

**RESOLUTION 4-17-18 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ADDRESSING THE DISTRICT'S ON-GOING CONCERNS RELATED**

**TO THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) is aware of the proposed project by Los Angeles County Flood Control District to remove between 2.4 million and 4.0 million cubic yards of sediment and debris from the Devil's Gate Reservoir over a five-or-more year time period; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board has numerous concerns related to potential impacts within the city and specifically near La Cañada High School; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board and District staff places the health and safety of its students and families as one of its highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, the LCUSD Governing Board wishes to eliminate or minimize potential adverse environmental, health, and traffic congestion impacts to its students and families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District hereby acknowledges the Superior Court's recent direction to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles indicating three areas which need addressing by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, namely: 1) the 1:1 mitigation ratios, 2) Biological Mitigation Measures, and 3) requiring Model Year 2010 trucks be used to haul sediment. The LCUSD Governing Board appreciates the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors assurances that Public Works will be vigilant in meeting these provisions. The LCUSD Governing Board also recognizes the responsibilities of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to ensure that the flood control basin acts as it was designed: to control flood waters and protect life and property. However, the LCUSD Governing Board continues to request that the following priorities be addressed by the Board of Supervisors as it proceeds with the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Maintenance Project:

1. That Public Works act to remove the most conservative amount of sediment possible to achieve its goals in order to minimize project impacts and ensure that student health and safety are not adversely affected.
2. That all possible steps are taken to mitigate the significant impacts to air quality due to the nature of the debris removal by heavy construction equipment which generates excessive daily NOx emissions.
3. That short and long term health effects due to silica dust, fugitive dust clouds, diesel fumes, carbon monoxide and other pollutants are fully assessed and provisions made so that students are not exposed to health risks in the school environment. Ensuring student health and safety is a LCUSD Board priority as well as a community and civic responsibility.
4. That hauling operations are designed to minimize school traffic congestion, thus avoiding negative impacts to attendance and tardy rates while protecting the integrity of the instructional day and supporting student achievement.
5. That vehicle noise generated on haul routes near La Cañada High School are minimized so as not to disrupt the learning environment and students' abilities to concentrate on and access curriculum.
6. That County and local mechanisms for monitoring, reporting and enforcing project compliance are clearly established and communicated to the City of La Canada Flintridge and the La Canada Unified School District.

IN WITNESS THERETO, we, the Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District, do hereby adopt this resolution this 17th day of October, 2017.

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