

### 3.1 AESTHETICS

As a result of the *Initial Study*,<sup>1</sup> the City of Pasadena determined that the Arroyo Seco Master Plan Project (proposed project) had the potential to result in significant impacts to aesthetics. Therefore, this issue was carried forward for detailed analysis in this Master Environmental Impact Report (*Master EIR*). This analysis was undertaken to identify opportunities to avoid, reduce, or otherwise mitigate potential significant impacts to aesthetics and identify potential alternatives. This section is based on a review of the *Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>2</sup> and site reconnaissance. The analysis of aesthetics includes a description of the regulatory framework that guides the decision-making process, existing conditions of the proposed project area, thresholds for determining if the proposed project would result in significant impacts, anticipated impacts, mitigation measures, and the level of significance after mitigation.

#### 3.1.1 Regulatory Framework

This regulatory framework sets the context for the range of issues related to aesthetics that the City of Pasadena shall consider in the evaluation of the potential for a project to have a significant effect on aesthetics. The consideration of potential effects on aesthetic resources within the City of Pasadena is largely undertaken in relation to the *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>3</sup> and *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines*. In addition, the Arroyo Seco is bordered to the north by lands subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, to the northeast by the Altadena community of the County of Los Angeles, to the south by the City of South Pasadena, to the southwest by the City of Los Angeles, and to the northwest by the City of La Cañada-Flintridge.

##### 3.1.1.1 Federal

The Upper Arroyo Seco in the City of Pasadena borders the Angeles National Forest along its northern boundary. Any projects undertaken in the Upper Arroyo Seco have the potential to affect land within the Angeles National Forest managed pursuant to the *Land and Resources Management Plan for the Angeles National Forest*<sup>4</sup> shall consider the potential effect on the aesthetic characteristics of the Angeles National Forest.

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<sup>1</sup> City of Pasadena, 2000. *Initial Study Arroyo Seco Mater Plan Project*. Contact: Department of Planning and Permitting, 175 North Garfield, Pasadena, CA 91109. Prepared by: Sapphos Environmental Inc., 133 Martin Alley, Pasadena, CA 91105.

<sup>2</sup> City of Pasadena, Planning Division, 1994. *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*. Contact: Community Planning Section, 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109-7215.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region. 1987. *Angeles National Forest Land and Resources Management Plan*. Contact: P.O. Box 3623, 333 SW First Avenue, Portland, OR 97208.

## *National Environmental Policy Act*

Elements of the proposed project could potentially be funded by federal grant monies. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its supporting federal regulations establish certain requirements that must be adhered to for any project "...financed, assisted, conducted or approved by a federal agency..." In making a decision on the issuance of federal grant monies for elements of the proposed project, the federally designated lead agency pursuant to NEPA is required to "...determine whether the proposed action may significantly affect the quality of the human environment."

### **3.1.1.2 State**

California's Scenic Highway Program preserves and protects scenic highway corridors from changes that would diminish their aesthetic value. There are no designated scenic highways within the City of Pasadena. The nearest scenic highway is the Angeles Crest Highway located approximately 20 miles to the northeast. At the time of preparation of this document, there were no designated or proposed scenic highways located within the City of Pasadena.

### **3.1.1.3 Local**

The Altadena community of the County of Los Angeles is located adjacent and to the north of the Arroyo Seco. Other unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles border the northeastern and southeastern boundaries of the City of Pasadena. The Arroyo Seco shares its boundary with South Pasadena, the Highland Park community of the County of Los Angeles, and La Cañada Flintridge. Although the city is not required to conform to the goals and policies of an adjoining city, impacts to designated Scenic Vistas from adjacent cities should be considered in light of the applicable element of the adopted General Plan.

#### *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*

The Public Facilities element of *The City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>5</sup> provides for the provision and maintenance of public buildings, structures, and grounds, including parks, to meet the needs of the community.

The *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>6</sup> contains a Conservation Element, Open Space Element, Scenic Highway Element and Land Use Element policies that are relevant to the consideration of aesthetic resources. In addition, the City of Pasadena Design Commission provides review of proposed projects in light of adopted design guidelines.

#### *Conservation Element Policies*

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<sup>5</sup> City of Pasadena, Planning Division, 1994.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

201.0 The city reaffirms Resolution No. 8603, commonly known as the Jencks Resolution, or preserving and maintaining Arroyo Seco lands as a natural park.

202.0 Preservation of existing street trees shall merit consideration with engineering requirements in the development of street-widening or lighting plans.

#### Open-Space Element Policies

200.2 Development of low-intensity, natural parks in city watershed areas with hiking, cycling, and equestrian trails.

### *Scenic Highways Element Policies*

1.1 Preservation of the scenic qualities or environmental character of streets and highways designated on the scenic highway plan shall be the principal consideration in the design of any street improvements or modifications.

1.2 The design quality of developments, including signs, abutting designated scenic roads are to be in keeping with the aesthetic character of the scenic corridor.

2.1 Streets designated as scenic corridors shall receive special consideration in the design of street lighting, signs, and other street furniture.

### *Land-Use Element Policies*

**Policy 5.5 - Architectural and Design Excellence:** The city shall actively promote architectural and design excellence in buildings, open-space, and urban design and shall discourage poor-quality development.

**Policy 5.7 - Enhanced Environment:** Development should be shaped to improve the environment for the public; it should support the distinctiveness of the locality and region as well as the special characteristics of the existing fabric of the site's immediate surroundings.

**Policy 5.9 - Contextual and Compatible Design:** Urban design programs shall ensure that new development shall respect Pasadena's heritage by requiring that new development respond to its context and be compatible with the traditions and character of Pasadena and shall promote orderly development that is compatible with its surrounding scale and that protects the privacy and access to light and air of surrounding properties.

**Policy 5.10 - Spatial Attributes:** Promote development that creates and enhances positive spatial attributes of major public streets, open spaces, cityscape and mountain sightlines, and important "gateways" into the city.

**Policy 9.1 - Open-Space Corridors:** Development of open-space corridors, easement and acquisition programs and trails shall be established where feasible.

**Policy 9.2 - Arroyo Seco:** Continue and complete comprehensive planning for, and implementation of plans for the Arroyo, including restoration of the natural area of the Lower Arroyo and the development of the Devil's Gate Dam Multipurpose Project.

**Policy 9.4 - Adequate Open Space:** Provide an adequate total quantity and equitable distribution of public or publicly accessible open spaces throughout the city.

**Policy 9.5 - Stewardship of the Natural Environment:** Encourage and promote the stewardship of Pasadena's natural environment, including water conservation,

clean air, natural open-space protection, and recycling. Encourage the use of native, water-conserving, and regionally appropriate landscaping.

**Policy 21.4 - Open Space:** Where a park, natural open space or urban development exists adjacent to or near transit-oriented development, these features should be incorporated into the development as open space amenities.

#### *City of Pasadena Design Guidelines/Design Commission Review*

The Design Commission reviews exterior alterations, new construction, and seismic retrofitting to all buildings, including historic building within special areas of the city in accordance with design guidelines adapted for 13 areas of the city. Design Guidelines are an element of the proposed project. Currently, there are no adopted design guidelines for the Arroyo Seco.

### **3.1.2 Existing Conditions**

The general visual character in the vicinity of the proposed project is that of suburban and urban viewsheds, exhibiting park and street lighting, as well as City lighting.

There are no designated scenic vistas in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco. The *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>7</sup> contains a Scenic Highway diagram that depicts Linda Vista Avenue and the Foothill Freeway as Los Angeles County Recommended Scenic Highways (unofficial). Although it is not designated an official Scenic Highway, construction phases may have short-term impacts on scenic resources.

State Highway 2 (Angeles Crest Highway), which is identified on the Automobile Club of Southern California Street Map of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Area,<sup>8</sup> in the *City of Pasadena General Plan Environmental Impact Report*,<sup>9</sup> and in the *Regional Recreation Areas Plan*,<sup>10</sup> is the only state-designated scenic highway in the vicinity of the proposed project. It is located to the northwest of Hahamongna Watershed Park, and crosses the far northwest corner of the City of Pasadena. Although it is designated as a scenic highway, there are no views of the Arroyo Seco project area from the Angeles Crest Highway. Therefore, none of the design components of the proposed project will have a significant impact on the scenic vistas of the Angeles Crest Highway.

#### **3.1.2.1 Upper Arroyo Seco**

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<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Automobile Club of Southern California, 1997. *California*. Travel Publications Department, 2601 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

<sup>9</sup> City of Pasadena, Planning Division, 1994.

<sup>10</sup> County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, 29 July 1965. *Los Angeles County Regional Recreation Areas Plan: A Part of the Recreation Element of the General Plan*. Contact: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room 754, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The Hahamongna Watershed Park lies at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains and includes Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Figure 3.1.2-1, *Jet Propulsion Laboratory from Ventura Street*) the Devil's Gate Dam (Figure 3.1.2-2, *Devil's Gate Dam*), Johnson Field (Figure 3.1.2-3, *Johnson Field*), Hahamongna Park (Figure 3.1.2-4, *Hahamongna Park and Disc Golf Course*), and a series of trails (Figure 3.1.2-5, *Hahamongna Park and Trails*).

### **3.1.2.2 Central Arroyo Seco**

The Central Arroyo Seco contains the Rose Bowl (Figure 3.1.2-6, *Rose Bowl from Glen Oaks Boulevard*), the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center (Figure 3.1.2-7, *Rose Bowl Aquatic Center from Glen Oaks Boulevard*), Jackie Robinson Baseball Field (Figure 3.1.2-8, *Jackie Robinson Baseball Field*), tennis courts, Brookside Golf Course and Clubhouse (Figure 3.1.2-9, *Brookside Golf Course from Yocum Street*), multi-use trails, equestrian loop, multi-purpose fields, Rosemont Pavilion, an amphitheater, and Brookside Park.

### **3.1.2.3 Lower Arroyo Seco**

The Lower Arroyo Seco contains a natural park, fly-casting pond and clubhouse (Figure 3.1.2-10, *Casting Pond and Clubhouse*), archery range and clubhouse (Figure 3.1.2-11, *Archery Range and Clubhouse*), and multi-use trails for walking, jogging, cycling, and equestrian use (Figure 3.1.2-12, *Equestrian Center*).

### **3.1.3 Significance Thresholds**

This section lists the thresholds used to assess the potential for the proposed project to result in significant impact to aesthetics. These thresholds are found in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines and the City of Pasadena CEQA Guidelines. The likelihood for significant impacts to aesthetics to occur was evaluated based on the potential for the proposed project to result in the following:

- ?? degradation, including blocking or infringing, of one of the defining characteristics of a scenic vista within the City;
- ?? substantial damage (that may change the dominant features experienced from the widest public vantage point) to scenic resources (including but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and natural beauty) within a State scenic highway;
- ?? degradation of one of the defining visual characteristics or qualities of the site and its surroundings;
- ?? a new light or glare source affecting day or nighttime views in the area that exceed existing light and glare by more than 10 percent, or if light and glare are introduced into a land use that is a sensitive receptor, including sensitive wildlife and residential areas.

### **3.1.4 Impact Analysis**

There are no designated scenic vistas in the Arroyo Seco designated in the *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*,<sup>11</sup> nor is the Arroyo Seco visible from the Angeles Crest Highway, the nearest designated scenic highway. However, the open space corridor provided by the

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<sup>11</sup>City of Pasadena, Planning Division, 1994.

Arroyo Seco, which runs from the upper reaches in the Angeles National Forest south to the city's southern boundary, is considered to be one of the most scenic areas in the region. As there are no designated scenic vistas in the Arroyo Seco, the proposed project, in addition to related projects in the area will not impact aesthetics. The *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*<sup>12</sup> contains a Scenic Highway diagram that depicts Linda Vista Avenue and the Foothill Freeway as Los Angeles County Recommended Scenic Highways (unofficial). Linda Vista Avenue and the Foothill Freeway extend the length of the Upper Arroyo Seco, the Central Arroyo Seco and the northern portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco. Although it is not designated an official Scenic Highway, construction phases would be expected to result in short-term impacts to scenic resources during construction. There will be no long-term impacts to scenic resources as a result of the proposed project, nor will there be significant long-term impacts in conjunction with related projects in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco.

#### **3.1.4.1 Hahamongna Watershed Park**

The Hahamongna Watershed Park element of the proposed project, in addition to the related projects in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco, will not result in cumulative significant environmental impacts.

##### *3.1.4.1.1 Significant Impacts*

The proposed improvements to the Upper Arroyo Seco will be consistent with Policy 9.2 of the *City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan*.<sup>13</sup> The components of the HWP element of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would involve an increase in parking: a 6,000-square-foot parking lot at the intersection of Linda Vista and Oak Grove Drive with an overlook to the Devil's Gate Dam spillway, expansion of the existing 100-space parking lot immediately east of the Oak Grove Field to 220 spaces, new parking areas to accommodate overnight campers in the supervised overnight camping area, an increase in parking spaces in the equestrian staging area, paving of the dirt shoulders adjacent to the Johnson Field access road will be paved to create parking bays along the access road to accommodate 200 vehicles and two buses, and at the intersection of Arroyo Well and Johnson Field Road, parking for two buses and 10 cars. The new and expanded parking lots would include safety lights and would provide a new source of light to the area that may affect day or nighttime views, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

The HWP element of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would include rehabilitation of existing restrooms or construction of new restrooms appurtenant to six distinct use areas in the Upper Arroyo Seco: public restrooms at the new dam keeper's quarters, public restrooms at Sycamore Park, restroom renovation in the equestrian staging area, a new restroom facility and storage at Oak Grove Field, and a new public restroom adjacent to the proposed park visitor parking lot at the north end of the Gabrieliño Trail area. Construction and renovation of restrooms would create a new light source and would have the potential to impede views, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

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<sup>12</sup>Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

The HWP element of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would include the expansion or rehabilitation play field in five district areas of the Upper Arroyo Seco: a new 2-acre multi-purpose field at Sycamore Grove; expansion of the 56,000-square-foot Johnson Field to accommodate a youth-size soccer field, open play, picnic area, and other group/non-group activities; on the site of former settling basin number 13 (north at Johnson Field, conversion of basin), to accommodate a 49,000-square-foot youth-size soccer field, open play, picnic area, and other group/non-group activities; creation of an 11,000-square-foot play area similar to the West Side Play Area in the vicinity of the East side multipurpose fields. The use of these fields would be expected to create a new source of light, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

The construction of a six-level parking structure within the Upper Arroyo Seco would degrade the visual characteristics of the proposed site or its immediate surroundings, this constituting a significant impact to aesthetics. The HWP element in the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would replace existing surface parking lots with a six-level parking structure capable of accommodating the existing 1,700 parking spaces.

The new HWP Element I of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would include a new 1,000-square-foot equestrian refuse disposal area to secure containers for the disposal of equestrian refuse. This structure would have the potential to affect the visual character of the site, thus requiring consideration of mitigation measures.

#### *3.1.4.1.2 Issues Found Not to Be Significant*

The following elements of the proposed project would not be expected to degrade one of the defining visual characteristics or qualities of the site and its surroundings or create a new light or glare source affecting day or nighttime views in the area and would not result in significant impacts on aesthetics.

- ?? A new park entrance sign, landscaping, and entry area lighting would be placed at the main west side park entrance at Oak Grove Drive and Foothill Boulevard. This increase in lighting would be minimal.
- ?? The new park entrance, realignment of the park access road, and the widening of Johnson Field access road are planned.
- ?? The development of a sophisticated operating procedure to balance the goals of water conservation, flood control, and sediment management, including the widening of the spreading basins would be consistent with the existing water conservation operation and would not be expected to adversely alter the visual character of the site and surroundings.
- ?? Flood management in the Arroyo Seco, including sediment and debris management and a sediment removal access road are existing operational components of the Upper Arroyo Seco. There would be no increase in such operations as a result of the proposed project.
- ?? The construction of a new 4.8-acre lake environment on the west side of the park would be consistent with the natural setting of the Upper Arroyo Seco.
- ?? Implementation of the sunrise overlook of the basin and the San Gabriel Mountain range in the backdrop would be consistent with Policy 5.10.
- ?? The construction of a new 3.6-acre lake environment on the west side of the park will be consistent with the natural setting of the Upper Arroyo Seco.
- ?? The sunset overlook is located at the main east side park entrance and is essentially a clean-up and restoration project consistent with Policy 5.10.
- ?? Trail development in Hahamongna Watershed Park is consistent with Policy 9.2, 9.4, and 21.9.
- ?? The bicycle route element of the proposed project is consistent with Policy 9.2, 9.4, and 21.9.
- ?? Habitat conservation elements of the proposed project are consistent with Policy 9.5.
- ?? Utility improvements to the Hahamongna Watershed Park are consistent with Policy 5.9.
- ?? The security fencing and gate installation is consistent with Policy 5.9.

#### **3.1.4.2 Central Arroyo Master Plan**

The Central Arroyo Master Plan element of the proposed project, in addition to the related projects in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco, will not result in cumulative significant environmental impacts.

#### *3.1.4.2.1 Significant Impacts*

The visual character of the Central Arroyo Seco is dominated by the existing commercial recreational venues: the Rose Bowl, Brookside Golf Course, the Rosemont Pavilion, the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center, and associated parking areas. These commercial recreational venues are surrounded by developed facilities that support active and passive recreation and ultimately transition into the landscape and natural vegetation of the hillslopes that define the Central Arroyo. The proposed improvements would be consistent with the existing visual characteristics of the site. However, construction of these improvements would result in temporary alteration of the visual character of the surrounding area, constituting a significant impact on aesthetics, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures. Security lighting required in conjunction with these improvements would create a new source of light and glare, which constitutes a significant impact on aesthetics, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

#### *3.1.4.2.2 Issues Found Not to Be Significant*

The following elements of the proposed project would be consistent with the defining visual characteristics or qualities of the site and its surroundings; therefore, there will be no anticipated significant impact to aesthetics. Many of the proposed improvements in the Central Arroyo Seco do not include additional lighting. Therefore, these improvements would not be expected to result in significant impacts to aesthetics.

- ?? Ceremonial entry and front plaza that reflects the prestige of the Rose Bowl
- ?? Landscaping improvements to eight existing asphalt-paved and one turf-covered parking areas
- ?? Unreserved picnic area improvements
- ?? Hillside improvements, including the restoration of the amphitheater
- ?? Improvement of 3-mile recreation loop for bicyclists, strollers, walkers, joggers, and in-line skaters, as well as the main vehicular circulation pattern around the Central Arroyo
- ?? Construction and rehabilitation of multi-use recreational trails
- ?? Improved pedestrian access to the Central Arroyo through providing pathways
- ?? Landscape and aesthetic improvements

#### **3.1.4.3 Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan**

The Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan element of the proposed project, in addition to the related projects in the vicinity of the Arroyo Seco, will not result in cumulative significant environmental impacts.

#### *3.1.4.3.1 Significant Impacts*

The visual character of the Lower Arroyo Seco is dominated by the concrete channelized section of the Arroyo Seco, active and passive recreation facilities, and associated parking areas, which ultimately transition into the landscape and natural vegetation on the hillslopes. The Colorado Street Bridge is a prominent feature in the northern portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco. The proposed improvement to the Lower Arroyo Seco would be consistent with Policy 9.2 of the City of Pasadena Comprehensive General Plan.<sup>14</sup> Construction of these improvements will result in temporary alteration of the visual character of the surrounding area, constituting a significant impact on aesthetics, requiring the consideration of mitigation. Security lighting required in conjunction with these improvements would create a new source of light that constitutes a significant impact on aesthetics, requiring the consideration of mitigation. The Lower Arroyo Master Plan Element I of the Arroyo Seco Master Plan would provide increased security lighting at three locations: the main park entrance located near the intersection of Arroyo Boulevard and Norwood; at the bird sanctuary; and at the driveway to the new south entrance. Incorporation of these elements will provide a new source of light to the area that would be expected to affect nighttime views, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

The new south entrance would involve the addition of 20 parking spaces. The new parking would include safety lights and a new source of light to the area that would have the potential to affect nighttime views, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

A 1,000-square-foot public restroom and storage area would be added onto the roving archers clubhouse, and the public restroom near the proposed new south entrance will be demolished and replaced. The security lighting provided in association with the construction and renovation of restrooms would create a new light source and may affect nighttime views, requiring the consideration of mitigation measures.

#### *3.1.4.3.2 Issues Found Not to Be Significant*

Many of the elements of the proposed project would be consistent with the defining visual characteristics or qualities of the site and its surroundings. These same improvements would not create a new source of light or glare. Therefore, these improvements would not be expected to result in significant impacts to aesthetics:

- ?? La Casita del Arroyo grounds improvements
- ?? Improvements to the casting pond area
- ?? Northern archery range improvements
- ?? Southern archery range improvements
- ?? Bridge crossing at archers clubhouse
- ?? Improvement of the existing multi-use Westside trail
- ?? Improvement of the existing multi-use Eastside trail
- ?? Improvement of Camel's Hump loop trail
- ?? Installation of new pedestrian bridge
- ?? Improvement and restoration of Westside pedestrian trail, Arroyo Boulevard rim trail, and neighborhood trail access

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<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

?? Memorial Grove restoration

#### **3.1.4.4 Rose Bowl Use Plan**

The Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) has recommended that the City Council approve a Rose Bowl Use Plan<sup>15</sup> that would allow 25 major events, or displacement events, to be permitted annually. There have been at least this many events in each of the last nine years; therefore, the authorization of the additional events would be expected to continue the existing pattern of night lighting at the Rose Bowl and associated parking areas. An increase in events scheduled at the Rose Bowl would not be expected to result in significant impacts to aesthetics. The Rose Bowl Use Plan will not result in significant cumulative impacts to the Arroyo Seco.

#### **3.1.4.5 Design Guidelines**

The *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines* would provide the City, through its Design Commission, a tool for ensuring the application of a unifying set of criteria for the site development improvements set forth in the proposed project. The criteria in the *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines* would be expected to protect the visual characteristics of the Arroyo Seco; therefore, there would be no expected significant impact on recreation.

#### **3.1.5 Mitigation Measures**

##### **Measure Aesthetic - 1**

The City of Pasadena shall require construction contractors to strictly control the staging of construction equipment and the cleanliness of construction equipment stored or driven beyond the limits of the construction work area as a means of minimizing temporal degradation of the visual character of surrounding areas and the associated impact to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications, the City of Pasadena shall review the plans and specifications to ensure that all construction vehicles and equipment shall be parked in designated staging areas when not in use. Vehicles shall be kept clean and free of mud and dust before leaving the project site (see Measure Air-5). Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works.

##### **Measure Aesthetic - 2**

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<sup>15</sup> City of Pasadena, 14 August 2000. Agenda Report to the City Council: *Rose Bowl Use Plan from Rose Bowl Operating Company*. Contact: 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109.

The City of Pasadena shall require construction contractors to provide temporary screening from the present public view site, around construction work areas, for all improvements that grading and temporary closures for trails during construction and enhancement, as a means of minimizing the temporal effects to the visual character of the surrounding area and the associated impacts to aesthetics.

### **Measure Aesthetic - 3**

The City of Pasadena shall specify the lighting type and placement within the Arroyo Seco to ensure that the effects of security lighting are limited to designated recreational use areas and appurtenant facilities as a means of minimizing night lighting and the associated impacts to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications, the City of Pasadena shall review the plans and specifications to ensure that all light fixtures will use glare-control visors, arc tube suppression caps, and will use a photometric design that maintains 70 percent of the light intensity in the lower half of the light beam. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works.

### **Measure Aesthetic - 4**

The City of Pasadena shall specify the placement and angle of lighting fixtures within the Arroyo Seco to ensure the protection of night views from public vantage points and areas designated for use as native habitats. Specifically, the City shall require that light be designed to conform essentially to the existing condition, as a means of minimizing increases in night lighting and the associated impacts to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications, the City of Pasadena shall review the plans and specifications to ensure that appropriate light fixture aiming angles are maintained, light standards shall not be more than 70 feet in height. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works.

### **Measure Aesthetic – 5**

The City of Pasadena shall require that the six-level parking structure be screened to the maximum extent practicable as a means of reducing adverse effects to visual characteristics of that site and surrounding areas in the Upper Arroyo Seco, and the associated impacts to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications, the City of Pasadena shall review the plans and specifications to ensure that the new parking structure has been screened to the maximum extent practicable to obstruct views of the building and to limit the amount of excess light and glare. It is anticipated that screening would be composed of a combination of partial burial or berming of the structure, vegetative treatment, and use colors and materials that are sympathetic to the surrounding Upper Arroyo Seco. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works.

### **Measure Aesthetic – 6**

The City of Pasadena shall require that all new structures in the Upper Arroyo Seco and the Lower Arroyo Seco to be finished in unobtrusive colors, as a means of minimizing potential effects to the visual characteristics of the site and surrounding area in the Upper Arroyo Seco and Lower Arroyo Seco, and the associated impacts to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications, the City of Pasadena shall review the plans and specifications to ensure that new structures are painted with earth tone colors to ensure that the buildings blend in with their surroundings to the extent possible. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Planning and Permitting Department.

### **Measure Aesthetic – 7**

The City of Pasadena shall require that all structured improvements recommended as components to the Arroyo Seco Master Plan conform to the Design Guideline established pursuant to the plan, as a means of minimizing potential effects to the visual characteristics of the site and surrounding areas and the associated impacts to aesthetics. Prior to completion of final plans and specifications for all structural improvements, the City shall submit the plans and specifications to the Design Commission for a determination as to their conformance with adopted Design Guidelines. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the City of Pasadena Planning and Permitting Department.

#### **3.1.6 Level of Significance after Mitigation**

Incorporation of mitigation Measure Aesthetic-1 and Measure Aesthetic -2 would reduce the temporal effects on the visual character of the site and surrounding areas from construction to below the threshold of significance. Incorporation of mitigation Measure Aesthetic-3 and Measure Aesthetic-4 will mitigate the increase in lighting, and the effects on nighttime views and areas dedicated to habitat conservation to below the threshold of significance. Design of new structures consistent with the requirements of Measure Aesthetic-6 and Measure Aesthetic-7 would reduce potential impacts on aesthetics to below the threshold of significance.

Incorporation of mitigation Measure Aesthetic-5 would not be expected to reduce the impacts to aesthetics below the level of significance. Design of the six-level parking structure consistent with the specifications of Measure Aesthetic-5 would reduce impacts to the maximum extent practicable. However, due to the potential height of the structure and its propensity to be visible from numerous public views, it is anticipated that the structure's impact to aesthetics would remain significant after mitigation.