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This correspondence is being submitted in regards to agenda item #1 & #19

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Thank you for your service in your mission to deliver exemplary municipal services and for the opportunity to provide comment about Agenda Item #1 (Department of Public Works Fleet Vehicles) and Agenda Item #19 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project).

My comments are below:

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- 3. Agenda Item #1 (Department of Public Works Fleet
- 4. Vehicles):
- 5. I
- 6. oppose the spending of \$672,512 for 17 fossil-fuel vehicles.
- 7. In light of the rapid intensification of natural disasters like drought and wildfire, it's time to lean in and take bold climate action.
- 8. Fossil fuels not only fuel our climate crisis
- 9. but also
- 10. bring about
- 11. particule air particles
- 12. into the air (LA has received an
- 13. <u>F</u>
- 14. for ozone grade,
- 15. F in short-term particulate matter,
- 16. and F in year-round particulate pollution
- 17. according to the American Lung Association). I urge the City Council and the Pasadena Department of Public Works to
- 18. reassess the lineup of vehicles to be purchased.
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- 22. plenty of clean-powered vehicles in the market.
- 23. The technology is already excellent and is only going to get better and more affordable. I have driven an electric vehicle (Chevrolet Bolt) for 4 years and can personally attest that it is so much better than a fossil-fuel vehicle: It's powerful, clean, reliable,
- 24. and I save a lot of money (\$900+/year) by opting for clean electricity over gas.

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- 30. Agenda Item #19 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project):
- 31. I reside by the precious gift of life and habitat that is Hahamongna Watershed Park. As
- 32. someone who cares deeply about stewarding the precious resources around us, I am urging you to
- 33. stop PWP's proposal to construct more ineffective, artificial spreading
- 34. basins. Instead, the City Council and Pasadena Water and Power can
- 35. review nature-based alternatives that the Raymond Basin, by protecting native
- 36. fish and wildlife in the Arroyo and stewarding a living, natural stream as a way to conserve water.

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- 39. Bare grounds cause droughts, erosion, and loss of important local water cycles. The current
- 40. ASCP proposal is short-term and inadequate, and has been proven to be insufficient and not durable, as seen already by the existing and damaged "diversion & intake structures" in the Arroyo Seco.
- 41. Please work with the community to create a long term, climate-resilient
- 42. plan that rehydrates vast landscapes.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and continuing the conversation about considering alternatives to Agenda Item #1 (Department of Public Works Fleet Vehicles) and Agenda Item #19 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project).

Sincerely, Jennifer