COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 02 SUMMARY
Attended by over 600 members of the public, Community Workshop 02 focused on visioning – imagining what the reservoir complex could be and what people would want to do and see in the future – to assist the design team in developing conceptual design alternatives for the Master Plan.

OVERVIEW
The SLRC is mostly closed to public access with limited moments available to experience the scale and power of the water bodies up close. To help the community understand the project site and catalyze creative thinking and bold ideas about what the park could be, the BOE and the design team, in collaboration with LADWP, opened the complex to the community for the second Community Workshop.

The project team created a walking map of the reservoir complex, which also doubled as an Activities & Uses Questionnaire. Five different information stations were set up around the reservoir complex along the water and at the Knoll, to provide information on topics areas related to the questionnaire and were staffed by project team facilitators. The goal of the workshop and questionnaire was to empirically solicit and document community priorities regarding park vision and future uses, leading to a better understanding of the character of the park that would best serve the community.

Attendees included people who specifically came to participate in the event; and others who were walking or jogging around the reservoir complex and joined the workshop spontaneously.
VISIONING QUESTIONS AND TOPICS
The questionnaire asked participants to pick the top three Activities & Uses they would like to see in the future across the following eight categories:

**Nature and Beauty:** included passive activities that are associated directly with natural areas such as birdwatching, enjoying nature, gardening, habitat enhancement/expansion, sunset viewing, treatments wetlands, water conserving native gardens, and water features.

**Education:** included birdwatching and environmental classes, guided educational tours, outdoor environmental center, outdoor art classes, and youth and school programs.

**Support and Mobility:** are all features that contribute the safety, security, access and maintenance of the park and its uses. This included bike parking, metro bike share, park information / interpretive signs, park rangers, park rentals, restrooms, security, vehicle parking, vehicle drop-off/pick up.

**Water Activities:** included casting ponds, catch/release fishing, human-powered boating, model sailboat racing, rowing, stand up paddle boarding, swimming, viewing areas, decks and overlooks.

**Socializing, Gathering, and Eating:** included family gatherings, food kiosks / café, food trucks, grilling, local farmers market, outdoor birthdays and weddings, picnics, senior’s classes, volunteer programs.
Arts and Culture: included active and passive activities that contribute to overall wellness. Active activities include cycling, exercise circuits, roller blading and skating, running and jogging, walking, and workout classes. Passive activities included cloud watching, relaxing, finding peace, sitting, sunning, tai chi / yoga.

Health and Wellness: included active and passive activities that contribute to overall wellness. Active activities include cycling, exercise circuits, roller blading and skating, running and jogging, walking, and workout classes. Passive activities included cloud watching, relaxing, finding peace, sitting, sunning, tai chi / yoga.

Sports, Games and Play: included active and passive recreational activities. Active activities included basketball, dog play (expanded), flexible sports fields, multi-use courts, nature playground, splash pad, skateboarding, and volleyball. More passive activities included bocce and horseshoes, chess and checkers and kit flying.

The questionnaire asked some additional open questions as well: What is your Favorite Park in Los Angeles?, What one word best describes what the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex (SLRC) should be or feel like?, How often do you visit the SLRC?, How do you typically get to the SLRC?, How would you like to get to the SLRC in the future?
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 02 FEEDBACK

Questionnaire
Participants were given the opportunity to complete and turn in their questionnaires at the reservoir or complete it online. The questionnaire was open for three weeks and closed on September 14, 2019. Over 1,450 questionnaires were completed with 89% of respondents living in a zip code within a 2-mile radius and with over 66% visiting the SLRC at least once a day, representing significant participation by the Silver Lake Community.

Participants were asked to select their top three activities across each of the eight categories which is summarized in the chart below.

In general, a preference towards more passive Activities & Uses was favored with a focus on Nature and Beauty [Enjoying Nature (64.46%), Habitat Enhancement / Expansion (40.01%), and Water Conserving Gardens (37.36%)], Health and Wellness [Walking (59.5%), Running and Jogging (43.72%), Relaxing and Finding Peace (41.62%)], and Education [Environmental Classes (47.28%), Outdoor Environmental Center (40.43%), and Youth / School Programs (40.08%)].

Water Activities were also amongst the high-ranking activities [Viewing Area / Deck / Overlook (49.65%) Human-Powered boating (40.01%) and Swimming (38.27%)]. Being able to get on the water, get in the water, and view the water were desirable to most respondents. Socializing, Gathering, and Eating showed strong support for Picnics (49.02%) as well as favorable support for Local Farmer’s Market (36.31%) and Family Gatherings (33.38%). Support and Mobility uses such as Restrooms (53.56%) received a strong preference, and Bicycle Parking (37.43%) and Park Rentals (34.85%) had moderate support.

Categories that ranked the lowest overall were Arts and Culture [Outdoor Movies (35.89%), Temporary Art Installations (30.94%), and Permanent Art / Sculpture Garden (28.84%)] and Sports, Games and Play [Nature Playground (35.61%), None of the Above (24.44%), and Splash Pad (23.74%)].

The complete results of the questionnaire are shown in descending order of preference in the chart on the next page. The top three preferences from each category have been color coded to assist understanding how these related into the overall results. For instance, while some activities were the top three in their category, they were less popular overall against all other activities.

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Community Workshop 02 Questionnaire results shows top three Activities and Uses in each category
Community Workshop 02 Questionnaire results shows top three Activities and Uses in each category in relationship to all of the Activities and Uses. Shown in descending order.
The size of the word in this word cloud represents how many times a park was repeated. This data helps provide a frame of reference to understanding the results of the Activities & Uses questions. Key takeaways include a preference towards more natural, large open spaces (Griffith Park) but also for that of a more active park with human-powered boating (Echo Park). It’s also clear that the Silver Lake Reservoir and Meadow are already beloved by the community.

This word cloud represents the vision the community has for the reservoir complex. As shown, Peaceful, Natural and Nature were among the most frequently used words. Community and Neighborhood were also used frequently. Overall, these show a preference towards creating a balanced, inclusive open space for people and nature.
SYNTHESIS
The responses to the questionnaire indicated a range of preferences, such as enjoying nature, habitat enhancement and expansion, overlooks, picnicking, running and jogging, education, including an outdoor education center and youth programs, as well as accessing the water, including swimming and human-powered boating. These uses and activities were all preferred by 30% or more respondents with most preferred by 40% or greater.

The design team used these preferences as a guide for developing three conceptual alternatives that created spaces which tested the physical manifestation of the community’s aspirations. Some activities and uses, such as swimming require dedicated facilities, while others only need flexible open spaces. Each alternate was developed to be as inclusive of the community’s wishes as possible.

The questionnaire responses were also used to develop six Key Themes or goals for the Master Plan design – Enjoying Nature, Wellness, Education, Community, Family Friendly, and Water Access – against which each conceptual alternative was evaluated as it was developed.

During the development of the three alternatives, the design team met with the SWG two times to review the design options and garner feedback.

POP-UP EVENT 01
A week after Community Workshop 02, on August 31, 2019, The Robert Group hosted a pop-up event at the Silver Lake Farmers Market. The purpose of the pop-up was to capture additional community members who might not be aware of the project. Maps and boards from the Community Workshop were used to facilitate an open discussion with the public and questionnaires were provided for individuals to complete in-person and/or submit online.