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Honorable City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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**RE: SILVERLAKE AND IVANHOE RESERVOIRS MASTER PLAN
HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT NO. 422**

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of the Cultural Heritage Commission to express our support for the proposed improvements to the Silverlake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs complex. The project team and City staff have worked diligently with the Commission and our staff to develop a project that is reflective of the community's desires for an appropriate rehabilitation of this important Historic-Cultural Monument.

Initially, there were concerns that the project scope does not include the facilities currently occupied by the DWP. However, the analysis for the Master Plan did include a discussion of the historic, character-defining features of the resource that are to remain on the portion of property being used by the DWP for operations and maintenance.

The Commission also had initial concerns about the implementation of floating habitat islands on the reservoirs. However, the Commission ultimately agreed that, if kept to a minimum as designed, the floating wetlands will not impact the principal feature of the site - the large, open bodies of water.

Thank you for your support of a Plan that preserves the important historic character of the reservoir complex, while enhancing wildlife habitat and creating new public amenities.

Sincerely,

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission