

Ivanhoe Reservoir to be Temporarily Drained

Starting the week of September 10, high flow pumps will send 33 million gallons of water from the Ivanhoe Reservoir to the Silver Lake Reservoir, temporarily draining Ivanhoe to a depth of ten feet. According to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Project Manager John Huynh, the reservoir is being drained so LADWP can comply with regulatory requirements to seal the water supply pipeline that connects the reservoirs. Once the pipeline connection is physically cut off from the L.A. water system, the water will be pumped back from the Silver Lake Reservoir to the Ivanhoe Reservoir and the reservoirs will be equalized to an elevation of 448 feet.

Work at the Ivanhoe reservoir will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is projected to take approximately four weeks. Draining is expected to take 10 days and the refill 10 days. Once the construction is completed, the area will be re-landscaped with drought-tolerant plants.