most park poor cities in America, light years behind smaller cities in deep red states where they barely commit to funding schools or healthcare. I support anything that help us catch up. Right now there's a giant fenced in bird bath where there could be an amazing public space. We can do better. Opening up this reservoir to more uses can and should be a priority.

Jason Wise
Silver Lake, 90026
(.5 miles from the rec center)

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Do not build on our reservoir. Keep it for the wildlife! This is not only important but extremely necessary!

My hope is that the land and water within the current fence be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that top-ranked wildlife habitat specialists/ biologists/ ecologists be part of the consulting team. Thank you

We own a home on W Silver Lake Drive. We do NOT want anything done to the reservoir. It will bring in more visitors to the area, cause parking situations & increase trash. Also since pathways are being considered along with the fences being removed, it will allow the homeless to start sleeping in the darker areas of the facilities.

As nice as they made Echo Park, I drive by there every few weeks & there are constantly homeless encampments. Please don't do anything!!

I support the following proposals:

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There is a contingent of Nimby neighbors who are seeking to use a "wildlife sanctuary" proposal as a trojan horse to prevent more people from having access to the Reservoir. Sadly, the Neighborhood Council leadership will ONLY support and listen to this view, and therefore can't be said to be representative of the neighborhood. Fences, walls, and partitions are not helpful to wildlife - and per the experts invited to the Neighborhood Council's own wildlife-focused meeting, the Reservoir area is far too small to function as a true wildlife sanctuary. Its best use for wildlife (as for humans) would be to open up the space for more access and use - and modify the banks and grounds to support the most varied uses possible - more natural banks will support a wider variety of bird and animal species, and more open access will allow movement of animals - whether birds, coyotes, or rabbits - across the region. Don't be fooled by the cynical rhetoric of the nimby neighbors!! While those living closest to the reservoir will undoubtedly need to be closely involved in the planning process, and efforts must be made to mitigate potential traffic or noise issues, it's just not fair for a small group of 50 or so older homeowners to prevent the broader community from accessing this public treasure. The consultant hired to manage the Master Plan must be aware of the neighborhood dynamics, and the fact that the Neighborhood Council is not an impartial or representative body - otherwise we wouldn't see the vibrancy of non-neighborhood council activism on this issue. Thanks again, can't wait to see the master plan kick off!! It's going to be amazing!!

I would like to cast my vote for a wildlife park at the site of the Silver Lake Reservoir and the surrounding land. This is a golden opportunity to create a beautiful parkland with exclusively native plants. The opportunities are vast, as there are at least 2,000 species that are native to the Los Angeles area. Not only will a well-designed parkland of this type be a beautiful place for residents and visitors to spend time in, it will also be a haven for birds, butterflies and other creatures that thrive in our dwindling native habitats. Once the plants and trees are established, they will be drought tolerant, and therefore a terrific learning tool for Angelenos looking to replace lawns and non-native gardens with beautiful native species. Contrary to popular belief, a well planned native garden can have blooming flowers and color all year round. A well designed native garden implemented around Silver Lake could become a native species parkland viewed on the world stage of garden design. Yes, I believe that is possible!!

Sincerely hope that the space can be made more available for the public. The new walking path on the south side is a good start but I would love to see fewer fences and more public green space.

Hello. I live at 1709 Silverwood Terrace, very close to the reservoir. I enjoy it as a visual presence as well as a venue for recreation. I use the path around it often, and I enjoy the meadow. I also happened to live in Echo Park during the revitalization of the lake there, and I consider it to be a rousing success. I’d love to see something like that happen to the SLR. I’d like for the fences to come down and to maximize recreational space, which should be green if possible. Shade, restrooms, and even concessions would be a huge plus. I am sensitive to my neighbors’ fears about parking. If an unobtrusive parking structure could be built, that would ameliorate the situation somewhat. HOWEVER, the principle that I believe in most strongly is that this is a beautiful area that belongs to all citizens of LA - and they should have access to it. Thank you.

I live a block away from the reservoir, and I'm thrilled that we might have a designated wildlife sanctuary in our little neighborhood. The ex-reservoir is a perfect area for the project because it is ALREADY favored by herons, owls, coyotes, badgers, ducks, geese, etc. etc. The trees which protect the wildlife need to be protected and cared for as well. Wildlife habitat specialists should also be employed to conserve and protect this invaluable little wild space in the middle of our city.

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It is important that an area in the Silver Lake Reservoir be set aside for wildlife. The city is being developed at an increasing rate and the local wildlife is being impacted. There need to be a dedicated space for the wildlife and birds. If we just focus on human recreation we are missing a real important aspect of our community. The fence should remain and there should be environmental protection of the area. Biologists, environmentalist and scientists should be part of the consulting team. It should not be decided exclusively by politicians and developers who are out to make a buck at the expense of a balanced environment.
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Whoops I forgot to include my name and address with the comment I just sent. 
Barbara A. Thomason, 3845 Udell Ct, L. A. 90027 batz3@earthlink.net

- lower the fences (except around the heron area)
- put some money into the rec center
- re-landscape the dog park, terrace it, and put in some grass
- pave the track from the dog park down to the rec center

Please keep Silver Lake a refuge for wildlife and migrating birds. There are too few pristine areas left in LA County, and many are being displaced and starved by urban density. Please. Our kids need open spaces, not more jungle gyms!

The most pressing issue at the moment for the SLRC is the selection of the Master Plan Architect. This precious location in Los Angeles is NOT a "Complex" nor a "Reservoir" any longer (although I do acknowledge a 'reservoir' of water for emergency use now and in the future but this aspect is a tiny fraction of its use today and was always very infrequent). The terms "Reservoir" and "Complex" do not reflect this location.

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A few statements in the RFP have already set off alarm bells that would not be received well in this community and site.
- openness to new ideas and concepts...
- compatible with LADWP's ongoing and future operations...
- mandatory to strike a balance between LADWP operational needs...
- 1/3 acres of the land space is restricted for LADWP facilities...
- modular offices for LADWP...
- with 8-foot-tall fencing, ..., 4-foot-tall fence, ..., two segments of 8-foot-tall fencing...
- DWP segregation from public areas and the control of public access...

New ideas and concepts are great, but unless they closely match with what is already existing or enhance what we already have, could be very divisive in the community. Future operations of the DWP will need to be continually reduced. No other LADWP activity should exist on this site that is NOT directly related to the needs of, or maintenance of the body of water itself. Is it necessary to have the DWP involved at all on this site in the future? Possibly have a Recreation and Parks land/responsibility transfer? These are good community questions and are structural road blocks as to the future success of Silver Lake. The restricted acres of land on the 'hill' is sure suspect as to why this preserve would be in 'control' of the DWP. The addition of modular DWP offices is totally NOT acceptable. This is not an appropriate overflow space for the City or others to conduct any non-Silver Lake body of water functions. Enough with the fencing! DWP, again with 'their' control, segregation, access and their needs do NOT match very well with the beauty and natural elements of the space. These 'maintenance' 'infrastructure' and 'industrial' approaches to Silver Lake has over the years disappointed many in the community. Maintenance yards, vehicle parking and equipment storage not related to Silver Lake should not exist, and certainly not expanded. Reduced vehicle traffic is key to the MP success as to not upset a community any further with increased traffic and the loss of more street parking due to just current congestion.

"Potential Support Facilities" will need to be very thoughtful to be successful. A "...renovated and/or expanded Recreation and Park building... could be a good thing for the community but would be divisive if this improvement creates a 'greater destination' versus an intimate local resource. Land is already tight near and around the recreation center. Van Pelt Place is a terrible choke point in traffic and needs to be address –possible one-way direction 1 side diagonal street parking under the beautiful row of Jacarandas? Shade structures would also be included in community divisiveness. Shade trees and a naturalism approach would be more appropriate and be inclusive to other groups like the naturalists and wildlife proponents. Public Parking has been a no-go for some time now and don't see this changing in the community anytime soon. Public restrooms already exist at the Recreation Center and new ones would create more problems with maintenance, vandalism and deterioration in this natural setting. Silver Lake is not an office park and the addition of any more DWP functions will not be acceptable to the community. Other public use facilities will most likely follow similar divisiveness in the community so as to NOT create a 'famous' destination. Selecting a Master Plan Architect with a truly local, community connected and involved member within our neighborhood would be best served to keep the momentum of a terrific and locally supported community resource such as Silver Lake.

Douglas Reed
27 year or so resident, renter and landlord in Silver Lake.

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Expand the meadow and only California native plants in the landscaping
NO walkway over the north dam
Naturalize or remove asphalt banks
Expand the currently undersized rec center with its uselessly small indoor court and lack of amenities.

Do a comprehensive tree survey to identify dead and dying trees and come up with a replacement plan for those trees
Work with BSS to maintain the landscaping on the east side of the reservoir which is a disgrace
Provide more benches and water fountains

I would very much like this to be an animal sanctuary.
I have lived in the neighborhood for 23 years and feel this is crucial.

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For decades, the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs have been a sanctuary – an escape from the stress, noise and pollution of Los Angeles—for both humans and wildlife. As we contemplate possible changes to this natural respite, it is important to maintain the serenity and environment that attract people (and animals) seeking peace and a space to simply "be," along with walkers and joggers with a light footprint. There are plenty of other venues throughout the city for active recreation: Griffith Park, Echo Park for paddle boats, McArthur Park for soccer, the Greek Theater and Griffith Park amphitheater for outdoor entertainment, Disneyland, golf courses, Castaic Lake for boating, along with coastline beaches, entertainment-destination piers, etc. But locations where people, animals and birds have learned how to co-exist are few and far between.

In addition, the Silver Lake Complex already has a dog park(s), a robust recreation center with basketball courts, community room, children’s playground, the meadow used by yoga groups, fitness training outfits and pop-up public activities – and now a new walking path and walkway. I cannot imagine that this community would opt to take away the very few remaining acres that are left to the wildlife that call the Reservoirs home – and wantonly destroy natural habitats that have survived for decades.

Yes, the reservoirs could be made more welcoming to migrating birds and all kinds of animals. And ideas like a floating island (for birds only) and environmentally-friendly banks have merit. But I do not support changes that would allow people, and their dogs, to further disturb this precious sanctuary and scatter litter across the now pristine landscape. It is also possible to consider starting an nature education program at the Rec Center, including guided tours so children from other communities could learn about nature - environmental stewardship. But I do not support removing the fences, which would open the door to the destruction of this de-facts preserve.

It is also crucial to have full transparency in the Master Plan process, and that includes disclosing the funding behind special interest organizations/companies/individuals lobbying for development of the complex. In addition, the consultants who will guide the new Master Plan should be objective (not selected to execute a pre-determined plan) and have strong experience in social-ecological research and programs. What people want is one consideration but what wildlife and the environment need should be contemplated with respect for heritage of the site, the needs of LADPW operational responsibility and the balance of residents rights and public space.

The city and county of Los Angeles Fire Departments must also be able to continue to utilize the complex for firefighting purposes. And any repurposing should not promote congestion, dangerous road hazards and nuisances, such as noise, defacing and trash, in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Although change can be scary, this is an opportunity to successfully implement an urban ecology program that integrates social and ecological aspects – and creates a standard for environmental stewardship in a major city.

This is an opportunity to do the right thing for our community.

From Caren Singer carensuesinger@roadrunner.com and Robert Wolin rwolin@roadrunner.com

Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts about this community that we love, this community where we have lived since 1998.

We would like to see the water within the Reservoirs and the land within the Surrounding Area—behind the current fence—designated as a permanent Wildlife Sanctuary for the amazing array of birds—both resident and migratory—as well as the other wildlife—coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, skunks, and opossums—that share this wonderful space with us humans. This wildlife, part of the heart and soul of Silver Lake, helps to make our community special, but without careful consideration and planning, the wildlife will disappear.

Therefore, The Master Plan Consultant Team must include top-ranked wildlife preservation experts—including those with expertise in ornithology, ecology, dendrology, and native botany. The Consultant Team should not be affiliated with or biased towards any of the private, non-elected groups. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council—our elected officials—should be involved in every phase of the Master Plan process.

Alter the fencing over the South Dam Walkway—which is also a Wildlife Corridor—to make the Ridge more wildlife friendly and accessible to the coyotes and bobcats at night. Seeing the coyotes on the Ridge at night and hearing them howl are integral to the charm of our community as well as to the survival of these animals. Perhaps the fence could have some entry points for these animals.

Also, let’s plant appropriate, dam-safe foliage to cover the fencing on top of the South Dam on the Grassy Knoll side. The view looking north from the top of the South Dam Walkway—the southern Ridge of the Lake—is beautiful; the view of this Ridge from the south, however—looking up at the fences—is an eyesore and not in keeping with the charm and character of the community. Covering the fences with foliage will make the view from the south far more aesthetic and will return some of the privacy to the many residents at the south end of the Lake whose homes are now on display from the top of the South Dam.

Remove the new fence installed at the base of the South Dam by the Recreation Center. The new, ugly fence that Parks and Recreation erected at the base of the South Dam should be removed. This fence by the dumpsters at the Recreation Center is cutting off not only wildlife access from the Grassy Knoll to the rest of the park, but also, is obstructing the continuous path around the Lakes that many people have walked for years.
Our community fought long and hard to divert the DWP Pipeline and save the Grassy Knoll from turning into a plumbing station. Now we have what looks like an army barracks where community members—and wildlife—cannot even walk from one part of the park to another.

Also, this fence is not achieving its stated goal—keeping dogs off the Grassy Knoll and out of the Children’s Play Area. As many if not more dogs are frequenting the Grassy Knoll since the fence went up as did before, and ironically, now more people are crossing through the Children’s Play Area with their dogs as the back access is blocked. Perhaps a low, aesthetically designed fence around the Children’s Play Area is the solution.

Keep the Lakes at the same historic size and depth. These lakes are home to thousands of migratory birds as well as our own resident birds. The Silver Lake Reservoir is in fact a recognized “birding hot spot” by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Also, the deep water is essential for firefighting as well as for creating a cooling effect on the surrounding area. Leave the banks in place to maintain the water depth and structural integrity of the dam. The cement banks could be painted, however, to match those of the Ivanhoe Reservoir. Maintain the open vistas, which create a haven for the birds and a beautiful, tranquil environment for the humans who live here and for those who frequent the area. Expand passive recreation options.

Keep the Lakes and Surrounding Area wild and serene—without commercialization or development, without new structures—including parking lots and public restrooms. Do not expand the footprint of the Recreation Center; maintain the current width and height. Renovation is fine. Do not, however, add a parking facility or public restrooms at the south end of the Lake. These structures are not in keeping with the character of this area and will lead to more traffic, more congestion, and more litter.

The fencing could perhaps be moved a bit closer to the water, but without the fencing, the wildlife as well as the humans who frequent the area, will not be protected. This area has great potential as an educational tool for children and others to learn about and view the wildlife—in their natural setting.

Let’s adhere to transparency throughout the Master Plan process and not bow to the wishes of special interest groups or those who seek financial gain from development of this special area. And as our Council-members O’Farrell and Ryu, as well as DWP representative Susan Rowghani have vowed, let’s have consideration and respect for those who live closest to proposed changes—those who would be most impacted by proposed changes. We are the stewards of this incredibly special area. What we do now matters. Let’s enjoy the Lakes and Surrounding Area without destroying it or the character of our community.

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Andras Kanegson
2212 Kenilworth Ave.

Idea:
Rowing/aquatic center
larger park area perimeter for walking jogging ; dog areas;
more meadow areas
basketball court on the other end of the lake
I want to begin this comment by stating at the outset that I am OPPOSED to ANY further development of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. This Complex was never intended nor designed to accommodate a "destination," "feature," or "venue" for the general public. Our neighborhood surrounding the Complex is wholly ill-equipped to handle or deal with what everyone knows will be the negative consequences and externalities of development of any kind -- traffic, parking, accidents, trash, graffiti, noise, public intoxication and urination, increased break-ins and theft, degradation of the natural environment -- not to mention any unforeseen damaging or problematic issues. In fact, we have already witnessed and had to cope with a substantial increase in these exact problems with the Complex merely in its current state; further development, regardless of intent, will only exacerbate such deterioration. Moreover, it is obvious to suggest, as some supporters of development have, that our neighborhood "owes" the residents of other parts of the city a "destination" or "feature" by which to access or utilize the Reservoir Complex. Residents of Silver Lake do not "owe" anybody anything. The area around the Reservoir is, and always has been, a RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD and should be maintained as such, not converted irreparably into some commercial or other enterprise for use by the general public.

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Sincerely,
Eric C. Quirk, Esq.
2212 Kenilworth Avenue

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Thank you.
Justine Hempe
3333 La Clede Ave
Atwater Village CA 90039

I would like to see an open-ended, natural play space that would encourage creativity and real play for children. There is much research on this. (Examples: http://www.naturalplaygrounds.com) The area needs to be designed by locals in touch with the pulse of our neighborhoods, and who want to encourage family relaxation in this natural space. The paths need to make way for both families and those exercising. Restrooms are essential. Thank you so much, Sedda Wuller

Want it saved as a wildlife reserve.

Ted Shu
teddy.shu@gmail.com

Good evening! My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount. I especially want us to develop a wildlife space where the coyotes can live a safe and peaceful life with as little interaction with humans as possible.

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533 43242.86487 104.174.16.1 Should be left as a wildlife reserve

534 43242.87457 162.199.71.93 I would hope that the Master Plan might include the entire reservoir complex including the Dog Park and the Nursery School. I live near the north end of the reservoirs and am also concerned about parking. The parking on my street is only on one side of the street and is already impacted. If the reservoir areas are open to the public, more parking should be included. Also, in the past there was talk of Audubon Society being onsite which would be great as there are many migrating birds coming through this area. There are also possibilities for a historic or nature center on the north dam site as well as a possible urban garden for those who don’t have a garden space at their home...ie apartment dwellers. Could this be included in the master plan?

535 43242.87485 47.157.79.212 Dear Sirs and Madames, My preference for the reservoir area is to have it be a bird / wildlife habitat area.
Yours,
Tracy Baer, 3539 Mountain View Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90066. 213 859-1589 e mail: tracybaer@yahoo.com

536 43242.87572 98.148.87.48 I am in favor of the Silverlake reservoir to become a wildlife sanctuary, and not in favor of further development to the lake.

537 43242.89058 45.48.168.78 I urge you to ask that the land and water within the current fence be designated a permanent wildlife sanctuary and that a top-ranked wildlife habitat specialist/ biologist/ ecologist be part of the consulting team. Christina Shu, christinapshu@gmail.com, Zip Code 90039

538 43242.9102 76.174.44.134 Remove the chain link and barb wire, open more it to the public, create a way to take boats out on the main lake like echo park and increase public amenities like bathrooms and food stands.

539 43242.91307 98.207.229.15 My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary, where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount.
I also ask that a top-ranked wildlife specialist/ biologist/ ecologist be part of the consulting team overseeing the re-purposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Thank you.
Zhen Meng
zhenmeng920@hotmail.com
90039

540 43242.9548 47.137.5.41 My top priority for the future of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is to designate the land and water within the current perimeter fence as a permanent wildlife sanctuary where concerns for the preservation and protection of the wildlife and birds are paramount.
I also ask that top-ranked wildlife specialists/ biologists/ ecologists be part of the consulting team overseeing the repurposing of the Complex. This is to ensure that wildlife concerns are a priority in every change or decision considered.

Thank you.
Linda Whitford, PhD
protectourwildlife@protonmail.com

541 43242.96303 45.48.185.206 Here is what I recommend:
* Put walking paths closer to the water
* Remove asphalt banks
* Take down fence
* Open space all around the lake
* Nature center on grounds
* Allow rowing and paddle boats on the lake
Carlos Van Natter
2324 Micheltorena

542 43242.97794 45.48.224.127 Please leave the water in the reservoir at the 440 foot level, as it has been for the last century. Amenities such as walking paths are fine. But the water should remain as is, and any planner hired to facilitate a master plan should understand that.

543 43243.44705 108.246.240.134 I provided a comment, (Maintain water depth & retain the fence; hire a top wildlife expert); but may have forgotten to sign my name!

Jane W. Cook
1302 Westerly Terrace
Los Angeles, CA 90026
janewcook@sbcglobal.net
(323) 662-5150
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Do nothing the park and lake are good. Silver Lake is for the birds.

1) It's vital that the team be local and include an organization that has community consultation expertise in getting input from parents, families and children. Some concerns I have about the master plan are that it include focus groups with local families and also with just kids for to find out, for example, what they think about how to play in the area - bike, run, kites, etc.

2) Top three priorities include: A) a natural play area that is shaded and enclosed in an attractive and natural way so children can play safely in an enclosed area but also be in nature. B) safe, attractive, and easily accessible bathrooms. C) fences around the reservoirs be taken down and DWP footprint kept as minimal as possible so that as much land as possible is available to the community for play and recreation in nature!

3) We request that an improvement to the recreation center be included in the master plan.

4) Top three things we do when visiting the reservoirs include: spend time as a family in nature, play in the play areas, walk and enjoy the paths around the lakes. Stroller access is important.

5) I would like to see a natural play space for children rather than a traditional playground.

6) I would like to see as much of the 100+ acres as possible opened up to the community for play and recreation. This community needs nature and space for kids to run around!

7) A place to buy snacks and coffee would be nice.
SLRC Photos

1. Site Photos (5 pages)
Consultant Fee Proposal Summary Spreadsheet

1. Consultant Fee Proposal Summary Spreadsheet (1 page)
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TOTAL DESIGN FEE shall not exceed $900,000
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[TYPE OF SERVICES] SERVICES CONTRACT

BETWEEN THE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

[NAME OF CONSULTANT]

FOR

[PROJECT TITLE OR PROGRAM NAME]

AT THE TIME OF ACTUAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SELECTED CONSULTANT, THE MOST CURRENT VERSION OF THIS CONTRACT SHOULD BE USED TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL TERMS.

THIS STANDARD CONTRACT IS PROVIDED FOR THE POTENTIAL RESPONDENT’S GENERAL INFORMATION.
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CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES

This Contract is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, California, a municipal corporation acting by order of and through its Board of Public Works, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY", and [Consultant Firm Name], hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT", and is set forth as follows:

WITNESSETH

NTCW: The Recitals provided in this template are standard for all personal services contracts and should not be changed except as specified in the Brackets. Additional Recitals can be added, if necessary, prior to the final “Now, therefore….” statement.

WHEREAS, CITY has a need for consulting engineering services for [Prepare a comprehensive description of the project to receive the consulting services.]; and

WHEREAS, [Number of firms] responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) dated _____; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT is selected to be one of [Number of Firms] consultants placed on a list as the most qualified by CITY staff based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT has demonstrated qualifications to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT meets the State requirements to perform professional engineering work as required in the Professional Engineers Act; and

WHEREAS, services to be provided by CONSULTANT are of an expert and technical nature and are temporary and occasional in character; and

WHEREAS, CITY desires to retain CONSULTANT to provide the required engineering and technical services as outlined herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, covenants, and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - SECTION HEADINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF PROVISIONS AND TITLES HEREIN

NTCW: Article 1 is included as a general statement in all contracts and its contents have been reviewed by the City Attorney. It should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.
All titles, subtitles, or headings in this Contract have been inserted for convenience and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any of the terms or provisions hereof. The language of this Contract shall be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against the CITY or CONSULTANT. The word “CONSULTANT” herein this Contract includes the party or parties identified in the Contract. The singular shall include the plural; if there is more than one CONSULTANT herein, unless expressly stated otherwise, their obligations and liabilities hereunder shall be joint and several. Use of the feminine, masculine, or neuter genders shall be deemed to include the genders not used.

The number of original texts of this Contract shall be equal to the number of the parties hereto, one text being retained by each party. At the CITY’S option, one or more additional original texts of this Contract may also be retained by the CITY.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

NTCW: A general list of typical terminology is included only as a sample. Include in the Article the terminology that is relevant to this project. All brackets should be replaced with project specific information.

It is understood that the following words and phrases are used herein; each shall have the meaning set forth opposite the same:

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[ PHRASE ] [ Definition ]

ARTICLE 3 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NTCW: Include a thorough description of the project including the type of professional consulting services to be utilized.
ARTICLE 4 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF AND TASKS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CONSULTANT

NTCW: Sub-Articles 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 contain standard contract language and are not to be changed.

4.1 CONSULTANT shall perform the services described in Article 4.5.2. CONSULTANT shall perform such work with a degree of skill and diligence normally employed by professional engineers or consultants performing the same or similar services.

4.2 CONSULTANT shall provide corrective services without charge to the CITY for services which fail to meet the above standards and are reported to CONSULTANT in writing within sixty (60) days of discovery. Should the CONSULTANT fail or refuse to perform promptly its obligations under this warranty, the CITY may render or undertake the performance thereof and the CONSULTANT shall be liable for any expenses thereby incurred.

4.3 Retention of Records, Audit and Reports

CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records, including records of financial transactions, pertaining to the performance of this Contract, in their original form or as otherwise approved by CITY. These records shall be retained for a period of no less than three years from the later of the following: (1) final payment made by CITY, (2) the expiration of this Contract or (3) termination of this Contract. The records will be subject to examination and audit by authorized CITY personnel or CITY’S representatives at any time. CONTRACTOR shall provide any reports requested by CITY regarding performance of this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by CONTRACTOR for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

In lieu of retaining the records for the term as prescribed in this provision, CONTRACTOR may, upon CITY’S written approval, submit the required information to CITY in an electronic format, e.g. USB flash drive, at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

4.4 Not Used

4.5 Task Assignment

4.5.1 Assignment of Work

NTCW: Include in Sub-Article 4.5.1, the RFP language that describes how the initial list of firms will be created and how projects will be assigned to each of the firms on the list.

4.5.2 Scope of Services
NTCW: Furnish a narrative description of the scope of services which may include, but is not limited to, any of the following: Plans, Technical Specifications, General Conditions / General Requirements, Design Memorandum, Quantity Take Off, Classes "A" and "B" Cost Estimates, Annual O & M Cost Estimate, Operations Manual (Initial Draft), Geotechnical Studies, Special Studies, Survey, Calculations, Environmental Documentation, Value Engineering, Investigations, Research, Construction Schedules, and Construction Management.

If the project is to be designed by the consultant, the scope should include the language to require the consultant to procure an independent estimate from a cost estimating firm not affiliated with the design firm to validate both the Class “A” and Class “B” estimates.

4.6 Consultant Schedule of Services

NTCW: Sub-Article 4.6 should be reviewed and modified to reflect the scheduling procedure to be used specifically for this project.

4.6.1 The CONSULTANT shall prepare and submit to the ENGINEER a schedule of the services to be performed, within fifteen (15) calendar days, after receiving the CITY’S notice to proceed. This schedule shall consist of a detailed bar chart and shall be in the same format as the sample project schedule set forth in Exhibit A. The CONSULTANT shall perform the work in accordance with the approved schedule and prepare revisions and updates in a timely manner. The CITY may withhold payment to the CONSULTANT for failure to comply with requirements of this procedure.

4.6.2 The CONSULTANT’S schedule of services shall show the dates on which each part or division of the work is expected to be started and completed and shall show all submittals associated with each work activity, allowing a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days for the ENGINEER’S review of each submittal unless a longer period of time is specified elsewhere in this Contract or the Task Order. The work activities making up the schedule shall be of sufficient detail to assure that adequate planning has been done for proper execution of the work and such that it provides an appropriate basis for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the work. The bar chart shall show all major work items, points of interface with the CITY and milestone submittals. The CONSULTANT shall also submit a separate progress schedule listing all submittals required under the Contract and when it is anticipated that each submittal will be submitted. The ENGINEER will review the CONSULTANT’S schedules and provide comments relative to overall compliance with requirements of the Contract documents.

4.6.3 An updated schedule of services shall be submitted to the ENGINEER as specified in the Task Order. The submittal of the updated CONSULTANT’S schedule of services, which will satisfy the requirements of this Section, accurately reflects the status of the work and incorporates all changes into the
schedule. Updated schedules shall also be submitted at such other times as the ENGINEER may direct. Upon approval of an amendment or issuance of a notice to proceed with a change, the approved amendments shall be reflected in the next schedule update submittal by the CONSULTANT, or other update submittal approved by the ENGINEER. If specified in the Task Order, as a condition precedent to final payment, the CONSULTANT shall submit to the ENGINEER a final schedule of services that accurately reflects the manner in which the services were actually completed.

4.6.4 The CONSULTANT shall submit a written explanation with the original schedule submittal and show sufficient detail as to how the work is to be performed to enable the CITY to make an evaluation. If the explanation is not adequate to establish that the schedule is valid and practical, a review conference may be held to reach an understanding on required revisions. The CONSULTANT shall make such revisions in the schedule and narrative and resubmit within ten (10) calendar days after the conference unless granted an extension by the ENGINEER.

4.6.5 The CONSULTANT shall submit progress reports as specified in the Task Order. This may consist of a monthly narrative progress report and may include an updated schedule of services. The purpose of the report is to provide a brief description of the status of the work and to identify any problems and open issues that may affect timely completion.

4.6.6 As directed in the Contract or the Task Order, the CONSULTANT shall participate in progress meetings with the ENGINEER. These meetings shall be held monthly at the discretion of the ENGINEER. All meetings are to be comprehensively documented by the CONSULTANT and related documentation distributed to attendees.

**ARTICLE 5 - KEY CONSULTANT PERSONNEL**

| NTCW: | Replace the brackets with the names, titles, and functions of the key personnel assigned to the project by the Consultant. |

5.1 Unless otherwise provided or approved by the CITY, CONSULTANT shall use its own employees to perform the services described in this Contract. The CITY shall have the right to review and approve any personnel who are assigned to work under this Contract. CONSULTANT agrees to remove personnel from performing work under this Contract if requested to do so by the CITY.

5.2 CONSULTANT designates the following persons to implement the work: [Identify all key consultant personnel and their titles or functions. If no specific personnel can be designated at this time, replace first sentence with: CONSULTANT will designate key consultant personnel to implement the work on a task by task basis.] All technical specialists assigned to each task under this contract shall be subject to the ENGINEER’S approval.
5.3 CONSULTANT agrees that personnel assigned to these positions at the commencement of services under this Contract shall serve in these positions as long as required by the CITY, and CONSULTANT shall not change personnel assigned to these positions without the consent and approval of the ENGINEER, provided such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 6 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF AND TASKS TO BE PERFORMED BY CITY

NTCW: Replace the first set of brackets with the name of the Project Manager. The second set of brackets should be replaced with a list of the information the City will provide to the Consultant.

CITY designates [Name] as its ENGINEER, representing the CITY in all matters within the scope of this Contract relating to the conduct and approval of the work to be performed. Whenever the term "approval of CITY," "consult with CITY," "confer with CITY," or similar terms are used, they shall refer to the ENGINEER. The ENGINEER may designate an assistant to act in his stead.

The CITY shall furnish, without charge, [all standard plans and specifications and any other information which the CITY now has in its files that may be of use to CONSULTANT. ] The CITY shall also furnish the CONSULTANT with the following information to define the requirements of each task:

NTCW: Include a comprehensive list of the submittals and information that will be required by the Consultant and is specific to the task. Following is a sample listing of submittals:

- Concept Report
- The following drawings which represent the City’s conceptual design of the project:

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- Applicable Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans
- City of Los Angeles Standard Form General Conditions / General Requirements
- City of Los Angeles Master Technical Specifications Index and applicable Sections
- Applicable Procedural Memoranda
- Graphic Standards Manual
- Include the Public Affairs Office responsibilities, if applicable

ARTICLE 7 - TERM OF CONTRACT

NTCW: Insert the actual date of the expiration or the term of the contract.
Unless otherwise provided, the term of this Contract shall begin on the date of full execution of this Contract and shall expire [on Date / in X months/years] unless terminated as provided under Article 8 or extended by amendment to this Contract.

The date of full execution is defined as the date when all of the following events have occurred:

(a) This Contract has been signed on behalf of CONSULTANT by the person or persons authorized to bind CONSULTANT hereto;
(b) This Contract has been approved by the City Council and/or by the Board, officer or employee authorized to give such approval;
(c) The Office of the City Attorney has indicated in writing its approval of this Contract as to form; and
(d) This Contract has been signed on behalf of the CITY by the person designated by the City Council or by the Board, officer or employee authorized to enter into this Contract.

ARTICLE 8 - TERMINATION

NTCW: Article 8 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

A. Termination for Convenience
CITY may terminate this Contract for CITY’S convenience at any time by providing CONSULTANT thirty days written notice. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, CONSULTANT shall immediately take action not to incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses, except as may be necessary to terminate its activities. CITY shall pay CONSULTANT its reasonable and allowable costs through the effective date of termination and those reasonable and necessary costs incurred by CONSULTANT to effect the termination. Thereafter, CONSULTANT shall have no further claims against CITY under this Contract. All finished and unfinished documents and materials procured for or produced under this Contract, including all intellectual property rights CITY is entitled to, shall become CITY property upon the date of the termination. CONSULTANT agrees to execute any documents necessary for CITY to perfect, memorialize, or record CITY’S ownership of rights provided herein.

B. Termination for Breach of Contract
1. Except as provided in Article 20, if CONSULTANT fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract or so fails to make progress as to endanger timely performance of this Contract, CITY may give CONSULTANT written notice of the default. CITY’S default notice will indicate whether the default may be cured
and the time period to cure the default to the sole satisfaction of CITY. Additionally, CITY’S default notice may offer CONSULTANT an opportunity to provide CITY with a plan to cure the default, which shall be submitted to CITY within the time period allowed by CITY. At CITY’S sole discretion, CITY may accept or reject CONSULTANT’S plan. If the default cannot be cured or if CONSULTANT fails to cure within the period allowed by CITY, then CITY may terminate this Contract due to CONSULTANT’S breach of this Contract.

2. If the default under this Contract is due to CONSULTANT’S failure to maintain the insurance required under this Contract, CONSULTANT shall immediately: (1) suspend performance of any services under this Contract for which insurance was required; and (2) notify its employees and Subconsultants of the loss of insurance coverage and Consultant’s obligation to suspend performance of services. CONSULTANT shall not recommence performance until CONSULTANT is fully insured and in compliance with CITY’S requirements.

3. If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against CONSULTANT, or if CONSULTANT makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then CITY may immediately terminate this Contract.

4. If CONSULTANT engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract or violates CITY’S laws, regulations or policies relating to lobbying, then CITY may immediately terminate this Contract.

5. Acts of Moral Turpitude

a. CONSULTANT shall immediately notify CITY if CONSULTANT or any Key Person, as defined below, is charged with, indicted for, convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, any act which constitutes an offense involving moral turpitude under federal, state, or local laws (“Act of Moral Turpitude”).

b. If CONSULTANT or a Key Person is convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, an Act of Moral Turpitude, CITY may immediately terminate this Contract.

c. If CONSULTANT or a Key Person is charged with or indicted for an Act of Moral Turpitude, CITY may terminate this Contract after providing CONSULTANT an opportunity to present evidence of CONSULTANT’S ability to perform under the terms of this Contract.

d. Acts of Moral Turpitude include, but are not limited to: violent felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 667.5, crimes involving weapons, crimes resulting in serious bodily injury or death, serious felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 1192.7, and those crimes referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2); in addition to and including acts of murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery,
kidnapping, human trafficking, pimping, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, assault on a peace officer, mayhem, fraud, domestic abuse, elderly abuse, and child abuse, regardless of whether such acts are punishable by felony or misdemeanor conviction.

e. For the purposes of this provision, a Key Person is a principal, officer, or employee assigned to this Contract, or owner (directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries) of ten percent or more of the voting power or equity interests of CONSULTANT.

6. In the event CITY terminates this Contract as provided in this section, CITY may procure, upon such terms and in the manner as CITY may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and CONSULTANT shall be liable to CITY for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited to, any excess costs for such services.

7. If, after notice of termination of this Contract under the provisions of this section, it is determined for any reason that CONSULTANT was not in default under the provisions of this section, or that the default was excusable under the terms of this Contract, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to Article 8 Termination for Convenience.

8. The rights and remedies of CITY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

C. In the event that this Contract is terminated, CONSULTANT shall immediately notify all employees and Subconsultants, and shall notify in writing all other parties contracted with under the terms of this Contract within five working days of the termination.

**ARTICLE 9 - SUBCONSULTANT APPROVAL**

**NTCW:** Article 9 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant. Exhibit K should be downloaded from the Forms Library and provided to the Consultant for completion.

CONSULTANT shall not use subconsultants to assist in performance of this Contract without the prior written approval of the CITY. If the CITY permits the use of subconsultants, CONSULTANT shall remain responsible for performing all aspects of this Contract. The CONSULTANT is required to provide the CITY a list of all subconsultants including the name and address of the firms. Refer to **Exhibit K** for CONSULTANT and subconsultant information. The CITY has the right to approve CONSULTANT’S subconsultants and the CITY reserves the right to request replacement of subconsultants. The CITY does not have any obligation to pay CONSULTANT’S subconsultants and nothing herein creates any privity between the CITY and the subconsultants. Wholly-owned subsidiaries of CONSULTANT shall not be considered
subconsultants.

**Exhibit K** is not exclusive and upon written request by the CONSULTANT, additional subconsultants may be added with the approval of the ENGINEER. Substitution of any subconsultant requires approval from the BOARD.

**ARTICLE 10 - COMPENSATION, INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

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<th>NTCW: Replace the brackets with the negotiated Home Office and Field Office overhead rates. Include as Exhibit H, the document in which hourly rates are specified. <strong>NOTE: All Pre-Qualified On-Call consultant contract Task Orders are limited to $100K unless prior approval is received from the Board of Public Works. See Special Order 09-1204 for more information.</strong></th>
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Compensation for services provided under this Contract shall be provided on a Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate basis, a Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate basis, a Lump Sum basis, or a combination thereof, at the sole discretion of the CITY. For the Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate basis, compensation is defined as the sum of: (1) Hourly Salary Rates; (2) Overhead; (3) Other Direct Cost with no markup; (4) Subcontract Expenses plus administrative fee as stated herein; and (5) Profit as defined herein. For the Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Billing Rate basis, compensation is defined as the sum of: (1) Hourly Billing Rates; (2) Other Direct Cost with no markup; and (3) Subcontract Expenses plus administrative fee as stated herein. For the Lump Sum basis, compensation is defined solely as the Lump Sum.

10.1 Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate Basis

10.1.1 "Hourly Salary Rates” shall be at the rates approved by the ENGINEER, to be charged by CONSULTANT for employees’ time directly chargeable to their performance of the project work. Actual CONSULTANT salaries may be increased at the discretion of CONSULTANT’S management. However, Hourly Salary Rate increases are limited to once per year, per employee, on the anniversary date of the CONSULTANT’S Contract execution, and are subject to the approval of the ENGINEER. Any such increases shall be in accordance with established Bureau of Engineering policies existing at the time the adjustment is approved. In no case shall the "Hourly Salary Rates” exceed the actual salary rates paid to the employee.

If a CONSULTANT employee is promoted to a new classification or position, documentation shall be provided to the ENGINEER. CONSULTANT shall provide explanation of the higher responsibilities of the CONSULTANT employee in the new classification or position. CONSULTANT may increase the Hourly Salary Rate due to promotion, subject to the approval of the ENGINEER.

Subconsultant Hourly Salary Rates are negotiated by Task Order. Any adjustments to subconsultants’ Hourly Salary Rates for a Task Order shall be reviewed and approved by the ENGINEER prior to invoicing. Adjustments to
subconsultants’ Hourly Salary Rates may be increased one time per year, per employee, on the anniversary date of the CONSULTANT’S Contract execution, and are subject to approval of the ENGINEER. Any such increases shall be in accordance with established Bureau of Engineering policies existing at the time the adjustment is approved.

10.1.2 "Overhead" (including payroll burden, general and administrative expenses, and all other expenses not included in Section 10.1.3) shall be at a rate applied to Hourly Salary Rate. Payroll burden includes the cost of benefits for employees including, but not limited to, employer paid costs for employee insurance programs, employer-paid payroll-related taxes, sick leave, holidays, vacation and retirement. Overhead for this Consultant Services Contract is fixed for the duration of the Contract at a rate of [Insert Rate] percent for CONSULTANT personnel located in the CONSULTANT’S Office and fixed at a rate of [Insert Rate] percent for CONSULTANT personnel located in a CITY office. At the ENGINEER’S discretion, the subconsultants’ overhead rates are subject to review and approval by the ENGINEER and shall remain fixed for the duration of the Contract.

The CONSULTANT Office rate shall apply to CONSULTANT personnel on temporary assignment, not to exceed one month, at one of the CITY’S offices. The CITY Office rate shall apply when the CONSULTANT personnel are on assignment at one of the CITY’S offices for a period exceeding one month. The overhead rate selection for every CONSULTANT employee shall be approved by the ENGINEER.

10.1.3 “Other Direct Cost” includes those costs of CONSULTANT directly identifiable to or incurred in the performance of services hereunder, including but not limited to reproduction, freight, messenger service, travel (in accordance with established CITY policies), equipment rented by CONSULTANT, auto rental (as approved within the Consultant Travel Authorization form, Exhibit I), and mileage charges (based on IRS allowable amounts). Expenses related to CONSULTANT travel will be reimbursed based upon the CITY’S policies and procedures that are in place at the time when the CONSULTANT Contract is fully executed. CONSULTANT must obtain CITY approval prior to incurring any travel expenses. Travel-related questions can be referred to the Contact Person as listed in Article 19. Any specialized items purchased for the task at the request of the CITY shall be charged to the CITY, and shall become the property of the CITY and delivered to the CITY upon request. Any other items purchased for the task shall be the property of the CONSULTANT, shall not be charged to the CITY, and will not be reimbursed. Communication expenses, cost of office space, equipment, and supplies furnished to CITY personnel at CONSULTANT’S location shall be paid by the CITY. The CITY shall receive the full benefit of any free travel, frequent flyer mileage, discounts and/or any other advantages which are acquired by the CONSULTANT as a result of CITY sponsored travel.

10.1.4 "Subcontract Expenses" shall be the actual amount paid by CONSULTANT to subconsultant for their services to the CITY plus an administrative fee of five (5)
percent. A maximum fee of five (5) percent may also be applied to the actual amount paid to consultants below the tier of subconsultant.

10.1.5 "Profit" shall be limited to ten (10) percent and shall be applied to the summation of "Hourly Salary Rates” and “Overhead”.

10.2 Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate Basis

Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate is a method of compensation whereby CONSULTANT is compensated on an hourly basis pursuant to established Hourly Billing Rates set forth in Exhibit H. The Hourly Billing Rates shall be approved by the ENGINEER for CONSULTANT employees' time directly chargeable to their performance of the project work. The Hourly Billing Rate shall include salary, fringe benefits, overhead, profit and all other business expenses incurred by CONSULTANT. Reimbursement for Other Direct Costs and Subcontract Expenses shall be in accordance with Sections 10.1.3 and 10.1.4 of this CONTRACT.

Actual CONSULTANT salaries may be increased at the discretion of CONSULTANT'S management. However, Hourly Billing Rate increases are limited to once per year, per employee, on the anniversary date of the CONSULTANT’S Contract execution, and are subject to the approval of the ENGINEER. Any adjustments to the CONSULTANT'S Hourly Billing Rates for a Task Order shall be in accordance with established Bureau of Engineering policies, existing at the time the adjustment is approved.

If a CONSULTANT employee is promoted to a new classification or position, documentation shall be provided to the ENGINEER. CONSULTANT shall provide explanation of the higher responsibilities of the CONSULTANT employee in the new classification or position. CONSULTANT may increase the Hourly Billing Rate due to promotion, subject to the approval of the ENGINEER.

Subconsultant Hourly Billing Rates are negotiated by Task Order. Any adjustments to subconsultants’ Hourly Billing Rates shall be reviewed and approved by the ENGINEER prior to invoicing. Adjustments to subconsultants’ Hourly Billing Rates may be increased one time per year, per employee, on the anniversary date of the CONSULTANT’S Contract execution, and are subject to approval of the ENGINEER. Any such increases shall be in accordance with established Bureau of Engineering policies existing at the time the adjustment is approved.

10.3 Lump Sum Basis

Lump Sum Basis is a method of compensation whereby CONSULTANT is compensated for designated milestones for a specific task order. All of the CONSULTANT’S costs including employee salaries, overhead, other direct costs, subcontract expenses, and profit are included in the Lump Sum Amount.

10.4 Prevailing Wages

For only those workers qualifying for Prevailing Wages, the CONSULTANT shall
comply with the following requirements.

10.4.1 The CONSULTANT shall comply with all provisions of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to Public Works wages, and in specific, with those requiring the CONSULTANT: (1) to pay not less than the “General Prevailing Wage Rates” to all workers employed during the work, and (2) to post a copy of the “General Prevailing Wage Rates” at the employee’s place of work, in a conspicuous place available to all employees and applicants for employment.

10.4.2 The “General Prevailing Wage Rates” shall be the rates determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California. Copies of said rates are on file with the BOARD.

10.4.3 The CONSULTANT and the CONSULTANT’S subconsultants shall pay the full amount due at the time of payment computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination division applicable to the work regardless of any contractor relationship which may be alleged to exist between the CONSULTANT and such subconsultant.

10.4.4 Prevailing Wages set by the State of California can differ depending on the area within the State and may be set outside the anniversary date of the CONSULTANT’S Contract execution. To obtain the most current prevailing wage rates, contact the Office of Contract Compliance at (213) 847-2662. The rates are also available on the internet at www.dir.ca.gov.

10.4.5 Hourly Salary Rates or Hourly Billing Rates that include applicable Prevailing Wage rates may vary from the Hourly Salary Rates or Hourly Billing Rates that do not include applicable Prevailing Wage Rates.

10.5 Proposed Project Cost Breakdown

At the discretion of the ENGINEER, the Sample Proposed Project Cost Breakdown (Exhibit B), attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, may be used or modified for the estimated total cost by task for each Task Order. For Task Orders specifying a Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate compensation method, the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown shall be based upon the estimated hours of labor at estimated Hourly Salary Rates, the allocated overhead, Other Direct Cost, Subcontract Expenses, and profit. For Task Orders specifying a Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate compensation method, the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown shall be based upon the estimated hours of labor at estimated Hourly Billing Rates, Other Direct Cost, and Subcontract Expenses. For Task Orders specifying a Lump Sum compensation method, the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown shall set forth the total project cost and the appropriate payment milestones.

The amounts shown for each task on a Proposed Project Cost Breakdown are estimates only, and unexpended funds allocated for one task may be used for another task as long as the total Cost Breakdown specified in the Task Order is not exceeded. Such reallocation of funds must have the prior written approval of the ENGINEER.
10.6 Compensation

CONSULTANT agrees to perform the work specified in Article 4.5.2, and CITY shall compensate CONSULTANT on a Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate basis, a Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate basis, a Lump Sum basis, or a combination thereof, at the sole discretion of the ENGINEER. ENGINEER shall designate the compensation method in the Task Orders to be issued under this Contract. If the Task Order Solicitation specifies the compensation as being on a Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate basis or a Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate basis, payment shall be made in accordance with the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown to be provided for ENGINEER approval prior to issuance of Notice to Proceed for any Task under this Contract. Hourly Salary Rates, Hourly Billing Rates, Subcontract Expenses, Overhead, and Other Direct Costs shall be in accordance with rates set herein. The total cost ceiling shall be stated in the Task Order.

If the Task Order Solicitation specifies the compensation as being on a Lump Sum basis, payment shall be made upon the satisfactory completion of the tasks or milestones as set forth in the Task Order. The total cost ceiling shall be stated in the Task Order.

10.7 Invoicing and Payment

10.7.1 For Task Orders specifying a Cost Reimbursement – Hourly Salary Rate basis or a Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate basis method of payment, CONSULTANT shall, once each month, submit to ENGINEER an original and three (3) copies of a complete and valid invoice with required back up documents in a format acceptable to the CITY which will include all costs for services provided during the preceding month. ENGINEER shall review CONSULTANT’S invoice and notify CONSULTANT of exceptions or disputed items and their dollar value within fifteen (15) days of receipt. The total invoice amount, less any exceptions or disputed items shall be considered approved for payment fifteen (15) days after receipt by the ENGINEER. If the ENGINEER does not notify CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of receipt, then the entire invoice amount shall be deemed approved for payment.

10.7.2 For Task Orders specifying a Lump Sum method of payment, CONSULTANT shall submit to ENGINEER, upon the satisfactory completion of each task/milestone, an original and three (3) copies of a complete and valid invoice in a format acceptable to the ENGINEER. ENGINEER shall review CONSULTANT’S invoices and notify CONSULTANT of exceptions or disputed items and their dollar value within fifteen (15) days of receipt. The total invoice amount, less any exceptions or disputed items shall be considered approved for payment fifteen (15) days after receipt by the ENGINEER. If the ENGINEER does not notify CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of receipt, then the entire invoice amount shall be deemed approved for payment.

10.7.3 Invoices shall be prepared in such form and supported by such copies of invoices, payrolls, time sheets, and other documents of proof as may be required by
ENGINEER to establish the amount of such invoices for allowable expenses.

10.7.4 CITY shall pay CONSULTANT all amounts approved for payment within sixty (60) days after ENGINEER receives CONSULTANT’S correct and valid invoice, including all required documentation.

10.7.5 The CITY will not pay for CONSULTANT’S nor subconsultant’s personnel for invoice preparation. The CITY will not pay for CONSULTANT’S nor subconsultant’s communications expenses and computer lease, rental or hourly time charges.

10.7.6 A MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE Utilization Profile (Exhibit C-Schedule C), listing MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE amounts invoiced shall also be submitted as part of the monthly invoice. CONSULTANT must provide an explanation for any item that falls short of the planned utilization with specific plans and recommendations for recovering any shortfalls in utilization. No such invoice shall be paid without the MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE Utilization Profile.

10.7.7 All invoices shall be subject to audit. Support for any Other Direct Cost items less than $25 need not be submitted by CONSULTANT unless specifically requested by CITY.

10.7.8 All charges related to the performance of the CONSULTANT’S work for any Task Order, including the work of any subcontractors or subconsultants, shall be invoiced to the CITY within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the final task documents. The CITY will not reimburse the CONSULTANT for any charges related to any Task Order invoiced to the CITY after sixty (60) days of the issuance of the final task documents.

10.7.9 If the project requires and if mutually agreed upon by the CONSULTANT and the CITY, specialty subconsultant services may be requested on a specific project Task Order. The Cost Reimbursement - Hourly Billing Rate method of compensation will be used when invoicing the CITY for the specialty subconsultant services. Hourly Billing Rates shall be at the rates approved by the ENGINEER to be charged by the subconsultant for employees’ time directly chargeable to their performance of the project work. The Hourly Billing Rate shall include salary, fringe benefits, overhead, profit and all other business expenses incurred by the subconsultant.

10.7.10 CONSULTANT shall notify the ENGINEER in writing when costs reach 75 percent (75%) of the amount authorized for the Task Order. Failure to provide written notification may result in late payment of invoices.

10.7.11 CITY shall not be obligated to reimburse CONSULTANT for costs incurred in excess of the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown set forth. CONSULTANT shall not be obligated to continue performance (including actions under the temporary stop work or termination clauses) or otherwise incur costs in excess of the
Proposed Project Cost Breakdown, either, unless and until, ENGINEER shall have notified CONSULTANT in writing, or, unless and until CONSULTANT notifies ENGINEER prior to work and ENGINEER agrees to additional work in writing, that such Proposed Project Cost Breakdown has been increased and shall have specified in such notice an estimated Proposed Project Cost Breakdown which shall thereupon constitute the cost performance of this Contract. In the absence of the specified notice, CITY shall not be obligated to reimburse CONSULTANT for any costs in excess of the Proposed Project Cost Breakdown set forth, whether those costs were incurred during the course of the Contract or as a result of termination.

10.7.12 CITY liability under this Contract shall only be to the extent of the present appropriation to fund the Contract. No action, statement, or omission of any officer, agent, or employee of CITY shall impose any obligation upon CITY, such officer, agent, or employee, except to the extent CITY has appropriated funds and otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

CONSULTANT and CITY agree that no indebtedness for work performed which results in costs under this Contract shall arise against CITY until and unless there is an appropriation of funds to pay for such work. However, if CITY shall appropriate funds for any successive fiscal years, CITY’S liability shall be extended to the extent of such appropriation subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

ARTICLE 11 - AMENDMENTS, CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS

NCTW: Article 11 contains standard contract language reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

Amendments, changes or modifications to the terms of this Contract may be made at any time by mutual written agreement between the parties hereto and shall be signed by the persons authorized to bind the parties thereto and approved pursuant to the provisions of Article 7.

ARTICLE 12 - INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

NCTW: Article 12 contains standard contract language reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

12.1 Indemnification

Except for the active negligence or willful misconduct of the CITY, or any of its Boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest, CONSULTANT undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and any of its Boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest from and against all suits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in-house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by the
CITY, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including CONSULTANT'S employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of the negligent acts, errors, omissions or willful misconduct incident to the performance of this Contract by CONSULTANT or its subconsultants of any tier. Rights and remedies available to the CITY under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Contract and those allowed under the laws of the United States, the State of California, and the CITY. The provisions of Article 12 shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

12.2 Insurance

During the term of this Contract and without limiting CONSULTANT’S indemnification of the CITY, CONSULTANT shall provide and maintain at its own expense, a program of insurance having the coverage and limits customarily carried and actually arranged by CONSULTANT, but not less than the amounts and types listed on the Required Insurance and Minimum Limits sheet (Form Gen 146 in Exhibit D hereto), covering its operations hereunder. Such insurance shall conform to CITY requirements established by Charter, ordinance or policy, shall comply with the Insurance Contractual Requirements (Form General 133 in Exhibit D hereto) and shall otherwise be in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management. CONSULTANT shall comply with all Insurance Contractual Requirements shown on Exhibit D hereto. Exhibit D is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

ARTICLE 13 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

NTCW: Article 13 contains standard contract language reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT is acting hereunder as an independent consultant and not as an agent or employee of the CITY. CONSULTANT shall not represent or otherwise hold out itself or any of its directors, officers, partners, employees, or agents to be an agent or employee of the CITY.

ARTICLE 14 - WARRANTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CONSULTANT

NTCW: Article 14 contains standard contract language reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

14.1 CONSULTANT warrants that the work hereunder shall be completed in a manner consistent with professional standards practiced among those firms within CONSULTANT’S profession, doing the same or similar work under the same or similar circumstances.

14.2 CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services furnished by CONSULTANT under this Contract. CONSULTANT
shall, at no additional cost to CITY, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in its designs, drawings, specifications, reports, calculations, and other services.

14.3 The CONSULTANT shall exhibit proper professional judgment in the use of information furnished by CITY in Article 6. In the event that said information is not delivered timely or that it is discovered to be incorrect or misleading, CONSULTANT will notify the CITY in a reasonable manner after the discovery of such tardiness or incorrect or misleading information and promptly make a determination of its costs and schedule impact on this Contract, as well as recommendations for the correction of such incorrect or misleading information.

14.4 CONSULTANT shall perform such professional services as may be necessary to accomplish the work required to be performed under this Contract in accordance with this Contract.

14.5 Except as specified in Article 12 and as otherwise provided in this Contract, the CONSULTANT shall be and shall remain liable, in accordance with applicable law, for all damages to CITY caused by CONSULTANT’S negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Contract, except for errors, omissions, or other deficiencies to the extent attributable to CITY, CITY-furnished data, or any third party.

**ARTICLE 15 - OWNERSHIP OF DATA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**NTCW:** Article 15 contains language written and approved by the City Attorney’s Office and cannot be modified by Engineering or the Consultant without the express consent of the City Attorney’s Office.

15.1 Ownership of Data and License

15.1.1 Unless otherwise provided for herein, all Work Products originated and prepared by CONSULTANT or its subconsultants of any tier under this Contract shall be and remain the exclusive property of the CITY for its use in any manner it deems appropriate. Work Products are all works, tangible or not, created under this Contract including, without limitation, documents, material, data, reports, manuals, specifications, artwork, drawings, sketches, computer programs and databases, schematics, photographs, video and audiovisual recordings, sound recordings, marks, logos, graphic designs, notes, websites, domain names, inventions, processes, formulas, matters and combinations thereof, and all forms of intellectual property. CONSULTANT hereby assigns, and agrees to assign, all goodwill, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret and all other intellectual property rights worldwide in any Work Products originated and prepared by CONSULTANT under this Contract. CONSULTANT further agrees to execute any documents necessary for the CITY to perfect, memorialize, or record the CITY’S ownership of rights provided herein.
15.1.2 With regard to the basis for design calculations and engineering notes, such data shall be provided to the CITY in (a) hard cover post binder(s), appropriately indexed, on thin Mylar stock or good quality paper satisfactory for reproduction.

15.1.3 For all Work Products delivered to the CITY that are not originated or prepared by CONSULTANT or its subconsultants of any tier under this Contract, CONSULTANT hereby grants a non-exclusive perpetual license to use such Work Products for any CITY purposes.

15.1.4 CONSULTANT shall not provide or disclose any Work Products to any third party without prior written consent of the CITY.

15.1.5 All documents, information and pre-existing materials provided by CITY to CONSULTANT and its subconsultants arising out of or related to this Contract shall remain the property of the CITY. The CONSULTANT may not use, distribute or otherwise make public in any manner, either for profit or not for profit, any of the information, documentation, or procedures developed for the CITY hereunder without the prior written consent of the CITY. CONSULTANT further agrees to execute any documents necessary for the CITY to perfect, memorialize, or record the CITY’S ownership of rights.

15.1.6 Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT relating to this Contract, to the extent allowed hereunder, shall include a like provision for work to be performed under this Contract to contractually bind or otherwise obligate its subconsultants performing work under this Contract such that the CITY’S ownership and license rights of all Work Products are preserved and protected as intended herein. Failure of CONSULTANT to comply with this requirement or to obtain the compliance of its subconsultants with such obligations shall subject CONSULTANT to the imposition of any and all sanctions allowed by law, including but not limited to termination of CONSULTANT’S Contract with the CITY.

15.1.7 CONSULTANT agrees that a monetary remedy for breach of this Contract may be inadequate, impracticable, or difficult to prove and that a breach may cause CITY irreparable harm. CITY may therefore enforce this requirement by seeking injunctive relief and specific performance, without any necessity of showing actual damage or irreparable harm. Seeking injunctive relief or specific performance does not preclude CITY from seeking or obtaining any other relief to which CITY may be entitled.

15.2 Intellectual Property Warranty

15.2.1 CONSULTANT represents and warrants that its performance of all obligations under this Contract does not infringe in any way, directly or contributorily, upon any third party’s intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, rights of publicity and proprietary information.
15.3 **Intellectual Property Indemnification**

15.3.1 CONSULTANT, at its own expense, undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the CITY, and any of its Boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all suits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney’s fees (both in-house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by the CITY, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever arising out of the infringement, actual or alleged, direct or contributory, of any intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, rights of publicity and proprietary information (1) on or in any design, medium, matter, article, process, method, application, equipment, device, instrumentation, software, hardware, or firmware used by CONSULTANT, or its subconsultants of any tier, in performing the work under this Contract; or (2) as a result of the CITY’S actual or intended use of any Work Product furnished by CONSULTANT, or its subconsultants of any tier, under the Contract. Rights and remedies available to the CITY under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Contract and those allowed under the laws of the United States, the State of California, and the CITY. The provisions of Article 15 shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

15.3.2 In CONSULTANT’S defense of the CITY defendants, negotiation, compromise, and settlement of any such infringement action, the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office shall retain discretion in and control of the litigation, negotiation, compromise, settlement, and appeals therefrom, as required by the Los Angeles City Charter, particularly Article II, Sections 271, 272 and 273 thereof.

15.3.3 Where any Work Product furnished by CONSULTANT (a) becomes the subject of an action, (b) is adjudicated as infringing a third party’s Intellectual Property right, or (c) has its use enjoined or license terminated; CONSULTANT shall, with the CITY’S consent, do one of the following immediately. CONSULTANT shall at its expense either:

i) procure for the CITY the right or license to continue using the Work Product; or

ii) replace the Work Product with a functionally equivalent, non-infringing product.

Exercise of any of the above-mentioned options shall not cause undue business interruption to the CITY or diminish the intended benefits and use of the Work Product by the CITY under this Contract.

**ARTICLE 16 - MANDATORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**
Unless otherwise exempt, this Contract is subject to the applicable non-discrimination, equal benefits, equal employment practices, and affirmative action program provisions in LAAC Section 10.8 et seq., as amended from time to time.

A. CONSULTANT shall comply with the applicable non-discrimination and affirmative action provisions of the laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and CITY. In performing this Contract, CONSULTANT shall not discriminate in any of its hiring or employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of such person’s race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, disability, domestic partner status, marital status or medical condition.

B. The requirements of Section 10.8.2.1 of the LAAC, the Equal Benefits Ordinance, and the provisions of Section 10.8.2.1(f) are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference.

C. The provisions of Section 10.8.3 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the “Equal Employment Practices” provisions of this Contract.

D. The provisions of Section 10.8.4 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the “Affirmative Action Program” provisions of this Contract.

Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

ARTICLE 17 – BUSINESS INCLUSION PROGRAM

CONSULTANT agrees and obligates itself to utilize the services of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Other Business Enterprise (OBE) firms on a level so designated in its proposal. CONSULTANT certifies that it has complied with the Business Inclusion Program outreach requirements of Mayoral Executive Directive 14, which is included as Attachment [ ] to the [ Request for Proposal / Qualifications]. CONSULTANT shall not change any of the designated subconsultants or reduce their level of effort without prior written approval of the CITY provided that such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
Information Form (Exhibit C – Schedule A) along with their proposal. During the term of the contract, the CONSULTANT must submit the MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE Utilization Profile (Exhibit C - Schedule B) when submitting an invoice to the City. Upon expiration or termination of the contract, a summary of these records shall be prepared on the "Final Subcontracting Report" form (Exhibit C - Schedule C) and certified correct by the CONSULTANT or its authorized representative. The completed form shall be furnished to the CITY within 15 working days after expiration or termination of the contract.

CONSULTANT agrees and obligates itself to utilize the services of Minority, Women, Small, Emerging, Disabled Veteran, and Other Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE) firms on a level so designated in its proposal, if any. The CITY has set anticipated participation levels of [18] % MBE, [4]% WBE, [25]% SBE, [8]% EBE, and [3]% DVBE.

**ARTICLE 18 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

**NTCW:** Article 18 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be changed by Engineering or the Consultant.

All of the terms, conditions, and provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns provided, however, that no assignment of the Contract shall be made without written consent of the parties to this Contract as required under Article 32.

**ARTICLE 19 - CONTACT PERSONS - PROPER ADDRESSES - NOTIFICATION**

**NTCW:** Replace the brackets with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of both the City’s and Consultant’s contacts. If notices will be sent by e-mail, adjust the language accordingly.

All notices shall be made in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by mail. Such notices sent by mail should be registered or certified and sent to the designated contact person for each party and addressed as follows:

To the CITY:
Contact Person: [ Name ], [ Title ]
Address: [ Provide Address ]

To CONSULTANT:
Contact Person: [ Name ], [ Title ]
Address: [ Provide Address ]

**ARTICLE 20 - EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

**NTCW:** Article 20 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City
Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Neither party shall be liable for its delay or failure to perform any obligation under and in accordance with this Contract, if the delay or failure arises out of fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by the party or any of the party's Subconsultants), freight embargoes, terrorist acts, insurrections or other civil disturbances, or other similar events to those described above, but in each case the delay or failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party delayed or failing to perform (these events are referred to in this provision as "Force Majeure Events").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a delay or failure to perform by a Subconsultant of CONSULTANT shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event, unless the delay or failure arises out of causes beyond the control of both CONSULTANT and Subconsultant, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, CONSULTANT shall not be liable for the delay or failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subconsultant were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit CONSULTANT to perform timely. As used in this Contract, the term "Subconsultant" means a subconsultant at any tier.

In the event CONSULTANT’S delay or failure to perform arises out of a Force Majeure Event, CONSULTANT agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain the goods or services from other sources, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by the Force Majeure Event.

ARTICLE 21 - SEVERABILITY

NTCW: Article 21 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Should any portion of this Contract be determined to be void or unenforceable, such shall be severed from the whole and the Contract will continue as modified.

ARTICLE 22 - DISPUTES

NTCW: Article 22 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Should a dispute or controversy arise concerning provisions of this Contract or the performance of work hereunder, the parties may elect to submit such to a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 23 - ENTIRE CONTRACT

NTCW: Article 23 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.
This Contract sets forth all of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and replaces any and all previous Contracts or understandings, whether written or oral, relating thereto. This Contract may be amended only as provided for in Article 11 hereof.

ARTICLE 24 - APPLICABLE LAW, INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Each party’s performance hereunder shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and the CITY, including but not limited to, laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, wage and hours and licensing laws which affect employees. This Contract shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. CONSULTANT shall comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, and/or procedures that apply to the performance of this Contract.

In any action arising out of this Contract, CONSULTANT consents to personal jurisdiction, and agrees to bring all such actions, exclusively in state or federal courts located in Los Angeles County, California.

If any part, term or provision of this Contract is held void, illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law of a federal, state or local government having jurisdiction over this Contract, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions of the Contract shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE 25 - CURRENT LOS ANGELES CITY BUSINESS TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

If applicable, CONSULTANT represents that it has obtained and presently holds the Business Tax Registration Certificate(s) required by the CITY’S Business Tax Ordinance, Section 21.00 et seq. of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. For the term covered by this Contract, CONSULTANT shall maintain, or obtain as necessary, all such Certificates required of it under the Business Tax Ordinance, and shall not allow any such Certificate to be revoked or suspended.

ARTICLE 26 - BONDS
All bonds required by CITY shall be filed with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management for its review and acceptance in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (“LAAC”) Sections 11.47 et seq., as amended from time to time.

**ARTICLE 27 - CHILD SUPPORT ASSIGNMENT ORDERS**

| NTCW: | Article 27 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant. |

This Contract is subject to the Child Support Assignment Orders Ordinance, Section 10.10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as amended from time to time. CONSULTANT is required to complete a Certification of Compliance with Child Support Obligations which is attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by this reference. Pursuant to the Child Support Assignment Orders Ordinance, CONSULTANT will fully comply with all applicable state and federal employment reporting requirements for CONSULTANT’S employees. CONSULTANT shall also certify (1) that the principal owner(s) of CONSULTANT is (are) in compliance with any Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment applicable to them personally; (2) that CONSULTANT will fully comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment in accordance with Section 5230, et seq. of the California Family Code; and (3) that CONSULTANT will maintain such compliance throughout the term of this Contract.

Pursuant to Section 10.10(b) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, failure of CONSULTANT to comply with all applicable reporting requirements or to implement lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment, or the failure of any principal owner(s) of CONSULTANT to comply with any Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders or Notices of Assignment applicable to them personally, shall constitute a default by the CONSULTANT under this Contract, subjecting this Contract to termination if such default shall continue for more than ninety (90) days after notice of such default to CONSULTANT by the CITY.

Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT, to the extent allowed hereunder, shall include a like provision for work to be performed under this Contract. Failure of CONSULTANT to obtain compliance of its subconsultants shall constitute a default by CONSULTANT under this Contract, subjecting this Contract to termination where such default shall continue for more than ninety (90) days after notice of such default to CONSULTANT by the CITY.

CONSULTANT certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, it is fully complying with the Earnings Assignment Orders of all employees, and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the Employment Development Department as set forth in Section 7110(b) of the California Public Contract Code.

**ARTICLE 28 - LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE**
CONSULTANT shall comply with the Living Wage Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.37 et seq., as amended from time to time. CONSULTANT further agrees that it shall comply with federal law proscribing retaliation for union organizing. Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**ARTICLE 29 – WORKER RETENTION ORDINANCE**

CONSULTANT shall comply with the Worker Retention Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.36 et seq., as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by CONTRACTOR for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**ARTICLE 30 - ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

CONSULTANT represents and certifies that:


B. CONSULTANT shall not discriminate on the basis of disability or on the basis of a person’s relationship to, or association with, a person who has a disability;

C. CONSULTANT shall provide reasonable accommodation upon request to ensure equal access to CITY-funded programs, services and activities;

D. Construction will be performed in accordance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), 24 C.F.R. Part 40; and

E. The buildings and facilities used to provide services under this Contract are in compliance with the federal and state standards for accessibility as set forth in the 2010 ADA Standards, California Title 24, Chapter 11, or other applicable federal and state law.

CONSULTANT understands that CITY is relying upon these certifications and
representations as a condition to funding this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**ARTICLE 31 - WAIVER**

**NTCW:** Article 31 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

A waiver of a default of any part, term or provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any succeeding default or as a waiver of the part, term or provision itself. A party’s performance after the other party’s default shall not be construed as a waiver of that default.

**ARTICLE 32 - PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT OR DELEGATION**

**NTCW:** Article 32 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT may not, unless it has first obtained the written permission of the CITY:

(a) Assign or otherwise alienate any of its rights under this Contract, including the right to payment; or

(b) Delegate, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any of its duties under this Contract.

**ARTICLE 33 - PERMITS**

**NTCW:** Article 33 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT and its directors, officers, partners, agents, employees and subconsultants, to the extent allowed hereunder, shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, certifications and other documents necessary for CONSULTANT’S performance hereunder and shall pay any fees required therefor. CONSULTANT certifies to immediately notify the CITY of any suspension, termination, lapses, non-renewals, or restrictions of licenses, permits, certificates, or other documents.

**ARTICLE 34 - CLAIMS FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS**

**NTCW:** Article 34 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT shall promptly pay when due all amounts payable for labor and materials furnished in the performance of this Contract so as to prevent any lien or other claim.
under any provision of law from arising against any CITY property (including reports, documents, and other tangible or intangible matter produced by CONSULTANT hereunder), against CONSULTANT’S rights to payments hereunder, or against the CITY, and shall pay all amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to such labor.

ARTICLE 35 – BEST TERMS

NTCW: Article 35 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Throughout the term of this Contract, CONSULTANT, shall offer CITY the best terms, prices, and discounts that are offered to any of CONSULTANT’S customers for similar goods and services provided under this Contract.

ARTICLE 36 - CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE

NTCW: Article 36 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT shall comply with the Contractor Responsibility Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.40 et seq., as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 37 - BREACH

NTCW: Article 37 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Except for excusable delays as described in Article 20, if any party fails to perform, in whole or in part, any promise, covenant, or agreement set forth herein, or should any representation made by it be untrue, any aggrieved party may avail itself of all rights and remedies, at law or equity, in the courts of law. Said rights and remedies are cumulative of those provided for herein except that in no event shall any party recover more than once, suffer a penalty or forfeiture, or be unjustly compensated.

ARTICLE 38 - SLAVERY DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

NTCW: The Slavery Disclosure Ordinance (SDO) is applicable to most personal services contracts. Exceptions to the SDO are described in Section 10.41.3 of the Administrative Code.

CONSULTANT shall comply with the Slavery Disclosure Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.41 et seq., as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

ARTICLE 39 - RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN CITY
ELECTIONS

NTCW: Article 39 contains standard contract language that has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Unless otherwise exempt, if this Contract is valued at $100,000 or more and requires approval by an elected CITY office, CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT’S principals, and CONSULTANT’S Subconsultants expected to receive at least $100,000 for performance under the Contract, and the principals of those Subconsultants (the “Restricted Persons”) shall comply with Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35. Failure to comply entitles CITY to terminate this Contract and to pursue all available legal remedies. Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35 limit the ability of the Restricted Persons to make campaign contributions to and engage in fundraising for certain elected CITY officials or candidates for elected CITY office for twelve months after this Contract is signed. Additionally, a CONSULTANT subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) is required to comply with disclosure requirements by submitting a completed and signed Ethics Commission Form 55 and to amend the information in that form as specified by law. Any CONSULTANT subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) shall include the following notice in any contract with any Subconsultant expected to receive at least $100,000 for performance under this Contract:

“Notice Regarding Restrictions on Campaign Contributions and Fundraising in City Elections You are a subconsultant on City of Los Angeles Contract #_____________. Pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, you and your principals are prohibited from making campaign contributions to and fundraising for certain elected City of Los Angeles (“CITY”) officials and candidates for elected CITY office for twelve months after the CITY contract is signed. You are required to provide the names and contact information of your principals to the CONSULTANT and to amend that information within ten business days if it changes during the twelve month time period. Failure to comply may result in termination of this Contract and any other available legal remedies. Information about the restrictions may be found online at ethics.lacity.org or by calling the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.”

ARTICLE 40 – FIRST SOURCE HIRING ORDINANCE

NTCW: Article 40 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT shall comply with the First Source Hiring Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.44 et seq., as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

ARTICLE 41 – IRAN CONTRACTING ACT

NTCW: Article 41 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the City
In accordance with California Public Contract Code Sections 2200-2208, all bidders submitting proposals for, entering into, or renewing contracts with the City of Los Angeles for goods and services estimated at $1,000,000 or more are required to complete, sign, and submit the “Iran Contracting Act of 2010 Compliance Affidavit” Exhibit L.

ARTICLE 42 – SUSPENSION

At CITY’S sole discretion, CITY may suspend any or all services provided under this Contract by providing CONSULTANT with written notice of suspension. Upon receipt of the notice of suspension, CONSULTANT shall immediately cease the services suspended and shall not incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses to CITY until CITY gives written notice to recommence the services.

ARTICLE 43 – DATA PROTECTION

A. CONSULTANT shall protect, using the most secure means and technology that is commercially available, CITY-provided data or consumer-provided data acquired in the course and scope of this Contract, including but not limited to customer lists and customer credit card or consumer data, (collectively, the “City Data”). CONSULTANT shall notify CITY in writing as soon as reasonably feasible, and in any event within twenty-four hours, of CONSULTANT’S discovery or reasonable belief of any unauthorized access of City Data (a “Data Breach”), or of any incident affecting, or potentially affecting City Data related to cyber security (a “Security Incident”), including, but not limited to, denial of service attack, and system outage, instability or degradation due to computer malware or virus. CONSULTANT shall begin remediation immediately. CONSULTANT shall provide daily updates, or more frequently if required by CITY, regarding findings and actions performed by CONSULTANT until the Data Breach or Security Incident has been effectively resolved to CITY’S satisfaction. CONSULTANT shall conduct an investigation of the Data Breach or Security Incident and shall share the report of the investigation with CITY. At CITY’S sole discretion, CITY and its authorized agents shall have the right to lead or participate in the investigation. CONSULTANT shall cooperate fully with CITY, its agents and law enforcement.
B. If CITY is subject to liability for any Data Breach or Security Incident, then CONSULTANT shall fully indemnify and hold harmless CITY and defend against any resulting actions.

ARTICLE 44 - CONSULTANTS’ USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY FOR CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

NTCW: Article 44 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT shall comply with the City Contractors’ Use of Criminal History for Consideration of Employment Applications Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.48 et seq., as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by CONSULTANT for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

ARTICLE 45 - LIMITATION OF CITY’S OBLIGATION TO MAKE PAYMENT TO CONSULTANT

NTCW: Article 45 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, including any exhibits or attachments incorporated therein, and in order for CITY to comply with its governing legal requirements, CITY shall have no obligation to make any payments to CONSULTANT unless CITY shall have first made an appropriation of funds equal to or in excess of its obligation to make any payments as provided in this Contract. CONSULTANT agrees that any services provided by CONSULTANT, purchases made by CONSULTANT or expenses incurred by CONSULTANT in excess of the appropriation(s) shall be free and without charge to CITY and CITY shall have no obligation to pay for the services, purchases or expenses. CONSULTANT shall have no obligation to provide any services, provide any equipment or incur any expenses in excess of the appropriated amount(s) until CITY appropriates additional funds for this Contract.

ARTICLE 46 - COMPLIANCE WITH IDENTITY THEFT LAWS AND PAYMENT CARD DATA SECURITY STANDARDS

NTCW: Article 46 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

CONSULTANT shall comply with all identity theft laws including without limitation, laws related to: (1) payment devices; (2) credit and debit card fraud; and (3) the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (“FACTA”), including its requirement relating to the content of transaction receipts provided to Customers. CONSULTANT also shall comply with all
requirements related to maintaining compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (“PCI DSS”). During the performance of any service to install, program or update payment devices equipped to conduct credit or debit card transactions, including PCI DSS services, CONSULTANT shall verify proper truncation of receipts in compliance with FACTA.

ARTICLE 47 - COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 5164

NTCW: Article 47 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

California Public Resources Code Section 5164 prohibits a public agency from hiring a person for employment or as a volunteer to perform services at any park, playground, or community center used for recreational purposes in a position that has supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor, if the person has been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code, and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2).

If applicable, CONSULTANT shall comply with California Public Resources Code Section 5164, and shall additionally adhere to all rules and regulations that have been adopted or that may be adopted by CITY. CONSULTANT is required to have all employees, volunteers and Subconsultants (including all employees and volunteers of any Subconsultant) of CONSULTANT working on premises to pass a fingerprint and background check through the California Department of Justice at CONSULTANT’S sole expense, indicating that such individuals have never been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2), if the individual will have supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor.

ARTICLE 48 - POSSESSORY INTERESTS TAX

NTCW: Article 48 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the Office of Contract Compliance and should not be modified by Engineering or the Consultant.

Rights granted to CONSULTANT by CITY may create a possessory interest. CONSULTANT agrees that any possessory interest created may be subject to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 and a property tax may be levied on that possessory interest. If applicable, CONSULTANT shall pay the property tax. CONSULTANT acknowledges that the notice required under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 has been provided.

ARTICLE 49 - CONFIDENTIALITY

NTCW: Article 49 contains standard contract language that has been provided by the
All documents, information and materials provided to CONSULTANT by CITY or developed by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Contract (collectively “Confidential Information”) are confidential. CONSULTANT shall not provide or disclose any Confidential Information or their contents or any information therein, either orally or in writing, to any person or entity, except as authorized by CITY or as required by law. CONSULTANT shall immediately notify CITY of any attempt by a third party to obtain access to any Confidential Information. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

ARTICLE 50 – DISCLOSURE OF BORDER WALL CONTRACTING ORDINANCE

CONSULTANT shall comply with the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.50 et seq., ‘Disclosure of Border Wall Contracting.’ CITY may terminate this Contract at any time if CITY determines that CONSULTANT failed to fully and accurately complete the required affidavit and disclose all Border Wall Bids and Border Wall Contracts, as defined in Section 10.50.1.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract on the day and year written below.

[CONSULTANT FIRM NAME]

By:

Title: 
Date:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By:

Title: President, Board of Public Works
Date:

By:

Date:

ATTEST:
HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By:
Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By:
Title: Assistant City Attorney
Date:
EXHIBIT A - SAMPLE PROJECT SCHEDULE

| NTCW: | Insert sample Project Schedule or include language to refer to Task Order Solicitation. |
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EXHIBIT C – BUSINESS INCLUSION PROGRAM

| NTCW: Include actual Schedule A from the Consultant’s Statement of Qualifications and blank Schedule B, Schedule C and Schedule D forms from the Forms Library. |

| SCHEDULE A - LIST OF POTENTIAL MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE SUBCONTRACTORS (Form submitted by the Proposer with their Statement of Qualifications.) |

| SCHEDULE B - MBE/WBE/SBE/EBE/DVBE/OBE UTILIZATION PROFILE (During the term of the contract, the consultant must include this form when submitting an invoice to the City.) |

| SCHEDULE C - FINAL SUBCONTRACTING REPORT (This form must be submitted to the City within 15 working days after completion of the contract.) |
EXHIBIT D

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INSURANCE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

CONTACT For additional information about compliance with City Insurance and Bond requirements, contact the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management at (213) 978-RISK (7475) or go online at www.lacity.org/cao/risk. The City approved Bond Assistance Program is available for those contractors who are unable to obtain the City-required performance bonds. A City approved insurance program may be available as a low cost alternative for contractors who are unable to obtain City-required insurance.

CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT:

1. Additional Insured/Loss Payee. The CITY must be included as an Additional Insured in applicable liability policies to cover the CITY’S liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the named insured. The CITY is to be named as an Additional Named Insured and a Loss Payee As Its Interests May Appear in property insurance in which the CITY has an interest, e.g., as a lien holder.

2. Notice of Cancellation. All required insurance will be maintained in full force for the duration of its business with the CITY. By ordinance, all required insurance must provide at least thirty (30) days’ prior written notice (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) directly to the CITY if your insurance company elects to cancel or materially reduce coverage or limits prior to the policy expiration date, for any reason except impairment of an aggregate limit due to prior claims.

3. Primary Coverage. CONTRACTOR will provide coverage that is primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance of the CITY. The CITY’S program shall be excess of this insurance and non-contributing.

4. Modification of Coverage. The CITY reserves the right at any time during the term of this Contract to change the amounts and types of insurance required hereunder by giving CONTRACTOR ninety (90) days’ advance written notice of such change. If such change should result in substantial additional cost to CONTRACTOR, the CITY agrees to negotiate additional compensation proportional to the increased benefit to the CITY.

5. Failure to Procure Insurance. All required insurance must be submitted and approved by the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management prior to the inception of any operations by CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR’S failure to procure or maintain required insurance or a self-insurance program during the entire term of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract under
which the CITY may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance to protect the CITY’S interests and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith and recover all monies so paid from CONTRACTOR.

6. **Workers’ Compensation.** By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 et seq., of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers’ Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and that it will comply with such provisions at all time during the performance of the work pursuant to this Contract.

7. **California Licensee.** All insurance must be provided by an insurer admitted to do business in California or written through a California-licensed surplus lines broker or through an insurer otherwise acceptable to the CITY. Non-admitted coverage must contain a **Service of Suit** clause in which the underwriters agree to submit as necessary to the jurisdiction of a California court in the event of a coverage dispute. Service of process for this purpose must be allowed upon an agent in California designated by the insurer or upon the California Insurance Commissioner.

8. **Aggregate Limits/Impairment.** If any of the required insurance coverages contain annual aggregate limits, CONTRACTOR must give the CITY written notice of any pending claim or lawsuit which will materially diminish the aggregate within thirty (30) days of knowledge of same. You must take appropriate steps to restore the impaired aggregates or provide replacement insurance protection within thirty (30) days of knowledge of same. The CITY has the option to specify the minimum acceptable aggregate limit for each line of coverage required. No substantial reductions in scope of coverage which may affect the CITY’S protection are allowed without the CITY’S prior written consent.

9. **Commencement of Work.** For purposes of insurance coverage only, this Contract will be deemed to have been executed immediately upon any party hereto taking any steps that can be considered to be in furtherance of or towards performance of this Contract. The requirements in this Section supersede all other sections and provisions of this Contract, including, but not limited to, Article 7, to the extent that any other section or provision conflicts with or impairs the provisions of this Section.
| NTCW: | For this Exhibit, use Form Gen 146 that is completed by the CAO’s Risk Manager and states the required coverages and dollar limits. |
EXHIBIT E
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

This document must be returned with the Proposal/Bid Response

The undersigned hereby agrees that _________________________________________ will:

Name of Business

1. Fully comply with all applicable state and federal employment reporting requirements for its employees.

2. Fully comply with and implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment.

3. Certify that the principal owner(s) of the business are in compliance with any Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignment applicable to them personally.

4. Certify that the business will maintain such compliance throughout the term of the contract.

5. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the parties entered into this transaction.

6. The undersigned shall require that the language of this Certification be included in all subcontracts and that all subcontractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

To the best of my knowledge, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and was executed at:

__________________________________
City/County/State

Date _____________________________

__________________________________
Name of Business Address

__________________________________
Signature of Authorized Officer or Representative Print Name

__________________________________
Title Telephone Number
EXHIBIT F
CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that:

1. The CONSULTANT/Borrower/Agency (hereafter CONSULTANT) is in compliance
with and will continue to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act 42 U.S.C. §§
12101 et seq. and its implementing regulations.

2. The CONSULTANT will provide for reasonable accommodations to allow qualified
individuals with disabilities to have access to and participate in its programs, services and
activities in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

3. The CONSULTANT will not discriminate against persons with disabilities nor against
persons due to their relationship or association with a person with a disability.

4. The CONSULTANT will require that the language of this certification be included in the
award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and
contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall
certify and disclose accordingly.

5. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed
when the parties entered into this transaction.

CONTRACT NUMBER ________________________________

____________________________________
CONSULTANT/BORROWER/AGENCY

________________________________________
NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

________________________________________
SIGNATURE DATE
EXHIBIT G
COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL BENEFITS ORDINANCE AND SLAVERY DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE

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EXHIBIT H – HOURLY RATES

NTCW: Replace with a copy of the hourly rates as negotiated with the Consultant.
EXHIBIT I - TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

NTCW: Download the following documents from the Controller’s website at http://ctr.ci.la.ca.us/guides%20to%20travel.htm and include as Exhibit I.

1) FMS - Travel Authority (GAETL) Form (under Forms tab)
2) CAO Employee Relations Bulletin on Travel Time
3) Controller Manual Revised April 2015, Travel Policy (34 pages)
4) Per diem rates 2014-2015 (containing the Travel Allowances – Air Fare and Per Diem), located at the above Controller’s Intranet site
EXHIBIT J – BIDDER CEC FORMS

NCW: Include the actual CEC Form 50 and CEC Form 55 submitted with the Consultant’s Statement of Qualifications.

The Bidder Certification CEC Form 50 is located on the City Ethics Commission website at http://ethics.lacity.org/pdf/forms/CEC_Fom_50.pdf and must be submitted with the Statement of Qualifications/Proposal.

The Bidder Contributions CEC Form 55 is located on the City Ethics Commission website at http://ethics.lacity.org/pdf/forms/CEC_Form_55.pdf and must be submitted with the Statement of Qualifications/Proposal.
EXHIBIT K – PRIME AND SUBCONSULTANT INFORMATION FORM

NTCW: Download Exhibit K form from the Forms Library and provide to Consultant to complete. Subconsultant information provided on Exhibit K should match the information provided on the Consultant’s Schedule A.
EXHIBIT L – IRAN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2010 COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT

<p>| NTCW: | Include the actual Iran Contracting Act of 2010 Compliance Affidavit submitted with the Consultant’s Statement of Qualifications. |</p>
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