



Agenda Report

October 21, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HWPAC)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Provide direction in response to the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee's proposed modification to the composition of the committee.

BACKGROUND:

Section 2.100.120 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC), establishes the purpose and function and the composition of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee (HWPAC). HWPAC was established as a thirteen-member (13) committee composed of all nine (9) members of the Recreation and Parks Commission, two (2) members of the Northwest Commission and two (2) members of the Environmental Advisory Commission. The committee's purview includes: Review and recommendation of the Hahamongna Watershed Park master plan; Oversight of the preparation of the environmental documents associated with the Hahamongna Watershed Park master plan; Oversight of the construction of the Hahamongna Watershed Park restoration project; Review of revenue and financing proposals to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of Hahamongna Watershed Park; and Development of a plan for public outreach and community involvement in accomplishing the four functions listed above.

At recent meetings of both the Recreation and Parks Commission and HWPAC, committee members shared thoughts about the purpose and functions of the committee and difficulties in achieving quorums for committee meetings. Concepts explored included sun-setting the committee and using the Recreation and Parks Commission to

deliberate on items associated with Hahamongna Watershed Park, and/or modifying the composition of the committee. The attached letter from Cynthia Schnuelle, HWPAC Chair, summarizes the HWPAC meeting of July 30, 2019 and details the committee's recommendation to modify the composition of the committee as follows:

- 5 members from the Recreation & Parks Commission
- 1 volunteer designated from the Environmental Advisory Commission
- 1 volunteer designated from the Northwest Commission
- 2 at-large members of the community

The City Council may choose to take any of the following actions:

1. Adopt the HWPAC recommendation and direct the City Attorney's Office to modify PMC 2.100.120;
2. Leave the current structure of the HWPAC unchanged;
3. Sunset the HWPAC; or
4. Provide staff with alternative recommendation(s) regarding the composition and/or purpose and functions of HWPAC.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The action proposed herein is not a "project" subject to CEQA in accordance with CEQA Section 21065, and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3), and 15378. The modification of the membership of a committee is an organizational and administrative action that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Since the action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Modifying the composition of the HWPAC would not entail any fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A – Letter from HWPAC Chair
Exhibit B – List of HWPAC meetings 20017-2019