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Subject: FW: Item #17 - Implement Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan

From: Marion K White
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 3:41:28 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

I am writing because I am very confused about the proposed implementation to ask Pasadena residents to reduce water usage.

On the one hand, the city is moving forward with 2 massive planned developments (the most recent being the project on Arroyo Parkway, 456 – 577 S. Arroyo Parkway). But now we are being told we need to conserve water usage because there is a potential water shortage. Clearly we don't have the resources or infrastructure to support this development.

Pasadena needs to be realistic about how much more our community can absorb with regard to city services, water, trash collection, streets, parking, noise pollution, and all the other things that come with dense development and overcrowding. From this measure, it certainly seems like the city is NOT in a position to move forward to rezone our city to allow for massive new housing units and commercial districts.

Thank you,
Marion White

Pasadena, CA 91106

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City Council

c/o Mark Jomsky

City Clerk
100 North Garfield Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan

Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members:

We are writing to address City Council's plan to implement more stringent water reduction measures in Pasadena. We agree that our climate is changing, and that we are facing a crisis of water availability. Our summers and winters are getting hotter, and we are getting less and less rain. The entire state is feeling the impact. It is critical that we do what we can to preserve our water resource. Not only should we be more careful with our usage, but we should also be seriously considering all methods of water capture.

In this environment, it is difficult to see how the city can continue to approve large development projects. We are tired of hearing, with each successive application, that the proposed project would have no impact on our water or other infrastructure. It just cannot be true. It is time to face the fact that we have limited water resources and a limited ability to handle the increased water demands that will come with each project. Indeed, as city staff has indicated, there is a "likely future shortage" of water. We need to ensure that we have enough water to keep our green spaces and trees alive to fight an ever-increasing heat index. And we need to ensure that we have enough water for the people currently living in Pasadena and for the businesses currently operating in Pasadena.

We ask that city staff require a complete and transparent analysis of water usage for all development projects. We need to be responsible water stewards for our city, for our businesses, and for our residents. Responsible stewardship does not include adding projects that require increased water usage when we apparently are worried about having enough for the businesses and residents that are here.

Thank you, Megan Foker
On behalf of Livable Pasadena

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As a past president of Madison Heights Neighborhood Association and recently past president of Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, I welcome the water supply shortage plan as described in the Agenda Report dated August 16, 2021.

We have gone over the past years experiencing adequate or not water supply issues. I recommend the following suggestion: We need to monitor our new development process to include water usage. Perhaps a water EIR study! Considering the # of additional toilets, additional showers, new plants and trees.

I quote from the Agenda 17 report: "Implementing the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage plan at this time is a prudent step as California water supply conditions continue to degrade and the recommended 15 percent water reduction target is consistent with the voluntary state goal." BUT no mention of current buildings or future consumption (toilets, showers, plants, or trees).

Questions: Where is the water coming from for future usage? Or today's consumption? What about our residents who help keep our city green? Will be able to do this with more development?

Just a real concern from a very concerned resident.

Chuck Livingstone

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Best Regards,



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From: Cynthia Kurtz < >
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Dear Mayor Gordo and Pasadena City Council,

I wanted to express my strong support for item 17 on your agenda today: "Implement Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan as described in the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Title 13, Chapter 13.10; and establish a voluntary water reduction target of 15 percent". The staff report does an excellent job of describing both the climate change problems we are facing as well as the reason this action is timely and necessary.

Tomorrow (August 17) the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board will be asked to declare a condition 2 Water Supply Alert in order to reduce the need to draw on storage to meet local demands. The action would move MWD from a voluntary conservation status to a regional call for member agencies to quickly implement additional enhanced drought management measures from their Urban Management Plans. Pasadena is once again leading by implementing these additional conservation measures without waiting for MWD to ask.

Clearly, the steps Council takes do make a difference. During the 2015 drought, Pasadena's water usage fell to 97 gallons per person per day. Since then, usage has risen to 108 gallons per person per day. Rebounding after a drought is to be expected. Your approval tonight will once again make Pasadena's residents and businesses aware of the need to conserve and I know they will respond to your call.

Thank you for your service to Pasadena.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kurtz

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