



# Agenda Report

March 8, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: RESTATEMENT OF THE GUIDELINES FOR STAFF REGARDING THE  
HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK MASTER PLAN ADDENDUM  
FOR THE HAHAMONGNA ANNEX**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following restatement of the guidelines for staff regarding the Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex, which is a compilation of the recommendations from the various advisory bodies that provided comments on the Addendum and which have been modified to reflect City Council actions:

1. After adoption of the Master Plan, the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee (HWPAC) shall reach out to knowledgeable entities on the management of similar facilities to strengthen the vision and mission for the environmental education center;
2. After adoption of the Master Plan, City staff shall develop recommendations for the appropriate structure for management and operation of the environmental education center and present to the HWPAC for review and comment;
3. Planning Department Staff shall study the area of the Annex currently zoned PD-16 for a possible rezoning as Open Space, consistent with the rest of the area and consistent with the Planning Commission recommendation;
4. Staff shall present all CUP proposals before the HWPAC for review and comment prior to the CUP hearing;
5. Staff shall prepare a proposal for City Council consideration to add HWP (including the Annex) to the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance;
6. Staff will make every effort to minimize tree removal in the Annex area (including non-natives due to the loss of habitat in the Station Fire);
7. Staff shall prepare a design for a 10 foot wide (maximum) bikeway only along the northern perimeter of the HWP Annex with a design that includes environmentally friendly paving, does not lend itself to becoming a road, minimum grading, arroyo stone walls (where walls are needed) and landscape screening where possible; and

8. Staff shall provide further project-level environmental review when any proposed project becomes a reasonably foreseeable construction project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At their meeting on February 1, 2010, the City Council adopted the Initial Study for the HWP Master Plan addendum for the Hahamongna Annex and adopted the HWP Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex. That action was final on February 1, and has been “spread upon the minutes”<sup>1</sup> adopted by Council on February 22, 2010. For Council’s information and ease of reference, the corrections to the HWP Master Plan adopted that evening have been set forth in an Errata Sheet (see Exhibit A).

On February 1, Council requested a clear, written restatement of the Council’s adoption of the recommendations made by the other advisory bodies as “guidelines” for future staff actions that relate to the HWP Master Plan Addendum. Council gave staff leeway in editing the guidelines to take out redundancies, correct grammar, and ensure logical consistency and ease of administration within the guidelines. The recommendations contained in this report reflect all of this editing, incorporating all Advisory Committee recommendations into a single list. As this portion of the Council action was not “spread upon the minutes” adopted on February 22, Council may refine the guidelines as necessary to accurately reflect the discussion that took place on February 1.

### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION**

The following Council policies would be advanced under the proposed action:

- City Council Three Year Goals
  - Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public facilities and Infrastructure
  - Support and Promote the Quality of Life and Economic Development
- The Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans adopted by the City Council on September 29, 2003
  - The *Guiding Principles for the Arroyo Seco* were developed to serve as the umbrella under which fall the specific goals and objectives for each of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans. The Guiding Principles are included in the
  - City Council adopted Arroyo Seco Master Plans to serve as a bridge between the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the City’s General Plan Update.
- Green Space, *Recreation and Parks Element of the General Plan* and the *Recreation and Parks Master Plan*

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<sup>1</sup> See Pasadena City Charter, Section 505.

- Green City Action Plan environmental stewardship policies adopted by the City Council in September 2006

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

At their meeting of February 1, 2010 the City Council found that no additional significant environmental effects will result from the adoption of the Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) Master Plan Addendum that were not already analyzed in the Arroyo Seco Master EIR, no new additional mitigation measures or alternatives are required, that the Addendum is within the scope of the Master EIR, and adopted the Initial Study (Exhibit A) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Article 11.5 (Master EIRs) for the HWP Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex. The action proposed herein does not trigger the need for further environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Upon adoption of addendum and the completion of the "next steps" (including the approval of the individual tenant leases and approval of a "multi-tenant" CUP for the site), staff will begin the next phase of work, which will include the preparation of detailed cost estimates. The implementation of the projects contained in this plan will begin once funding is identified and projects are environmentally cleared and approved. Staff anticipates that implementation will occur over the next ten plus years.

Adoption of the addendum will also afford the opportunity for staff to begin seeking grant opportunities for the implementation of the various plan components.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibits

Exhibit A Errata Sheet to Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) Master Plan Addendum for the Hahamongna Annex