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Take a Deep Breath: Final Draft of Reservoirs EIR Released



The final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) Master Plan, all 1,580 pages, has been released by the Bureau of Engineering. In compliance with California law, the EIR analyzes the potential environmental impact associated with the redesign of the SLRC and will next go to the Los Angeles City Council to review, consider and potentially certify the report. SLT recommends that community members take a deep breath, study the recommendations, carefully consider their impact

on our residential community and contact city council representatives before they are voted on.

DON'T HAVE TIME TO REVIEW 1,580 PAGES? READ A SUMMARY BY SCOTT PLANTE, AIA, ARCHITECT AND URBAN DESIGN PROFESSIONAL [HERE](#)

13,000 Truck Hauls and \$300 Million or More

CPA Terry Jackson is serving as SLT's financial expert and advisor for the SLRC Master Plan and related EIR report. According to Jackson, the budget for the master plan as of December 2020 was \$268 million. "At today's costs it would likely reach \$300 million or more. There is no provision for funding a project of this magnitude. A bond issue through a community facilities district would require the vote of two-thirds of the affected parties in the district."

The construction could take up to 15 years, with more than 13,000 truck hauls moving 250,000 cubic yards of haul volume. Jackson concluded, "In my opinion this unfunded project is excessive in scope and a poor allocation of financial resources. If we were to ask the Department of Recreation and and Parks what they would do with a 300-million-dollar capital improvement budget, I doubt they would say, 'Let's spend it all in Silver Lake.'"

Best Master Plan Tool Ever



Terry Jackson also transferred the final SLRC Master Plan EIR to a **searchable PDF**, which we think is the best master plan tool ever. Simply click on the link below and search for the topic you are interested in. Spoiler alerts: there is nothing written about projected costs and the EIR calls for the phased removal of trees over 15 years to allow for new tree and shrub plantings The plan is euphemistically named the "Tree Succession Plan" but where do nesting birds and wildlife live in the meantime?

[Click here to use the searchable EIR PDF. \(Download for searchable version if using Chrome browser.\)](#)

Urban Design and Preservation Committee Elects New Co-chairs

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's Urban Design and Preservation (UDP) Committee has elected new co-chairs. Carol Cetrone and Debbie Slater were confirmed at the July 12 UDP meeting. Ms. Cetrone has 10 years' experience on the committee, co-founded the Housing and Tenants Rights Committee and is president of the Silver Lake Heritage Trust. Debbie Slater has been on the committee four years and believes strongly in preservation. Both have an avid interest in protecting the eclectic and unique character of Silver Lake as it continues to change and grow.

Latest Crime Stats

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SLO Jose Ramirez reported the latest area crime stats from June 18 through July 15, 2023. Burglary from motor vehicles still tops the list of crimes reported—a reminder to move your valuables out of your vehicle to a safe location.

Homicide (0)

Rape (0)

Robbery (1)

Aggravated Assaults (3)

Gang Related (2)

Shots Fired (2)

Victim Shot (0)

Burglary (9)

Theft (9)

GTA Grand Theft Auto (10)

BFMV Burglary From Motor Vehicle (17)

Recovered Vehicle (4)

Violent Crimes (1)

Property Crime (8)

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

COME OUT AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

FREE EVENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

4PM - 7PM
6045 YORK BLVD



LAPD - Food - Kid Activities - Community
Resources - Live Music - Museum Tour



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National Night Out Event on August 1

SLO Ramirez reports that the annual National Night Out will take place on Tuesday August 1, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the LA Police Museum, which is located at 6045 York Boulevard. This is an opportunity to get to know Northeast Division officers, firefighters and local city councilmembers. Plus, there will be live mariachi music, food, games and activities, giveaways and community resources. The museum is located in the Highland Park Police Station, which was built in 1925. It has been restored by the Historical Society to its original Renaissance Revival style and is a registered National Historic Landmark.

Parking Woes



SLT has received numerous complaints about the challenges of parking in Silver Lake. These range from concerns about illegally parked lunch trucks to non-licensed vendors taking up parking spaces to the loss of parking due to new construction not designed for neighborhoods originally built nearly a century ago. Silver Lake resident Barbara Ringuette noted that most homes and apartment buildings in her Sunset Boulevard neighborhood were built around 1927 when there were Red Cars and most households had just one car... if any. In contrast, the thousand-plus units being built on Sunset will likely house two working adults and have just a half parking space per unit. According to Ringuette, this will dramatically increase the search for street parking and create problems for residents.

If you have parking concerns, please email editor@silverlaketogether.com.

Attack of the Algae

SLT is receiving numerous reports of algae growing on the Silver Lake Reservoir (see photo above). LADWP's ongoing project to install a water-circulation system in the reservoirs is expected to alleviate algae, which typically occurs in warmer months. However, the system is not expected to be completed until 2025. SLT reached out to LADWP for an update, but did not receive a reply.

Photo courtesy of Suzanne Otto



[READ SLT'S MARCH 7 ARTICLE ON LADWP'S CIRCULATION SYSTEM](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT TYPES OF ALGAE, WHICH CAN BE DANGEROUS TO WILDLIFE AND HUMANS, IN THIS ARTICLE FROM MICHIGAN'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Cleaner Air and Peace and Quiet



A state law banning the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers goes into effect at the start of 2024. The ban is to help California achieve zero emissions from small off-road engines by 2035. Now is the perfect time to request a FREE no gas leaf blower sign by [emailing editor@silverlaketgether.com](mailto:editor@silverlaketgether.com). You will show your support for clean air— and a more peaceful neighborhood.

SLT also has free Slow Down Silver Lake and free Save The Wildlife signs (pictured).

Let Us Know!

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Need help with an issue in Silver Lake? Do you have ideas that will help our neighborhood or want to share community news?

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