

LADWP Confirms Reservoir will be Refilled to Historic Level

Speaking to a substantially smaller – but highly engaged – audience at the third Silver Lake Reservoir community meeting held Monday night, representatives of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power stated that the reservoir would be refilled to its historic level, which is 440 feet above sea level, and re-confirmed that water will start flowing into the reservoir in May 2017. LADWP also reviewed progress on the bypass pipeline project and presented a detailed [timeline](#) for completion of the refill, tree planting and landscaping and shade ball removal from Ivanhoe Reservoir. The presentation was followed by a sometimes heated debate between attendees regarding the future of the land surrounding the reservoir and aesthetic concerns such as “tiger striping” on the asphalt that is on the the slopes of the reservoir.

CD4 Council Member David Ryu said, “This is a very, very important decision that should be made in a thoughtful manner,” and urged audience members to have a constructive discussion. He also reminded attendees that budget, environmental and wildlife concerns, impact on the community and traffic all must be taken into account when various options are considered.

Ryu also announced that he and CD13 Council Member O’Farrell would commit funds to hire a professional facilitator who will work with the community to reach consensus on future plans for the reservoir complex.

LADWP Construction Advisory:

Pipeline disinfection will take place on Rokeby Street from November 14 to December 2, 2016. The LADWP contractor will be working at Rokeby near the Rowena Avenue intersection and the crew’s activities will take place primarily inside the pipeline below street level near the North East corner of the intersection. There will be minimal equipment at street level. Two-way traffic will be maintained during this period. Construction hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.