

# **SILVER LAKE WATER QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MOVED TO OFF-SITE LOCATION**

**ULTIMATE FATE OF RESERVOIRS TO BE DETERMINED  
COMMUNITY INPUT STILL VITAL**

***DWP-HOSTED SCOPING MEETING TO INTRODUCE PROJECT EIR***

***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003***

***7:00PM***

***FRIENDSHIP HALL***

***3201 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, JUST SOUTH OF LOS FELIZ BLVD***

Last November, in a workshop at Marshall High School, the Silver Lake community submitted feedback regarding the DWP's plans to construct alternate, covered water storage facilities to meet more stringent water quality rules. All of the proposals would have meant at least 5 years of a disruptive construction project on the reservoir property. With the specific suggestion of Councilmember Tom LaBonge, the DWP has now determined it's preferred location for the project is off-site at the "Headworks" property, along the LA River, across the street from the entrance to Forest Lawn. A companion project will create a natural open space area above and adjacent to the Headworks storage facility.

At the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex, some construction will still be necessary. A regulating station will be built in the grassy knoll next to the Recreation Center, and a bypass pipeline will be constructed and installed in the bottom of Silver Lake Reservoir. This will require the reservoir be drained for approximately one year.

At the completion of the project, estimated to be 2009, Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs will be completely removed from the drinking water delivery system. This fact opens the door to many important questions regarding the short- and long-term future of the reservoirs. The community needs to address these and other related issues in the ensuing environmental documentation process.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the DWP is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project at Headworks, formally entitled the "Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Storage Replacement Project".

A first step of this EIR process is to hold a "Scoping Meeting" to introduce the project to the public and seek comment on what the breadth of the subsequent report should be. The community is encouraged to attend, and members of the Committee to Save Silver Lake's Reservoirs (CSSLR) will be present to submit formal statements and monitor the process on behalf of those unable to participate in person.