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Red 'Remove' Tags Seen on Numerous Trees at Reservoirs



Approximately 50 trees surrounding the Silver Lake Reservoir near the Meadow have been marked with red "REMOVE" tags. These trees are designated for removal in the controversial Reservoirs Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which closed for comments on December 2, 2022. The REMOVE tags have caught the attention of visitors to Next Door and other social media sites. The DEIR has designated nearly 100 trees for removal. A revised EIR has not been released to the public.

To share your opinion, contact:

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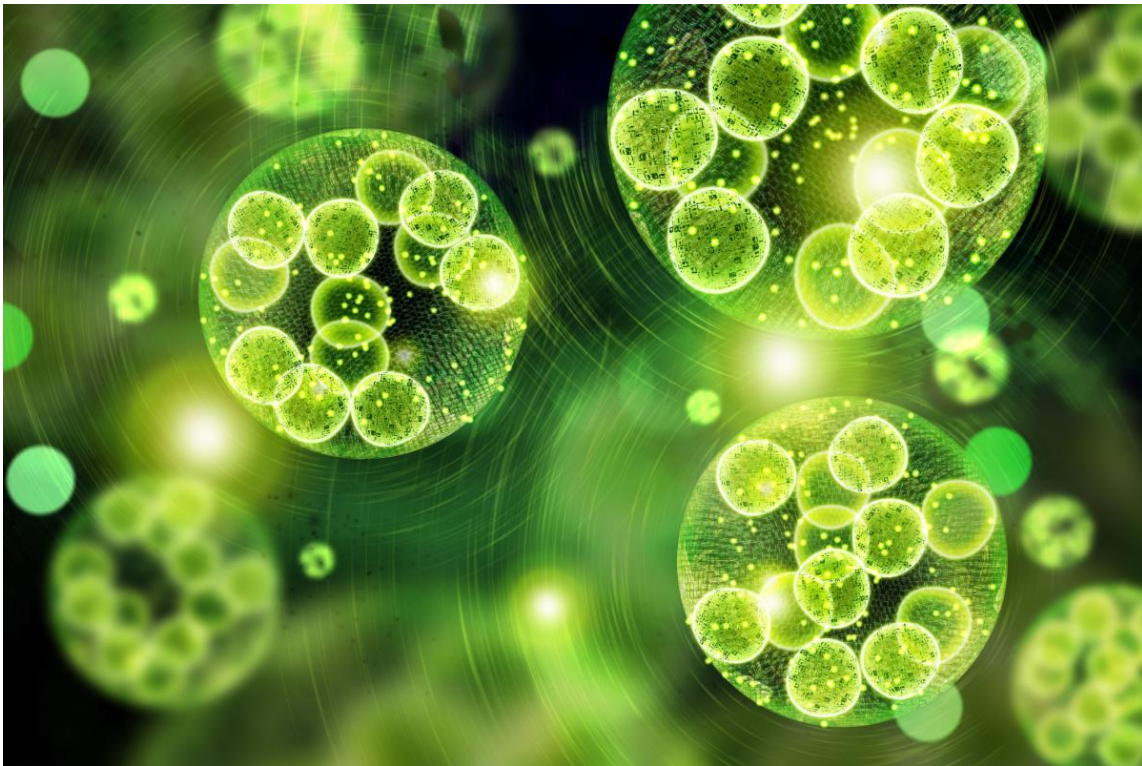
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Completion of Ivanhoe Reservoir Aeration and Recirculation Moves to Winter 2024

As part of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) aeration and recirculation infrastructure installation, DWP began pumping water from the Ivanhoe Reservoir into the Silver Lake Reservoir on August 9, 2022. The project is designed to reduce algae blooms and preserve water quality. The pumps will continue to operate from Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., until the Ivanhoe Reservoir is completely drained. DWP officials anticipate that the drainage will be complete by February 3, 2023. The installation of the recirculation system (phase 2) will begin as soon as the Ivanhoe Reservoir is fully drained. However, project completion is now delayed until winter 2024, due to pump failure and heavy rains.

[READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

SLNC to Vote On Motion to Not Support Reservoirs Master Plan DEIR



At its February 1 meeting, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) is scheduled to discuss and vote on an Urban Design and Preservation Committee (UDP) motion “to send a letter of non-support of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).” If passed, the letter would be sent to LA Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, LA Department of Recreation and Parks, LA Planning Department, and CD 4 and CD 13. Members of the UDP committee voted to send the motion to the SLNC in November 2022.

On November 14, attendees at a Silver Lake Reservoirs Committee meeting overwhelmingly voted to submit a similar letter to the local neighborhood council, voting 80 yes to 6 no to require the SLNC governing board to hold a special community meeting to discuss the SLRC DEIR before taking a position. That motion has not appeared on a SLNC agenda.

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Unarmed Crisis Response Teams Expand to Silver Lake and Surrounding Areas

Silver Lake’s Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reports that the Crisis and Incident through Community-Led Engagement (**CIRCLE**) program has expanded to include the Northeast, Rampart, Newton, and Hollenbeck divisions of LAPD. The CIRCLE program was launched as a pilot program in January 2022 in Hollywood and Central divisions and provides an alternative response to non-emergency 911 calls that involve people experiencing homelessness (PEH), such as non-urgent 911 and 877-ASK-LAPD calls related to unhoused individuals. The program’s Crisis Response Teams (CRTs) are composed of three members, a mental or behavioral health clinician and two crisis or homeless outreach practitioners. CIRCLE responders are not armed and do not perform law enforcement duties or responsibilities. CIRCLE is not intended or equipped to respond to violent situations or life-threatening emergencies. The City of Los Angeles launched the pilot program in January 2022. As of November 2022, there have been over 2,300 911/877-ASK-LAPD calls diverted and managed by CIRCLE and over 12,400 incidents proactively addressed by CIRCLE teams.



A man washes a skillet outside his camp under a ramp linking the 110 to the 105 Freeway in Los Angeles. (Photo, Francine Orr / Los Angeles Times)

Rand Survey Questions Homeless Count Findings

L.A.'s 2023 homeless count has concluded, but according to a January 26 article in the *Los Angeles Times*, a Rand Survey questions the validity of the annual "point in time" count and suggests that the count is subject to error and limiting... "its value as a measure of trends and as a tool in policy decisions." The Rand Study, conducted from 2021 to 2022, also found a higher incidence of chronic homelessness. "Nearly 80% told Rand surveyors they had been homeless more than a year and 57% for more than three years."

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE](#)

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Silver Lake Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez Reports December Crime States



SLO Jose Ramirez reports the most recent crime stats for December 25, 2022 to January 21, 2023.

Homicide: 0

Rape: 0

Robbery: 2

Aggravated Assaults: 0

Gang Related Crimes:

Shots Fired: 2

Victim's Shot: 1

Burglary: 7

Theft: 8

GTA: 12

BFMV: 30

Recovered Stolen Vehicles: 3

Violent Crimes: 1

Property Crimes: 8

SLO Ramirez serves the communities of Silver Lake and Franklin Hills. To contact him, email: 39570@LAPD.Online, call the Front Desk, 323-561-3211 or his Direct Line, 213-793-0763.

Food Scrap Compost Program (Finally) Goes Citywide

Go ahead. Toss that banana peel in

the green bin.



As of January 23, all [@lacitysan](#) customers can use their [#greenbin](#) to dispose of ALL [#foodscraps](#) and food-soiled paper, along with [#yardwaste](#), per [#California #SB1383](#). (Visit <http://lacitysan.org/organics> for more info and to pick up a free pail that can be used for scraps before putting them in the green bin.) According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the announcement comes a year after California enacted [Senate Bill 1383](#), which required [people](#) to separate food scraps from the rest of their trash. The city of Los Angeles rolled out its composting program in 2019 but expanded slowly as new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities to accommodate composting were completed.

[READ THE LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY ON HOW TO COMPOST](#)

In Case You Missed It

Culver City's city council has introduced an ordinance prohibiting camping in public places. The goal of the [ordinance](#) is to "protect health and safety in and access to the city's parks, sidewalks, and other public places." The council said the ordinance should not be enforced until the city has opened 73 new units of interim and permanent supportive housing and additional rooms for temporary housing. A vote will take place soon.

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New for 2023 — "Protect the Wildlife. Save the Reservoir." lawn signs! Show your support for Silver Lake and our precious reservoirs with these free signs from Silver Lake Together. Email editor@silverlaketogether.com



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