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To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Gebhardt](#); [Vanessa Boudreau](#); [Will DiBernardo](#); [Stephanie Bartron](#)
Subject: Public Comment: SCWP Regional Oversight Committee 7/08/26
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 12:10:30 PM
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[Comment-Card-Form-SLEG_FoGP.pdf](#)
[Comment-Card-Form-SLEG_LACRP.pdf](#)
[Comment-Card-Form-SLEG_TheodorePayneFndn.pdf](#)
[Comment-Card-Form-SLEG_Clockshop.pdf](#)
[SLEG-LANLT_LetterofSupport.pdf](#)
[SLEG-TPF_LetterofSupport.pdf](#)
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Dear SCWP Administrators --

I am the president of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy, writing in regards to our SCWP / Measure W application for the Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project.

I am submitting letters of support from several of our community partners for consideration at your upcoming Regional Oversight Committee on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

Attached please find completed comment cards and letters of support from these organizations:

Theodore Payne Foundation (TPF)
Los Angeles Trust for Public Land (LANLT)
Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP)
Los Angeles Climate Reality Project (LACRP)
Clockshop
Silver Lake Forward (SLF)

We have titled the project "SLEG" on the attachments for "Silver Lake Eucalyptus Grove".

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Cyndi Hubach
President, Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy




Public Comment Form

Name*: Tori Kjer Organization*: LA Neighborhood Land Trust
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee Meeting Date: July 8, 2026

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As a park equity nonprofit dedicated to connecting Los Angeles communities with vibrant, accessible green space, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) recognizes this project as a model of what multi-benefit infrastructure can achieve. By implementing stormwater BMPs such as bioswales and bioretention areas, this project improves water quality, increases local water supply, reduces flooding, and mitigates urban heat, advancing environmental sustainability. The captured water would be redirected to irrigate a restored native habitat and parkland area, turning what was once a liability into a living asset – a biodiverse, sustainable, and ecologically responsible community space. LANLT is not a project partner, but we believe strongly in the value of this work, both for its contribution to open space access and for its integration of environmental infrastructure with public benefit. This project offers strong potential for social cohesion and community building, as its planting and restoration work will provide ample volunteer and workforce development opportunities. The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy has proven themselves to be a reliable partner to the community. themselves to be a reliable partner to the community with a history of competence,



July 1, 2026

To: Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee

Re: Letter of Support - From Public Utility to Public Amenity: Transforming Silver Lake Reservoir's Eucalyptus Grove through Stormwater Capture and Habitat Restoration

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themselves to be a reliable partner to the community with a history of competence, commitment, and positivity.

Sincerely,

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Tori Kjer

Executive Director

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust



Public Comment Form

Name*: Rachel Fox, Adam Sieff

Organization*: Silver Lake Forward

Email*: [REDACTED]

Phone*: [REDACTED]

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On behalf of Silver Lake Forward, I am writing in strong support of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy's application for Measure W grant funding to develop a stormwater capture project at the south end of the Eucalyptus Grove, which would provide significant irrigation for a revitalized woodland forest.

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We understand that SLRC is currently applying for funding to develop a stormwater capture project that would irrigate a seven-acre area adjacent to the reservoir, providing additional green space, an educational and interpretive walking path, and native woodland. SLRC has proven themselves as a reliable partner to the community, city departments and our elected officials with a long track record of seriousness and responsibility. We strongly support their application to help our urban habitat thrive.



May 13, 2025

Central Santa Monica Bay
Watershed Area
Steering Committee

RE: Support for the Silver Lake Reservoir's Measure W Grant Application

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Sincerely,

Adam Sieff
President
Silver Lake Forward



Public Comment Form

Name*: Gerry Hans Organization*: Friends of Griffith Park
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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To: Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee

Re: Support - Silver Lake Reservoir Eucalyptus Grove Project

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The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy has a rich history of advocacy with a mission not dissimilar from our own. They are our respected partners. More important, the Silver Lake community looks up to them in leading this project. We expect tremendous public engagement for this forward-thinking project.

We lend our strong support for their application and will follow progress through future phases.



Friends of Griffith Park

P.O. Box 27573

Los Angeles, CA 90027-0573

friendsofgriffithpark.org

July 7, 2026

To: Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee

Re: Support - Silver Lake Reservoir Eucalyptus Grove Project

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Sincerely,

Gerry Hans
President

Jason Greenwald
Executive Director

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable group that promotes the enlightened stewardship of Griffith Park so it can survive and thrive well beyond the 21st century. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles' largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.



Public Comment Form

Name*: Charles Miller Organization*: Los Angeles Climate Reality Project
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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Los Angeles Climate Reality Project is writing to express support for the application submitted by the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy (SLRC) for the Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project through the Measure W / Safe Clean Water Program. Established in 2017, Los Angeles Climate Reality Project with over 2,000 members is among the largest of the more than 100 chapters of the international Climate Reality Project. We are everyday citizens, teachers, scientists, activists, artists, and storytellers who work to educate on the truth of climate change and activate everyone to prioritize addressing it. Biodiversity support is central to our mission. This project exemplifies the transformative potential of multi-benefit, nature-based infrastructure, advancing SCWP priorities in water quality, local water supply, community investment, and environmental stewardship. By seeking to implement stormwater best management practices such as bioswales and bioretention areas, Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project improves water quality, increases



The Climate Reality Project®

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

July 2, 2026

Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee
via Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy Submission

RE: Letter of Support - From Public Utility to Public Amenity: Transforming Silver Lake Reservoir's Eucalyptus Grove through Stormwater Capture and Habitat Restoration

Honorable Steering Committee Members:

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We look forward to supporting SLRC on the implementation of this program and strongly encourage you to support this proposal. Critically, data gathered through this effort will inform future and ongoing infrastructure investments, restoration efforts, and ecosystem stewardship programs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Miller

Chair, Los Angeles Chapter
Climate Reality Project
LAclimatereality.org



Public Comment Form

Name*: Katie Tilford Organization*: Theodore Payne Foundation
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee Meeting Date: July 8, 2026

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At Theodore Payne Foundation, our mission is to promote the use of California native plants to create a healthier and more resilient future for Southern Californians. This project is a welcome opportunity to advance that mission by implementing stormwater management practices such as bioswales and bioretention areas to improve water quality, increase local water supply, reduce flooding, and mitigate urban heat. Captured water would be used to irrigate to a restored native plant landscape, transforming the area into a biodiverse and ecologically valuable community resource.

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TPF brings over 65 years of experience in growing locally adapted native plants and educating the



THEODORE PAYNE FOUNDATION for Wild Flowers & Native Plants

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Sun Valley, California 91352
theodorepayne.org

July 1, 2026

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The Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy has a nearly 40-year history of working to protect, maintain, and improve the Silver Lake Reservoirs and their surrounding lands. They have proven themselves to be a reliable partner to our community. We support this project.

Sincerely,

Amy Greenwood, PhD
Executive Director
Theodore Payne Foundation



Public Comment Form

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Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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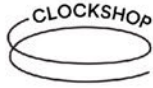
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We are writing on behalf of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy regarding their application for grant funding under Measure W. As a local community-based non-profit dedicated to public land and green space, we support this project.

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We support their application.



Clockshop
2806 Clearwater Street
Los Angeles, 90039

clockshop.org

May 12, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

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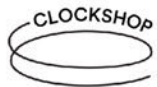
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Sincerely,

Sue Bell Yank



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Los Angeles, 90039



Executive Director, Clockshop



Public Comment Form

Name*: Van Pierszalowski Organization*: California Bird Atlas

Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]

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I proudly support their application. Van Pierszalowski, Executive Director California Bird Atlas



July 7, 2026

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Van Pierszalowski
Director, California Bird Atlas



Date: _____

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7/08 ROC Meeting

Stephanie Bartron

SLRC (Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy), APLD (Association of Professional Landscape Designers)

I am writing to support the Eucalyptus Grove: Silver Lake Reservoir Stormwater Capture Project Application, as a member of the Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy Board submitting this application. I am also a resident of that community, a Landscape Designer, and I sit on both the California State Chapter and Los Angeles District Boards of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, serving as the Sustainability Chair for both. I've co-written a number of local sustainable gardening handbooks, including "The Drought Tolerant Garden" for the County of Los Angeles. As a Landscape Designer, I focus on regenerative design, restoring watershed health and biodiversity support in our urban gardens. This community-lead stormwater project also addresses those goals, serving the public and the planet.

We are asking you to support this application, which will determine the feasibility of this proposal. With this support, we will be prepared to ask LADWP for their approval of this project, on their property, and to work with other departments and agencies to determine long-term operations and management needs and responsibilities. We understand that both LADWP and LASAN do not have the capacity to manage those and that this is why they have withheld their formal support, thus far.

The Reservoirs sit in a natural basin, surrounded by steep hillsides, narrow streets, and multi-level housing. Stormwater from these surrounding hills already flows into street and storm drains, and is routed to a single point along the reservoir edge. Designed to protect the stored potable water, stormwater was routed away from the Reservoirs, traveling through pipes drilled under the hill and then many miles under the city to the Santa Monica Bay. This engineering feat, while impressive, is no longer necessary or tenable.

Instead, daylight this water and let it flow through restored landscapes and new wetland terraces, and then overflow into the waiting expansive reservoir. Allow it to become part of a restored urban forest, to displace irrigation needs, to hydrate the soil, and to be cleaned

of urban pollution by plants and healthy soil microbes. Prevent it from causing downstream flooding during extreme storms. Isn't this what SafeCleanWaterLA was created for?

As you may know, the City of Los Angeles has previously invested significant resources towards this property and the City Council previously approved over \$8 million dollars to capture this stormwater, removing an average of 100 AFY from storm drain system. This previous proposal focused on costly gray infrastructure solutions, was deemed inadequate to meet the annual refilling needs, and then abandoned. Most of this 170 acre property is now inaccessible to the general public and maintained in a degraded state by LADWP. Rerouting this stormwater is the first step in restoring a 7 acre section of the property, and can be done most efficiently now, before new trees are planted and paths installed.

Thank you.



Date: _____

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Comments

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