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Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD LETTER APPROVAL

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for
RICHARD F. HARASICK
Senior Assistant General Manager
Water System

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MARTIN L. ADAMS
Chief Operating Officer

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DAVID H. WRIGHT
General Manager

DATE: December 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement With the Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering Regarding the Updated Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan

SUMMARY

The Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan (Master Plan) was completed November 1, 2000, in response to on-site water quality improvement projects required to meet the Federal Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The Master Plan served as a long-range planning tool for the Silver Lake Community and LADWP to plan and develop recreational opportunities on the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) while considering the on-site water quality improvement projects.

Since the Master Plan's completion, the improvement projects were significantly modified to have minimal impact to the reservoirs which eliminated the need for environmental mitigation. Therefore, the Master Plan needs updating to reflect the current SLRC site, operations and maintenance, and other LADWP requirements within the property. The Updated Master Plan will provide a revised long-range planning tool to develop potential land use opportunities without affecting LADWP's daily operations. The Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has agreed to develop an Updated Master Plan in coordination with LADWP, Council Districts Four and Thirteen, Community, and other relevant stakeholders.

LADWP will provide BOE with an estimated \$2.92 million (budgeted) towards the development of the Updated Master Plan's total costs.

City Council approval is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the execution of the Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Updated Master Plan will serve as a formal guide to develop potential recreational projects for the SLRC and will be established through an extensive collaboration among City departments, Council Districts, the community, and relevant stakeholders. If the Master Plan is not updated, each proposed project at the SLRC will undergo a long planning and review period. The Updated Master Plan will reduce the major planning and community review because it will define requirements and boundaries for land use, along with meeting the community goals that are mutually accepted during the development of the Updated Master Plan.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Updated Master Plan's total cost is \$2.92 million, which includes the development of the Updated Master Plan and meetings with the community.

The Updated Master Plan is funded over a period of 37 months, January 2018 through February 2021.

BACKGROUND

The SLRC is owned by LADWP and located in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Silver Lake. The SLRC contains Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs, water infrastructure, and field and maintenance facilities. In 1998, LADWP publicized an "Open Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Plan" that included proposals to construct a cover for Ivanhoe Reservoir and an on-site treatment facility for Silver Lake Reservoir. The Silver Lake community strongly opposed to both projects and agreed to work with LADWP and applicable governmental agencies to develop a Master Plan that would support LADWP's water quality and operational purposes while allowing for community enhancements and public use at SLRC. On November 1, 2000, the Master Plan was completed, with input from the Silver Lake community, to address concerns about the land use of the SLRC and to maintain LADWP's operational needs.

Since the Master Plan was completed, both the cover on Ivanhoe and the treatment plant for Silver Lake were replaced by other projects. This allowed the reservoirs to be removed from the water distribution system and converted to non-potable basins eliminating the need for environmental mitigation at the site. New facilities recently completed to meet water quality regulations include Headworks Reservoir, located at the Headworks Spreading Grounds; and Silver Lake Reservoir Bypass Line, which is on the property. Other projects are being planned including walkways along the Silver Lake Dam and near Ivanhoe Dam, and an aeration system to control algae in the reservoirs.

Due to these major changes, the Master Plan should be updated to reflect the current SLRC site, ensure LADWP's ongoing operations and maintenance of the SLRC, agreements with agencies, and other LADWP requirements within the property.

BOE is the City of Los Angeles (City) entity responsible for the development of projects within the City right-of-way. BOE has implemented numerous City construction projects, as well as develop Master Plans such as the latest Los Angeles Convention Center Master Plan. BOE will provide the services to update the Master Plan.

The Updated Master Plan will serve as a guide to ensure future improvements are compatible with LADWP's ongoing and future operations, along with the goals and visions of the community. The Updated Master Plan will include the following information:

- Identify future improvements to the SLRC for water quality and operation purposes and for community enhancements and public uses
- Contain texts, maps, charts, and supporting information to guide the City and community on beneficial improvement projects
- Integrate City and community values, desires, and visions into the land use and development principles to be used as guide for the future improvements in the community

The Updated Master Plan is a collaboration to preserve the SLRC, while maintaining the current and future LADWP operational needs and creating recreational opportunities for the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Determine item is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15060 (c)(3). In accordance with Section 15060 (c)(3), an activity is not subject to CEQA if it does not meet the definition of a project. Section 15378 (b)(4) states that government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment

do not meet that definition. Furthermore, Section 15378 (b)(5) states that organizational or administrative activities which will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment do not meet that definition. Therefore, entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that states the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, BOE roles/responsibilities for the updated Master Plan is not subject to CEQA. The original Silver Lake Master Plan was certified by the City of Los Angeles on November 1, 2000. Any additional CEQA review that is necessary for proposed projects associated with the updated Master Plan will be completed by BOE.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Office of the City Attorney reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form and legality.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Memorandum of Agreement

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is the owner of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC); and

WHEREAS, the SLRC contains multiple LADWP facilities that support the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, LADWP publicized an "Open Reservoir Water Quality Improvement Plan" that included proposals to cover Ivanhoe Reservoir and to construct the Silver Lake Reservoir water treatment facility to meet the Federal Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2000, LADWP, with input from the Silver Lake community, facilitated the preparation of the Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs Master Plan (Master Plan) in response to the community's opposition to the Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan was a long-range planning tool to examine opportunities for recreational activities while preserving and maintaining LADWP's current and future operation and maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Storage Replacement Project Final Environmental Impact Report, dated May 16, 2006, approved several projects which allowed the removal of Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs from the potable drinking water system and eliminated the need for environmental mitigation at the SLRC; and

WHEREAS, an Updated Master Plan will be developed to reflect the new site and operating conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is a bureau of the municipally owned Los Angeles Department of Public Works responsible for the implementing improvement projects within the City of Los Angeles (City); and

WHEREAS, BOE agrees to develop an Updated Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, under this Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) between BOE and LADWP, BOE shall develop an Updated Master Plan at a cost not to exceed \$2.92 million, which LADWP will fund in full, with a term of approximately three years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney and filed with the Secretary of the Board, be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or Vice President, or the General Manager, or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing, and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or the Acting Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of LADWP.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
MICHAEL N. FEUER, CITY ATTORNEY

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