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Reservoirs Environmental Impact Report Planning Kicks Off

Hargreaves Associates, prime consultant, landscape architecture and urban design for the Silver Lake Reservoirs Complex Master Plan, has announced that ESA Associates has been selected to consult on the environmental impact review (EIR) of the proposed master plan. According to its website, ESA specializes in community and airport planning, natural and cultural resources management, environmental restoration and design, and regulatory compliance. ESA joins nine other consulting firms working with the Bureau of Engineering to discuss repurposing of the reservoirs complex and surrounding site as a community gathering space — with the hope of blending urban wilderness with recreation. The consulting firm has worked on the ongoing Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project.

The Master Plan Stakeholder Working Group will meet the new consultants at a meeting on Thursday, October 21. The Hargreaves team will provide an overview of the EIR process, opportunities for input, a public meeting schedule and framework and work progress to date. According to the Los Angeles Public Library, EIRs are reports to inform the public and public agency decision-makers of significant environmental effects of proposed projects, identify possible ways to minimize those effects, and describe reasonable alternatives to those projects. EIRs often take years to complete.

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Ivanhoe Reservoir Refill Planned for End of Year

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power's Dawn Cotterell reports that refilling of the Ivanhoe Reservoir will begin as early as this December. Ivanhoe's level of water is low due to work on the Silver Lake Reservoir Aeration and Recirculation Project. Water used in the refill will come from the Pollock Wells near the Los Angeles River, which is not part of LADWP's potable (drinkable) water system.

Work on the reservoirs is part of the new recirculation and aeration project, which is being constructed in two phases. During phase one, LADWP crews will install air compressors that to increase oxygen levels in both reservoirs— and facilitate mixing of the water overall. In phase two, LADWP crews will install recirculation pumps at an existing vault near the Ivanhoe Reservoir to further blend the water and prevent stagnation. That phase will require the complete draining of Ivanhoe, which will take place early next year. Completion of the entire project is expected by Summer 2023.

The Silver Lake Reservoir Complex is an operational facility and LADWP maintains the open water bodies, including water quality to control algae growth and reduce potential odors from anaerobic (lack of oxygen) conditions.

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*Graffiti and trash at
1650 Silver Lake
Boulevard welcome
visitors and residents to
Silver Lake. (Photo by
Nicole Speed)*



CD 13 Responds to Pleas to Clean Trash and Graffiti at Trendy Shopping Area

The Silver Lake Together Advocacy Team heard your concerns about the trash and graffiti cluttering the former location of a historic Texaco station on Silver Lake Boulevard. We contacted Council District 13's Silver Lake Field Deputy Matthew Guerrero who replied immediately with a promise that CD 13's clean team will regularly empty the trash from the "art" trash can and have the graffiti removed from the construction fence. We appreciate Field Deputy Guerrero's rapid reply and encourage CD 13 to look into installing *two* standard city trash cans, which will better serve constituents at this popular location for restaurants and shops. And thank you to all who contacted SLT about this neighborhood issue.

To express your thoughts about blight in Silver Lake, email editor@silverlaketogether.com. We will share your concerns with city officials.

Coffee (or Tea)
with Silver
Lake's New
Senior Lead
Officer on
October 7



Silver Lakers are invited to meet SLO Jose Ramirez at LAMILL Coffee on 1636 Silver Lake Boulevard, Thursday, October 7, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns and get to know your LAPD

For more information, email editor@silverlaketogogether.com



Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell Named City Council's President Pro Tempore

Los Angeles City Council members have elected CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to serve as president pro tempore of the council, replacing councilmember and 2022 mayoral candidate Joe Buscaino. Acknowledging that there are differences of opinion and approaches on the current city council, O'Farrell said that he is committed to being a resource for any and all without judgment.

According to the *Eastsider*, "...the president pro tempore acts as presiding officer when the council president is absent. If the council president position is vacant or if there is a longterm unavailability due to sickness, absence from the state or disability, the president pro tempore exercises the powers and duties of the council president."

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Safety Improved on Tesla Avenue



Thanks to the recent improvements on Tesla Avenue, a popular portion of the Silver Lake Reservoirs' walking path is now safer for pedestrians. The Streets LA Resurfacing Division upgrade includes clear markings alerting drivers to stop signs on Tesla, which is a narrow and dangerous stretch of the walking path shared with vehicles. Although Tesla Avenue is a one-way street westbound from Armstrong Avenue to West Silver Lake Drive — and there is a sidewalk — it continues to be a cut-through street for motorists, who often

exceed speed limits on a small road crowded with joggers and walkers. In 2012, a pedestrian was struck by a car near Tesla and West Silver Lake Drive, prompting a sidewalk installation.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SAFETY EFFORTS ON TESLA AVENUE

Reservoir Committee Votes for More “No Dogs” Signage



Dogs are cute, but their presence in “no dogs allowed” areas of Silver Lake’s bucolic reservoirs continues to be an issue for residents trying to picnic and play in safe and clean grassy areas. At a recent meeting of the Silver Lake Reservoir’s Committee, attendees voted unanimously (7-0-0) to approve a motion requesting that CD 13 add “no dogs” signage at the grassy knoll area near the Silver Lake Recreation Center. According to committee minutes, the consensus was to have signs that do not mention law enforcement. However, it remains to be seen if this will be an effective deterrent.

If you have had problems with dogs at the grassy knoll, please email editor@silverlaketgether.com

CD 13 Hosts Tom LaBonge Day of Service on October 9



In honor of former Councilmember Toma LaBonge’s birthday, CD 13 is hosting a cleanup in Silver Lake on October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Volunteers will be working on the Silver Lake Boulevard parkway adjacent to the Meadow Park and the walkway in that area will be closed during the cleanup. CD 13 will provide necessary tools to remove dead shrubs, weed, and spread mulch alongside the walking path. In advance, LADWP will be removing dead trees, dead branches and raising overhanging tree canopies and

Recreation and Parks will be delivering large piles of mulch.

CD 13's Mary Rodriguez asks residents and visitors to please pay attention to walking path closures in the coming days. The council district will provide water and light refreshments.

To participate, RSVP at bit.ly/Labonge

In Case You Missed It...

New Yorker Magazine recently published this fascinating piece on renowned Silver lake architect Richard Neutra's vanishing act.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Silver Lake's iconic Rockaway Records is now open by appointment only, with focus on the booming vinyl and memorabilia markets.

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