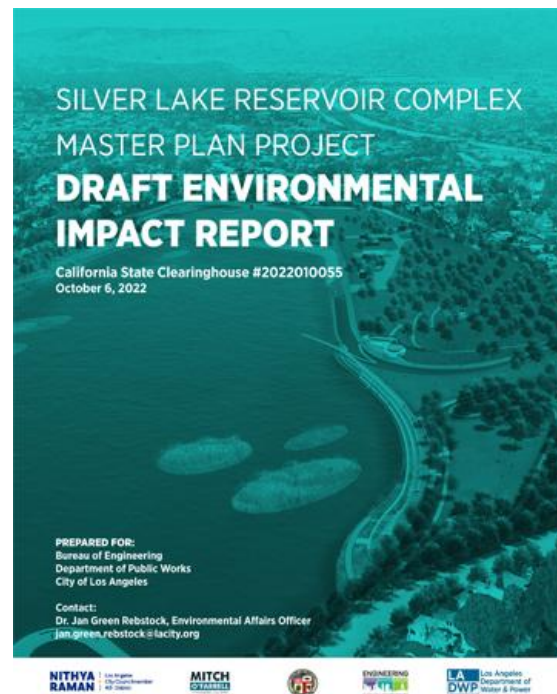


October 13, 2022



CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Reservoirs EIR is Available — 180 Months of Construction, Thousands and Thousands of Truck Trips, and Multiple Closures Outlined in Document



The highly-anticipated draft of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Environmental Impact Report, commonly known as the EIR, has been released. The voluminous report (650 pages) was mandated by the City of Los Angeles and evaluates the impact of constructing a major public park at the 127-acre reservoirs, surrounding neighborhoods and wildlife, including migrating birds.

Based on comments included in the SLRCMP scoping, an overwhelming majority of respondents are either strongly opposed to the proposed project or have serious concerns. The top concerns are removal of the perimeter fence; noise nuisances caused

by special events and amplified music; construction noise; negative impacts on wildlife; traffic, congestion and crime; duration of the project; disruption of the quality of life for residents living within 500 feet of the complex. Sadly, many of Silver Lake Recreation Complex' features, including the dog parks, walking paths, the Meadow, and the recreation center will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC for years during the multiphase construction plan.

Silver Lake Together opposes the project as presented, but we strongly encourage our readers to review the entire document, appendix and all, to reach their own conclusions. The full report is daunting and we recommend starting with the executive summary and then reviewing chapters of interest and public comments. Thanks to the Silver Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, missing chapters 4 and 5 are now available at the end of the long list of chapters. These are important to read. Stay tuned!

Send comments to [SLRCMP Draft EIR Comments](#) (October 6 - November 21)

Virtual Public Comment Meeting: spoken comments only, NO WRITTEN

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: bit.ly/SilverLakeDraftEIR

Telephone Dial-In: +1 (888) 788-0099 (Toll Free)

Meeting ID: 879 1241 9992

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SLT Endorses CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

Silver Lake Together is proud to announce our endorsement of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to represent Council District 13, which includes most of Silver Lake. As one of the two councilmembers who represent our neighborhood, Mr. O'Farrell has the experience, intelligence and confidence to help guide Silver Lake and its residents through the challenging years that lie ahead. His bold efforts to restore Echo Park Lake and return

it to the community were controversial, but ultimately successful. We feel Mr. O'Farrell was enlightened by that experience and will not allow the Silver Lake Recreation Center Complex to deteriorate by removing fencing as proposed in the 2022 Reservoirs Master Plan.

Mr. O'Farrell also demonstrated his leadership qualities as one of the most vocal elected officials to express full-throated admonishment and demand for resignations of former Councilmember Nury Martinez, Councilmembers De Leon and Cedillo, and former County Fed chairperson Herrera. He leads the city in creating housing (15,000+ total units and 7,000 units of permanent supportive housing approved) and is known for [providing exceptional services](#) to the communities he represents.

We look forward to his re-election and working closely with his staff to help protect and improve the quality of life for all Silver Lake residents.



David Haub's photograph of a Los Angeles County helicopter taking on water at the Silver Lake Reservoirs is just one example of his talent.

David Haub: Photographer, Passionate Wildlife Advocate and Treasured Community Member

On Wednesday, September 28, David Haub, age 67, of Los Feliz passed away unexpectedly. He is survived by his daughter Brandi, son-in-law Gret, and his beloved grandsons Garrett, Gavin, and Grant. David was known for his photography of wildlife and nature, and his unique ability to turn heated conversations about coyotes on Next Door into learning opportunities. He was also a private driver and the outpouring of sympathy

and love on social media after his passing demonstrates that his passengers became friends who trusted David without reservation.

We first met David through his photography, which can be [seen at this link](#). His family has established a [Go Fund Me](#) page to help with medical and funeral expenses. Silver Lake Together will miss David and his visual reminders that the living creatures that live in our communities are our neighbors — and our responsibility.

[David's photography can be purchased by private messaging his daughter Brandi on Next Door.](#)



Meadow Signs Are Printed and Ready to Install

Good news! After months of discussion, including a Silver Lake Together (SLT) virtual community meeting and private meetings with members of SLT and city representatives, new signage will be posted at the Meadow within the next couple of weeks. The signs clearly list which activities are prohibited in the Meadow, including amplified sound, camping, organized events, etc. The signs were a long time coming, and we thank Silver Lake residents, elected representatives, our partners at LAPD's Northeast Division, Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the city attorney's office for working together to find a realistic solution to community concerns. We would especially like to thank Silver Lake Rec Center Director Gordon Dupree for working tirelessly to have the signs printed. We will continue to provide updates on the installation of the signs. SLT is asking that the signs be corrected to show that Silver Lake is two words.

LAPD Begins Enforcing Homeless Encampment Violations

Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez is responsible for emergency and non-emergency radio calls in Car Area 11A71 (24 hours a day / 365 days a year).



LAPD Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reports that his primary focus is to start addressing 41.18 Los Angeles Municipal Code violations — the city council-mandated enforcement prohibiting homeless encampments blocking public sidewalks and homeless encampments within 500 feet of schools. The enforcement measures will come with warnings and ample time to clear personal property from sidewalks. People camping on streets will be provided resources and offered shelter before citations are issued.

SLO Ramirez also reported these crime stats for Silver Lake and surrounding communities:

- Homicide - 0
- Rape - 0
- Robbery - 0
- Aggravated Assault - 6
- Gang Related - 0
- Shots Fired - 0
- Victims Shot - 0
- Burglary - 5
- Theft - 13
- Grand Theft Auto - 8
- Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 22
- Recovered Vehicle - 32
- Violent Crime - 0
- Property Crimes - 8

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Silver Lake's Most Popular Topic: the Dog Park

At a recent Silver Lake Reservoirs Committee meeting the subject of how to improve the community's dog park came up — again. The fenced, off-leash park includes a separate area for smaller pets and is located at 1893-1899 Silver Lake Boulevard. Although the park is popular, users have a litany of common complaints: no grass, no shade, too much fighting and biting. And although a survey conducted by Loyola Marymount University in 2019 showed respondents thought the “a place to... allow dogs off leash (28.34%)” was the most important benefit of the reservoirs, significant improvements are still a work in progress. Moreover, improvements suggested in the Reservoirs Complex Master Plan would require closing the dog parks during the upgrades. The committee plans to look at dog parks in other communities, such as [Alice's Dog Park in Pasadena](#), and report back.

Please send your ideas on how to improve the dog park to editor@silverlaketgether.com.



Honoring P-22 With Art

Griffith Park's famous mountain lion P-22, has been recently spotted in Silver Lake and Los Feliz. To honor P-22— and remind residents of the importance of wildlife in our communities—artist Corrie Mattie is painting a mural in Silver Lake.

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