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# APPROVED MINUTES - RESERVOIR COMPLEX COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 30, 2015 6 :00 p.m.

**WELCOMING REMARKS** The meeting was called to order at 6:02.

All in attendance (22 stakeholders) introduced themselves.

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Hugh Kenny reported that he had not received any response when trying to contact the LADWP regarding watering of the eucalyptus trees inside the west side periphery fences. Stephanie Spicer, LADWP Public Relations was present and apologized if no one had responded to his inquiry. Hugh also expressed concern about the heavy trucks near the guard station that were parking on the tree roots which is bad for the trees.

Mary Rodriguez, Field Deputy for CD 13, reported that new parking restrictions were being implemented to prohibit parking between the hours of 2 am and 6 am along Silver Lake Boulevard across from the reservoir (except between Earl and Cove).

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS 5 minutes

The Minutes of May 27, 2015 Committee meeting were adopted as written by acclamation.

## PRESENTATIONS

Status of Reservoir Bypass Project - Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Susan Rowghani, Engineering Project Director

**The Powerpoint slides accompanying this presentation are available at Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's website <http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/DWP-Presentation-7-30-2015-Update.pdf>**

Summary: Ivanhoe must stay in service until the repair work at the Headworks reservoir is completed.

The old 60 inch bypass line is being replaced with a new 66 inch line through the SL reservoir.

Currently, 80% of pipe under West Silver Lake is installed.

West Silver Lake Drive will be repaved in two steps beginning November 2015 (first west half, then east).

The Silver Lake reservoir will be drained August 2015.

Work inside the fenced area of the complex will wait until after Great Blue Heron nesting season completes.

Work will commence September/October and continue through 2016 until early 2017.

Silver Lake's 400 Million gallons of water are being treated to maintain drinkability via a temporary on-site facility.

When drained it will be through sewer to Hyperion Treatment Plant. Ivanhoe is currently drinkable.

Questions:

Herb Gold: Has the leak at Headworks been found and repaired?  
Yes, it has been found, but the repair will be done this winter.

Dave Keitel: Will the shade balls stay on Ivanhoe Reservoir?  
Yes, until the reservoir is taken out of service, and then they will be removed.

Jeff Wayne: Can we use reservoir water for the trees?  
No, it's being treated and only used for drinking water now.

Hugh Kenny: What is the LADWP's policy regarding trees and tree survival within the complex? Can they be saved?  
Susan pointed out that the LA Department of Recreation and Parks has lost a lot of trees due to the drought. At the reservoir, construction crews do try to water. She will ask facility operations to look into caring for the trees. The trees were watered by DWP staff on July 17 and on July 24.  
As far as "policy", she reported that at Stone Canyon and at Hollywood Reservoirs, none of the trees is irrigated. MaryAnn Kuk stated that in her opinion and observation, DWP policy is NOT to use water for birds or trees.

MaryAnn Kuk: Will the old RSC line remain? Could we use it for Silver Lake water to refill?  
The line will not be removed, but the closest it comes to the reservoir is Rowena Avenue, so an extension would be required to connect to the lake.

MaryAnn Kuk: Will the irrigation for trees on West Silver Lake be repaired?  
Alex Reyman, DWP Construction Project Manager, said the system had been broken long ago and is not functional without significant repairs. Mary Rodriguez, Field Deputy Council District 13, stated that the irrigation on the pathway is the responsibility of the Bureau of Street Services, and that the response to requests to repair has always been and continues to be "no funds are available to repair".

Bob Stone: Can DWP color asphalt the bank surfaces of the reservoir (blue would be good) as it is drained.  
No decision has been made regarding the banks after the draining and construction is finished. The patching with black asphalt is the appearance problem, but the project budget does NOT include repaving the banks.

Al Maggia: Can't we put water in plastic "Irrigator" modules for drip irrigation for the trees? They are now being used in Griffith Park to keep the trees alive during the drought.  
Susan said that falls under operations and she can ask about it.

Maureen Burnett: What is DWP's standard for lining and maintenance of reservoir banks?  
If the facility is still in service, it will be repaired. But, aesthetics is not the concern. To replace and repave the asphalt would require grinding off 2 to 3 inches. Again, it is not in the budget which is being tightly controlled.

Dave Keitel reminded the attendees that the DWP was present to discuss the Bypass Pipeline Project, and not trees. Mary Rodriguez stated that Councilmember O'Farrell is waiting for new CD4 Councilmember David Ryu to begin community meetings for a Silver Lake Master Plan.  
Susan said that there should be community meeting scheduled for September or October to continue discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS .....15 minutes**

- Los Angeles Conservation Corps maintenance of pathway along Silver Lake Boulevard  
Dave reported that the LACC will begin cleanups every two weeks along the CD13 side of the pathways. David Ryu inherited a budget matching to clean the CD4 side. Unclear if that will continue as he assumes office.
- Care of trees around the reservoir inside and outside the fence  
Already discussed extensively during the DWP's post-presentation time.

- Open Fence Dam walk was held on June 24 - possibly planning another opportunity; DWP indicated openness to another walk. Next one will be better planned and announced in advance.
- Armstrong Avenue native plant landscaping work day scheduled for August 9. All encouraged to help

- **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council moves to spend up to \$1000 on landscape improvement for the Tesla Avenue pocket park. There is an area set aside along the north edge of the reservoir property near the Neighborhood Nursery School that could be planted with California drought tolerant natives, signs identifying the plants, and possibly limited exercise equipment installed.

Mary Rodriguez, suggested asking Recreation and Parks to take over maintenance of this small area. Hugh Kenny said this is a nice quiet area, why move in equipment? Maureen Burnett agreed. Eric Rhoden said some simple resistance or aerobic equipment would be welcome and useful. Mary Rodriguez suggested the Recreation Center or even the Meadow would be better locations for equipment. MaryAnn Kuk said we should have a sub-committee meeting to consider. The motion was tabled for further discussion.

- The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council moves to spend up to \$600 to purchase and install four Dog Waste Pickup Stations around the Reservoir walkways. The cost will include the stations with roll bag dispensers and a supply of disposable bags.

Discussion that most responsible dog walkers carry their own bags any way. For the bags to be useful, there need to be more trash cans conveniently spaced around the pathway. Mary Rodriguez said that Sanitation could install up to eight new black trash cans if we were to identify locations to CD4 and CD13 field offices.

The motion passed unanimously. John Wingler will prepare the motion to present to the September Governing Board meeting.

#### **REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Tree maintenance around the reservoirs - press DWP for a plan.

Bring up pathway maintenance with David Ryu.

Tesla "Olive Tree Park" - landscaping or other improvements.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45