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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: January 6, 2022
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties
FROM: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT: Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan
REVIEW PERIOD: January 6, 2022 through February 7, 2022

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the City of Los Angeles (City), as the Lead Agency, through the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project (proposed Project). The proposed Project design was developed over a year-long community outreach process that included several Community Workshops and meetings with the Stakeholder Working Groups. A Master Plan was prepared for the proposed Project and is available for review here: <https://eng.lacity.org/silver-lake-reservoir-complex-master-plan>.

As permitted by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), the City has not prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist, as it has determined that an EIR will be needed for the proposed Project. The EIR will address the proposed Project's potential effects for all environmental resource areas as outlined in the City of Los Angeles' L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide (2006) and Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines, which are as follows:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project is located in the Silver Lake neighborhood within the City of Los Angeles. The Silver Lake neighborhood consists primarily of residential uses with some commercial areas, and some existing public access in and around the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex that allow park uses. The Project site is bounded by Tesla Avenue on the north, Armstrong Avenue and Silver Lake Boulevard on the east, Van Pelt Place and Silver Lake Boulevard on the south, and West Silver Lake Drive on the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would redesign 116 acres of the 127-acre Silver Lake Reservoir Complex with community park amenities. The proposed Project would consist of a series of spaces (park zones) stitched together by a 2.5-mile, tree-lined promenade. As shown in **Figure 1**, these zones include: Ivanhoe Overlook; Eucalyptus Grove; Knoll; Meadow; East and West Narrows; South Valley; and Habitat Islands. The proposed Project would feature two flexible lawns with shade trees, a picnic grove and ornamental gardens with an informal play area, and an environmental education center along the east edge of Silver Lake Reservoir at the base of the Knoll. At the intersection between the lawns and water, stepped seating terraces would navigate to wetland terraces interwoven with small footpaths. Two existing areas of woodland, the Knoll and Eucalyptus Grove would be restored to increase their upland habitat value. A new ecosystem that reintroduces coastal scrub and wetland habitat to the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex in the form of habitat islands and terraces would extend from the shoreline embankments and within the reservoir bodies.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The City is soliciting comments from responsible and trustee agencies as well as interested parties as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. The EIR will be used by the City when considering approval of the proposed Project as well as any related discretionary approvals. In accordance with time limits mandated by CEQA, the NOP is being circulated for a 30-day public scoping period. All comments to the NOP are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022. Please include the name, mailing address, and email address of the commenter. Written comments may be submitted via the following:

Mail to: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
c/o ESA- Nicolle Steiner
626 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1100
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Website: Comments can be submitted online through the proposed Project website at <https://eng.lacity.org/silver-lake-reservoir-complex-master-plan/eir>

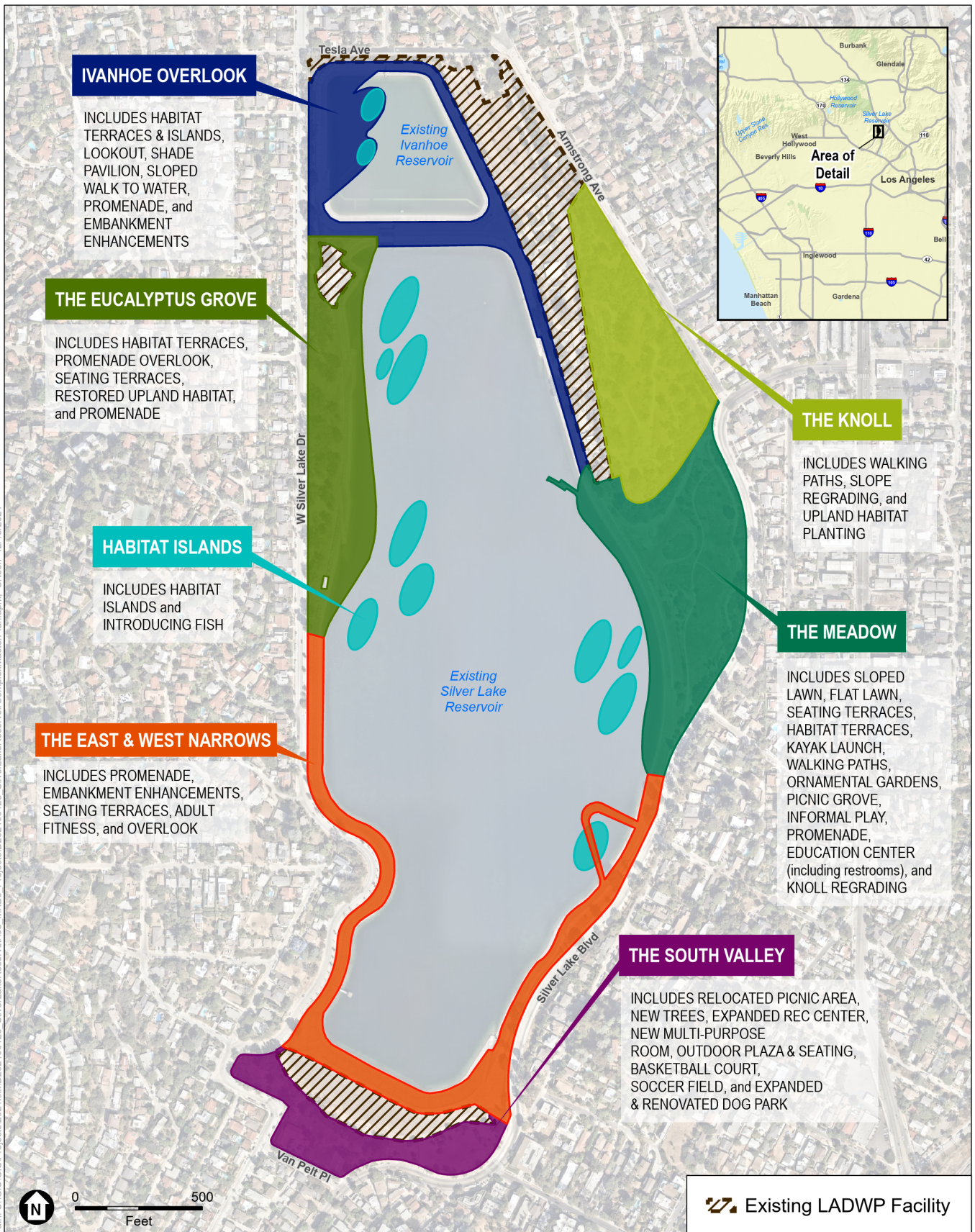
DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP is available online at the City website (<https://eng.lacity.org/silver-lake-reservoir-complex-master-plan/eir>) along with a pre-recorded presentation outlining the CEQA process and a short description of the Project. A hardcopy of the NOP is available for review at the Silver Lake Branch Library at 2411 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039 and at the Los Angeles County City Terrace Library at 4025 E. City Terrace Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90063.

SCOPING MEETING: Due to the global pandemic, a virtual public meeting will be held on January 19, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. The public scoping meeting will include a brief presentation, providing an overview of the Project. Verbal comments may be made during the meeting. As covered under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City does not discriminate based on disability and, upon request at least three days prior to the meeting date, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Spanish translation services can also be provided upon request at least three days prior to the meeting. Send inquiries to eng.slrcmp@lacity.org or call (310) 566-8018.

Virtual Scoping Meeting Details

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| Date: | January 19, 2022 |
| Start Time: | 6:00 p.m. |
| Zoom: | https://esassoc.zoom.us/j/85363693488 |
| Telephone Dial-in: | (833) 548-0276 |
| Meeting ID: | 853 6369 3488 |





SOURCE: Nearmap, 2021; Hargreaves Jones Landscape Architects, 2020; ESA, 2021

Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project

Figure 1
Proposed Project Location and Zones

