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Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report  
Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project  
SCH# 2022010055  
Silver Lake Dam No. 6-51  
Los Angeles County

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Dear Ms. Gupta:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan Project, which describes the proposed redesign of most of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex with community park amenities. The project includes new parking areas, a tree-lined promenade, sports facilities, a picnic grove, lawns with shade trees, an ornamental garden, play areas, wetland terraces, and an environmental education center, among other features, surrounding Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regard to the embankment enhancements, new trees, and facilities proposed on or near the Silver Lake Dam and appurtenances, and whether some or all of the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the City of Los Angeles needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed work so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

Silver Lake Dam, as defined in Sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, is subject to State jurisdiction.

If some or all of the proposed work is subject to State jurisdiction, an alteration application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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