

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE SILVER LAKE AND IVANHOE RESERVOIRS AERATION
AND RECIRCULATION SYSTEM PROJECT**

Date: May 7, 2020

To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Aeration and Recirculation System Project

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Aeration and Recirculation System Project (proposed project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would be implemented within the LADWP-owned Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC), which comprises the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs. The reservoirs require an aeration and recirculation system to ensure that reasonable water quality parameters are met for visual aesthetics and controlling odors, consistent with the requirements of the SLRC Storage Replacement Project Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project would include the installation of a bubble plume aeration system and a recirculation pipe system to ensure oxygenation and destratification of the reservoirs. Destratification allows for the mixing of the reservoir water to maintain oxygen levels throughout the reservoirs. The proposed project would be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 would include installation of an aeration system consisting of air blowers, air piping to each of the reservoirs, bubble plume system diffusers in each of the reservoirs, and aftercoolers. Phase 2 would include the installation of a recirculation system consisting of a recirculation pump station, recirculation piping, and inflow from Ivanhoe Reservoir to Silver Lake Reservoir via the existing overflow weir. Additionally, two concrete plugs and approximately 400 feet of new recirculation piping would be installed within Ivanhoe Reservoir. The concrete plugs would be installed at the existing Ivanhoe Bypass and Ivanhoe Inlet Tower, and would contain all recirculating water within the vicinity of the SLRC to avoid potential flooding of the Rowena-Ivanhoe pipeline.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would be located within the boundaries of the 127-acre, DWP-owned SLRC, located in the Silver Lake community of the City of Los Angeles, approximately 5 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The SLRC is generally bound by Tesla Avenue on the north, Armstrong

Avenue and Silver Lake Boulevard on the east, Van Pelt Place on the south, and Silver Lake Drive on the west.

The SLRC includes the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs, dams, buildings, water and stormwater infrastructure, interior roads, and public recreational facilities. The proposed facilities would be installed within the reservoirs and the area adjacent to the edges of the reservoir within the SLRC in the areas that currently contain other LADWP facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on May 7, 2020 and conclude on June 5, 2020. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices>. Copies of the IS/MND may be requested using the contact information provided below.

In light of the current circumstances regarding a ban on public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a presentation on the proposed Project and the CEQA process will be posted on the LADWP website in lieu of a public meeting. The presentation will be available on **May 14, 2020** on the Environmental Notices webpage at: <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and on the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex webpage at: <http://www.ladwp.com/slrc>.

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2020**.

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All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Ms. Kathryn Laudeman of my staff at (213) 367-6376.



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