COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 01
SUMMARY
Attended by over 230 members of the public, Community Workshop 01 focused on introducing the community to the Design Team, Stakeholder Working Group and presenting the overall project.

**WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**

The BOE and the design team, led by Hargreaves Jones, introduced the project and shared research and analysis of the site. The design team also discussed their assessment of the challenges and opportunities presented by various aspects of the reservoir complex. The SWG was also introduced and each group was given the opportunity to present their organization’s mission and goals for the Master Plan and discuss their work on related issues.

Following the team’s presentation, 22 breakout discussions began with approximately 12 participants in each, facilitated by members of the project team. Upon check-in, attendees were randomly assigned to tables to have the opportunity to hear from fellow community members who they may not know. Most participants sat at their assigned tables, though not all. At the breakout table discussions, attendees were asked to provide input as to what they thought were the most significant challenges and opportunities at the reservoirs.

Each table had an enlarged project site plan and post-it notes in two different colors – one for challenges and one for opportunities. Attendees were asked to write down challenges and opportunities on the post-it notes and place them on their site plan. Tables were also asked to identify one character-defining feature of the reservoir complex they could all agree upon. These were written on post-it notes in the shape of a light bulb.

*NOTE: The table maps are primarily used as tools to facilitate discussion during the breakout sessions at the workshops prior to responding to the questionnaires, and do not yield empirical information.*
The challenges & opportunities of the SLRCMP were presented in the following five categories:

Now, it's your turn! Please tell us what you think are the top challenges and opportunities within the site:

**top three CHALLENGES?**

1.
2.
3.

**top three OPPORTUNITIES?**

1.
2.
3.

Additionally... Help us understand what makes SLRC special:

What are the **defining characteristics** of the SLRC to you?

What is your **favorite public open space** that could be used as an example for the SLRCMP?

**We want to hear more!** Please let us know if you have any other comments:

Other Comments:

TO BE ON OUR PROJECT MAILING LIST & KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON THIS PROJECT, SIGN UP BELOW:

Name: ____________________________
E-mail: __________________________

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS!
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 01 FEEDBACK

Workshop Report Back
Each table was then asked to identify a table leader who would report back, to the entire room, giving a brief, two-minute summary of the challenges and opportunities discussed. Each table also attached their defining characteristics to a large plan at the front of the room and attendees were also asked to share what their favorite parks or open spaces are.

During the report back, common themes ranged from balancing human access and wildlife protection to improving habitat and increasing green space. The character-defining features identified by attendees included the vistas, openness, serenity, and the infamous “morning sparkle.”

“vistas, beauty, nature”

“peaceful”

“morning sparkle”

“openness”

“serenity”
A questionnaire was distributed to complete at the workshop and to help facilitate discussion during the breakout session. The project team received 172 questionnaire responses in total. The questionnaire asked attendees to identify what they thought were the top three challenges and top 3 opportunities for repurposing the reservoir complex into a public park. It also asked participants to identify their favorite open space worldwide. The questionnaire responses identified balancing human access and active uses, traffic, removing fences, maintenance, and funding as challenges. Opportunities included adding more green space, increasing outdoor activities and recreation, improving pedestrian and bike access, improving habitat for wildlife, and creating more beautiful, serene spaces. Favorite parks ranged from highly urban spaces such as the Highline in New York to more wilderness spaces like Debs Park in Los Angeles.

**Synthesis**

Input from the community during the workshop and from the questionnaire was used to inform the visioning phase of the project and prepare for Community Workshop 02. Based on the broad range of opportunities and challenges identified by the community, the project team developed eight categories of activities and elements to more specifically access community preferences and aspirations for what they would like to see and do in their future park.