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FROM
JULY 12, 2021
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

FW: July 12th Arroyo Seco Canyon Project EIR Hearing - Item 19 CUP #6222

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From: **Tim Brick** <____@____>

Date: Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 3:31 PM

Subject: July 12th Arroyo Seco Canyon Project EIR Hearing - Item 19 CUP #6222

To: Gordo, Victor <vgordo@cityofpasadena.net>, Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>, Hampton, Tyron <thampton@cityofpasadena.net>, Madison, Steve <smadison@cityofpasadena.net>, Jessica Rivas <jerivas@cityofpasadena.net>, Masuda, Gene <gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net>, Kennedy, John <johnjkennedy@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>, Reyes, David <davidreyes@cityofpasadena.net>, Gurcharan Bawa <gbawa@cityofpasadena.net>, Ken Kules <____@____>, Laura Solomon <____@____>, Hugh Bowles <____@____>, Mark Hunter <____@____>, Morey Wolfson <____@____>, Tim Brick <____@____>

Pasadena Water and Power has informed us today that they have rejected our proposals regarding the Arroyo Seco Canyon project and that they do "not see a way forward to resolving this matter" and refuse "to postpone certification of the EIR and delay the Project." They are asking the Pasadena City Council to continue the hearing scheduled for Monday, July 12 so that they can prepare.

Pasadena has failed to recognize or accommodate the hundreds of Rainbow Trout now present in the Arroyo Seco stream and to alter its proposed facilities and operations to protect them and other aquatic species according to pertinent CA Fish and Game code requirements.

Pasadena has refused to conduct studies to determine how much "new water" will be produced by the proposed spreading operations as well as evaluate pumping credits earned from spreading operations based on a policy approved by the Raymond Basin Management Board.

We, the appellants of the ASCP EIR certification, including the Arroyo Seco Foundation, Pasadena Audubon Society, Ken Kules and Hugh Bowles, are eager and prepared to appeal the Final EIR certification at the July 12 hearing and request that the hearing not be continued to a future date.

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From: Thea Wang < > m>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 9:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Change the dam plan to protect the fish

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I sent this to the mayor's email but maybe this is the correct place.

Dear Pasadena Mayor Gordo and the City Council,

The Pasadena Water and Power Department must alter the design and operation of the dam and diversion facilities because of the presence of fish in the Arroyo Seco.

I have seen the fish in the Arroyo with my own eyes! My almost 3 year old daughter has played in the stream waters of the Arroyo seco and enjoys the benefits of the Hahamongna basin and park.

Any new dam or diversion of water must take into consideration the native fish and other wildlife. Please dont make the mistake of many other dams such as the Seven Oaks Dam in San Bernardino where they have been out of compliance with the endangered species for almost twenty years. Now they are paying astronomical amounts of money to try and repair the environmental damage that they have done by building the dam. A little more planning could save a lot of money in the long run.

In addition, leaving the water in the stream actually enables more water to filter down into the underground aquifers. It might not put the money immediately in the pockets of the city but it will inevitably allow humans to occupy this land in the future.

Please stop and plan this out to help our environment, water and the people that live here.

Thank you,
Dr. Thea Wang

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From: Al Cullen
Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 6:45 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Arroyo Seco - 25 year plan July 12 meeting

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Mayor Gordo and City Council members:

The plan being put forth by the Water Department is one of the most undesirable for the benefit of the citizens of this City and only benefits the coffers of the department.

If the Leadership of the PWP had engaged their thought process and controlled the overwatering and waste of water for the last few years, they would have been able to bank water in the Raymond Basin and had it available to use in water shortages and emergencies.

They also could and should help manage the Raymond Basin properly without overdrawing it over the years.

Please do not approve their plan and help manage the Arroyo Seco for all to enjoy and for the environment.

Al Cullen

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From: David Black ·
Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 10:12 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Trout tell the tale

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Please help trout return to the arroyo
My son, I want him to see the buggers
They are shy Lil bastards to the stomp
Kneel down reel low to get a glimpse
Ans see those big eyes focused upstream
Drop a fly from the sky and get that rise
What else you gonna leave our boys, computer toys?

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David

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From: Grace Doyle [mailto:gracedoyle@pasadena.net] n>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 8:57 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: a Pasadena resident for protecting Hahamonga

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Please do not drain the Raymond basin. Climate change is here. California is on fire. We all need to step up, and for Pasadena that means protecting the native river and wildlife that it supports near the Raymond Basin. Where is the responsibility to protect the resource that PWP exploits? A firm NO to draining the basin.

Sincerely,
Grace Doyle

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From: Amanda White <
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:36 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Arroyo Secco

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Please do NOT approve plans to divert water from the arroyo secco. We need to keep our natural wetlands safe and protected for future generations. These natural wetlands do more to protect against climate change than the short term and short sighted plans for diversion.

Sincerely,
Amanda White

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Clint Campbell <
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:47 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Arroyo water diversion plan

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Please do NOT approve plans to divert water from the arroyo secco. We need to keep our natural wetlands safe and protected for future generations. Daily, there are children hiking and playing in the arroyo, learning about biodiversity and ecology.

These natural wetlands do more to protect against climate change than the short term and short sighted plans for diversion. Please, do not let this wonderful gem be destroyed.

Sincerely,
Clint Campbell

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From: Kari Reardon < >
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: PLEASE NO!

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Sincerely,
Kari Reardon Campbell

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From: Emily Goodall < >
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:11 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Trout in the Arroyo

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Dear council,

When I moved to Pasadena 3 years ago, I was thrilled to find a thriving conservationist community in the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Hahamongna Native Plants Nursery. They recognize the uniqueness of our local ecology and helped me find a way to show my love for this landscape. I've been volunteering with the Trout Scouts all summer, deepening my appreciation and love for our arroyo as I scrambled up streambeds with ASF and other volunteers like me. The feeling of seeing trout, dozens of trout!, in pools in a "dry river," is awe inspiring every time. After everything that river has been through, everything that's been asked of and drained from it, it is a paragon of resilience and is supporting aquatic life right now, even with no efforts towards that end. You the council have a choice now, and it is a conscious and informed choice - ASF has proven there are trout and California newt in significant numbers below PWP's proposed point of additional water diversion - a choice to either ignore this data and see the arroyo as not the living vein of the Angeles forest, or a choice to recognize the opportunity to give even the slightest support and protection to a resilient and powerful arroyo, and refuse to allow PWP to treat the arroyo as just another resource to be exploited until dead. If you have never been to the arroyo's boulder strewn banks, never looked into a pool and felt the thrill of seeing movement, a fish, or a newt, then it might be easy to assume there is no life there and keep your comfortable blinders on. Their plan itself is based on there being no fish or wildlife below the diversion point. We have proven there is. Please honor the work of ASF and our community, and reject this plan. Thank you.

Emily Goodall
2660 Lambert Drive, Pasadena 91107

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Emily Goodall

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From: richard luczyski -
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:04 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Williams, Felicia; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Wilson, Andy; Masuda, Gene; Tim Brick; Bawa, Gurcharan; Pasadena Now
Subject: Fish in the Arroyo,

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If you have been watching and reading the news lately, there is not one municipality that caters to hikers, fishermen, campers, that wants to do away with the resources that have helped the cities to mature and become stronger for an identity of those city resources. So I believe we will be missing another city attribute if we pass up continuing to develop a known trout habitat that has been overlooked for too many years. Pasadena has been responsible over the years to have the best Fly Fishing Club in all of Southern Calif. They teach the principles of fly fishing and I am sure they would get involved with any improvements that would foster greater learning by having the trout water of the Arroyo Seco back again. They do have a pond, with the help of the city to do the work they now do. Teach and be responsible for the environment. Think about helping Pasadena Fly Fishers as well as giving the greater identity that Pasadena does have everything to come and enjoy. Please save the Arroyo Seco. This will be the last chance in our lifetime to do what is right for our natural environment.
Richard

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From: Tim Brick <
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:23 PM
To: richard luczynski
Cc: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve; Williams, Felicia; Hampton, Tyron; Gordo, Victor; Rivas, Jessica; Wilson, Andy; Masuda, Gene; Bawa, Gurcharan; Pasadena Now
Subject: Re: Fish in the Arroyo,

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Thanks for sharing! Powerful statement, Richard. Hope they listen.

Tim

On Sun, Jul 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM richard luczynski <rluczynski@gmail.com> wrote:

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Richard

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From: Misch Anderson <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public comment - July 12 Council Mtg - Agenda Item: PWP/Hahamongna

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Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, I'm writing to protest the ASCP and in favor of smarter water planning for our future.

I'm not so much concerned for 400+ individual fish as for what they represent: they are indicators of our priorities.

Are we to be short-sighted, blundering consumers of our limited resources, ignoring the long-term health of our environment and water supplies and the straightforward data and science that has been presented to you and the community, showing us how we (and the trout) will suffer negative consequences?

Or do we look at the facts and decide to use policy to be smart, thoughtful, well-informed stewards of our resources?

Let's please make it the latter. Please vote against the ASCP, and instead support a resilient, no-nonsense plan for the future.

Sincerely,
Misch Anderson

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From: Christle Balvin < >
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:43 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse; Victor Gordo; Wilson, Andy; Mermell, Steve; Candice Merrill
Subject: Fish in the Arroyo

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Dear Pasadena City Council members and staff:

Increasingly nature is sending us a message and fortunately some are listening. The message involves protecting the natural world and all the vital elements that foster life -- the water, the animals and varied species, the forests and creation in general. Here in Pasadena we are now facing a decision as to whether or not we are going to heed nature or once again ignore her call. In the situation before us, we have an opportunity to protect our groundwater, not deplete it and to protect the streams where some fish still exist.

This coming Monday, the Pasadena City Council can decide to protect our groundwater and begin an active program of water conservation. Or it can ignore the sad state of our underground aquifer and our streams and start pumping more of our precious groundwater. We have for too long given preference to storm drainage and poorly maintained spreading basins as opposed to active water conservation. That must change and Pasadena Water and Power knows it.

The world is in a precarious state. Big cities in the northeast are flooding, other cities in the southwest are sweltering and drying out, and temperatures around the globe are threatening the very existence of all living things. We must become active in preserving what nature has given us and what we value and not put economics above all other considerations. A progressive city like Pasadena can be a leader in that direction by making the right choices. We have done it before with the creation of MWD, now let's do it again. Let's work to protect our natural resources, not destroy them.

Christle Balvin .

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From: Morey Wolfson <
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Morey Wolfson
Subject: Correspondence to Pasadena City Council July 12 2021 regarding the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project

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Correspondence from Morey Wolfson, resident, Pasadena District 3 Pasadena City Council July 12, 2021 Item # 19 – regarding the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project

In the early 1900s, to help supplement its water supply, Pasadena built a 25 foot dam two miles up the Arroyo Seco canyon to pipe diverted stream water to the mouth of the canyon for distribution to customers.

The stream diversion added to the City's water supply beyond what previously was only produced by wells that tapped in to the Raymond Basin. The diversion project was built long before the Colorado River Aqueduct, and the State Water Project - which supplies the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

For many years now, **MWD delivers orders of magnitude more water to Pasadena than what was ever produced by the tiny Arroyo Seco canyon diversion dam.** As shown below, if the tiny diversion structure were to be approved and repaired at a cost of \$14 million, it will yield an insignificant supply to meet the City's needs.

Here are some pertinent facts and issues about Pasadena's water, including reasons why the Council should put an end to the costly, unnecessary, and environmentally destructive Arroyo Seco Canyon Project:

- Pasadena's water use is 30,000 acre-feet (AF) per year.
- 20,000 of the 30,000 AF is purchased from Southern California's sole wholesale water supplier (MWD), at \$1000 per AF. The 20,000 AF costs PWP \$20 million per year. PWP has about \$65 million in water division expenses.
- The remaining 10,000 AF is pumped from the Raymond groundwater Basin, which is in a steep decline. The ground water is free - PWP's cost is the energy required to

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pump the ground water. This expense is estimated to be about \$500 per AF – a cost to PWP of about \$5 million per year.

- PWP estimates that the ASCP might result in a gain of approximately 1,000 AF per year of “new” ground water. **Due to the lack of hydrologic studies, PWP’s estimate is heavily contested.** But for the sake of discussion, if PWP is correct, the 1,000 AF per year represents about 1/30th of the City’s water consumption. That is roughly equivalent to the annual water demand at the Brookside golf course. Spending \$14 million to degrade the stream and get such a small amount of potential water must be addressed head on.
- PWP is asking the Council to authorize the reconstruction of an antiquated 25 foot wide dam in the canyon and create several tiny settling basins for percolation, at the mouth of the canyon near JPL. The settling basins would capture water only a few days out of the year - much of it will be lost to evaporation and filled with algae.

Things to consider:

- The **California Department of Fish and Wildlife** has filed serious concerns about the project. They have not yet, and may never, issue a permit to proceed, unless PWP addresses the glaring deficiencies regarding how PWP’s EIR proposes to manage the fish in the stream.
- The **Raymond Basin Management Board** has not addressed whether they are willing to give Pasadena the pumping rights that PWP assumes they will receive.
- Draw your own conclusions as to why, but the **over-drafting of the Raymond Basin has been a strategically withheld public topic for decades.** It was not until 2019 that PWP first presented the 100 year old decline curve to the public, and then only to a small number of people. Of note, the continual draw down of the basin was not presented to PWP’s Stakeholder Group that reviewed the Department’s draft \$425 million Water System and Resource Plan. The Zanjero Report that described the decline caught the attention of the Environmental Advisory Commission, and the commission advised the Council of their concern. **The Municipal Services Committee, and presumably every Councilmember, now knows about the significance of the decline curve.**

Why would PWP ask the City Council to approve the ASCP?

- Despite the Department’s assurances, **the purpose of the project is not to recharge the basin.** If PWP would simply let the stream water flow, the water will naturally percolate in to the basin. There is strong reason to estimate that the ASCP would contribute less recharge to the Raymond Basin than by letting the stream naturally percolate. **PWP receives no pumping credits for water that naturally percolates in the stream bed. This is the key difference between the ASCP and the no project alternative.**
- PWP’s antiquated purpose is predicated on the idea that spending \$14 million will be financially beneficial by paying \$500/AF for a small amount of water pumped from the Raymond Basin rather than \$1,000/AF for an equivalent amount of MWD water. 07/12/2021

- PWP has not presented the City Council with a financial analysis. It may be that if a financial analysis was presented, it would erode the Department's advocacy. That is because the analysis would demonstrate that any change in water bills would be hardly discernible - and it would take between 20 and 30 years to achieve a de minimis return on investment.
- So why does PWP continue to press forward? The answer may be that in the Department's decades-long pursuit of this ill-conceived project, millions have already been spent on staff and consultants. Abandoning the project would be an admission that the Department devised a project that did not make sense, and they have been wasting money that could have been directed to far more productive objectives.
- It is 2021. We are in a megadrought, and PWP is asking the Council to throw good money after bad. **PWP is asking the Council to approve about \$10 million, or more, to perpetuate the project. \$10 million is roughly equivalent to what PWP proposes (in the Water System and Resource Plan) to be spent on water conservation over a 20 year time period.**

Conclusion

- When considering a controversial issue, the Council will weigh the pros and cons of two distinct opposing sides. In this instance, there appears to be **zero visible support from any corner of the business or residential communities.** The sole visible supporters of the ASCP are PWP managers and those elected officials who may vote to approve.
- It is understandable, but regrettable, that maintaining inertia at PWP may be the likely rationale for perpetuating the ASCP as a CIP project that has been on the books for years. But PWP's reason to maintain inertia and saving face should not be the reasons why the Council and Mayor should vote for it.
- It would not serve the City Council well, reputationally, if they ignored the major push-back from the community that is so evident. The 1,100 signatories to the Arroyo Seco Foundation's petition is just the tip of the iceberg.
- Councilmembers and the Mayor are urged to say that **the time has come to end this project.** Do not approve the project just to show support for PWP. **Demonstrate your much-needed support for the Department to advance water projects that do make sense.**
- Show Pasadena residents that the Council takes the megadrought seriously. Direct PWP to reallocate the \$14 million for water objectives that are truly needed – for repair and replacement of aging pipes, for water efficiency, and for water conservation.

Thank you for your consideration of these observations.

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From: Petrea Burchard
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:31 AM
To: Gordo, Victor; Wilson, Andy; Williams, Felicia; jjkennedy@cityofpasadena.net; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Rivas, Jessica; Madison, Steve; PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Arroyo Trout

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Dear Mr. Mayor and honorable members of the Pasadena City Council,

While at least one California community is already out of running water, reservoirs are drying up in the Western US, and Governor Newsom is asking us all to conserve water, we must do everything in our power to protect the stream in the Arroyo Seco. It is fast becoming Pasadena's most precious resource.

A stream is an ecosystem, and our stream includes trout. Protecting the Arroyo trout is integral to protecting Pasadena's water supply, not only for Pasadena but for other communities who will need it in the future.

Please protect the Arroyo trout, the stream, and the Raymond Basin.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Petrea Burchard Sandel

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From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:00 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: CC for Letter to Mayor Gordo

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From: Leslie Hellman <
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 12:20 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: CC for Letter to Mayor Gordo

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Attn: Mark Jomsky - City Clerk

A copy of letter sent to Mayor Gordo in support of DELAYING the ASCP to consider further input from Environmental groups follows:

Mayor Gordo,

A few years ago, I took my Pasadena area science students time traveling from the JPL/Arroyo Seco parking lot.

Since I'm not a magician - just an Earth Science Teacher - we used our senses and imagination for the time machine. We started past recent events like the station fire, then a bit further back to see massive floods pounding through the arroyo we saw spread out before us. We saw LA history - current and future innovation at JPL; vintage cultural and civic works like the Devil's gate dam; we listened for the "laughing" sounds of Tongva legend, and then we walked down the trail to spot the markers of erosion/change to the mountain landscape.

The main thing I wanted my students (K-4th) to consider was the ways in which water affects the wide, interconnected sweep of everything we could see, and the significance of human intervention right here in our community. I was enthralled by the idea that when we reversed the time machine and traveled into the future, we might be able to restore some of the power and dynamics of the natural flow of water from mountain to ocean by making better informed water control choices than the early builders who diverted natural waterways and contributed to the catastrophic flooding they meant to prevent.

Now we face a serious drought and the impacts of climate change. Let's take the time to put the wheels in motion to make our water resources work for us the right way. To push ahead with a major

dam project without revisiting the Environmental Impact Statement is a mistake; the new information regarding the presence of Rainbow Trout is a significant factor that needs to be taken into account! The current project overall seems to make choices about how to get our water that is more about short term retrofitting of old engineering choices than about using the power of our knowledge to reimagine our water systems for the future.

UPDATE: I composed this letter just prior to hearing that PWP rejected the opportunity to consider a proposal from both the Audubon Society and the Arroyo Seco Foundation. Both those organizations are prepared to present their proposal and arguments at the City Council meeting Monday, July 12th; ***I endorse proceeding with discussing this issue immediately at the July 12th meeting (rather than delaying to a future meeting) so as to allow the concerns of these organizations to go on record ASAP.***

Leslie Hellman
MS, Science Education

Altadena, CA 91001

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From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:01 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Trout in the Arroyo and sustainable water future

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From: Adam Gelbart >
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 8:56 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Gordo, Victor
Subject: Trout in the Arroyo and sustainable water future

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Mayor Gordo and Mark Jomsky,

There are clear signs of life in the Arroyo and the possibility to preserve and encourage more life. I've been keeping up with city plans to drain the Arroyo and Raymond Basin, and I think these are big mistakes. Water is severely mismanaged in Pasadena. The headstrong approach to drain these sources of water and implement spreading basins are selfish and not in the best interest of the community or local plant and animal life. We need a resilient plan for the future that could include a natural flowing river, ecological rehabilitation, and input from the community. I love Hahamongna and think it deserves better. I think it's also clear to see that we can't afford anything less than better. Please listen to these public comments, what the community is asking for, and how these requests will better serve communities in the future.

Adam Gelbart

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From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: No to Arroyo Seco Pasadena Water project

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From: Patty Mathew
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: No to Arroyo Seco Pasadena Water project

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City council members,

Please don't destroy this natural treasure we have in Pasadena. Have you as a council member even walked in the area to see the beauty of it or willing to listen to those educated in why this would destroy the ecosystem? Save the environment instead of listening to the money or how it will help your political carrier. Do the right thing and preserve this area. Be known for saving it instead of destroying it.

Thank you,
Patty Mathew

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From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:05 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Please don't drain the Arroyo!

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From: Jenette Maloney <- >
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:52 PM
To: info@arroyoseco.org; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please don't drain the Arroyo!

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I appreciate your service to our community and I would like to voice my concerns prior to the ASCP appeal meeting tomorrow.

I believe that our natural landscape has enough hurdles to overcome in our dry city environment without disturbing the plant, bird, insect and fish population that live in our waterways. The trout that live in our streams feed on insects and mosquito larvae! A living, natural stream helps promote biodiversity, native flora and fauna, dust abatement and water conservation better than artificial spreading basins!

I am working hard in my small yard to conserve water, plant natives, encourage wildlife and care for my gorgeous California Live Oak to support a diverse community of insects and avian population. I encourage my friends and neighbors to do what they can as well. As my neighbor I request that we all think to the future and create a more sustainable plan for our changing water supplies instead of investing more into an outdated system that exploits our natural resources.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration on this subject!

Sincerely,
Jenette Maloney

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Jenette Maloney

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Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 8:06 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: SAY NO TO THE BIG DRAIN

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From: Vadi Erdal <vadi@arroyoseco.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:11 PM
To: info@arroyoseco.org; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: SAY NO TO THE BIG DRAIN

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To whom it may concerned—

I am deeply saddened by the potential of arroyo secco to be further degraded by diversion. In this intense period of impending climate collapse, this feels like an incredibly short sighted solution to much longer term issues.

Let the River Flow!

A living, natural stream is a better way to conserve water than artificial spreading basins.

Please listen to the voices of constituents who are calling for an end to any city planning that involves depleting the resources of future generations of all kinds.

Thank you for your time,

Vadi Erdal
West Hollywood, 90046

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Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Heal the Basin - in support of the Arroyo Seco Foundation

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sammi Smith <
Date: July 12, 2021 at 9:01:13 AM PDT
To: "Jomsky, Mark" <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: **Heal the Basin - in support of the Arroyo Seco Foundation**

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I support the Arroyo Seco Foundation's efforts to preserve the natural water habitat in the Arroyo and Hahamongna, and am against the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project and Pasadena's 25-year Water Plan.

I am appalled that Pasadena Water and Power is attempting to ignore and brush aside the data collected by the Arroyo Seco Foundation regarding the detrimental effects of the city's proposed water plan. The Foundation has established the existence of native wildlife in the Arroyo and Hahamongna. The city should be doing everything it can to maintain the natural habitat of these species and should work with the Arroyo Seco Foundation to find a water plan that has longevity, such as committing to the stabilization and replenishing of the Raymond Groundwater Basin.

Thank you,
Samantha Smith

Iraheta, Alba

From: Jennifer Ho <
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:50 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: 7/12 City Council Meeting - Correspondence

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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:

- 1.
- 2.
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. **particulate air particles**
12. into the air (LA has received an
13. F
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.**
- 19.
- 20.
21. There are

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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.
- 25.
- 26.
- 27.
- 28.
- 29.
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**
37. **water.**
- 38.
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.**
- 43.

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

Iraheta, Alba

From: Joseph Weinberger <joseph@weinberger.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 11:18 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Keep the Arroyo healthy.

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With the earth warming and California in dire straits in terms of ecological degradation and drought, we owe it to each other and all life to prioritize biodiversity, water health and soil health. I recommend these considerations be at the forefront of your minds as you decide on these matters. Social justice, economic justice and all justice issues are interconnected with the health of our planet, our people, and ALL LIFE. Please consider the larger ramifications of your decisions, for generations to come.

Joseph Weinberger

Supporters of the Pasadena Water Petition - 2

In addition to the 1024 petition signers presented in June, 144 more people have signed the petition.

We believe the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project and Pasadena's 25-year Water Plan will have detrimental impacts on the habitat, wildlife and water resources in Hahamongna and the Arroyo Seco.

We urge the City of Pasadena to protect the natural character of our region's greatest environmental treasures by:

1. using a living stream to capture storm flows and protect precious habitat;
2. ensuring an adequate environmental flow for fish and wildlife during the dry season; and
3. committing to a plan to stabilize and replenish the Raymond Groundwater Basin.

Emily Barbour	90041	
Jeffrey S Wagner	91001	Power to the people and the land!
Mark Kimbrell	91803	
Transition Pasadena	91104	
Neal Turner	91001	
		I recreate in the Arroyo twice or more a week, and spend further time downstream, and as someone who's deeply committed to conservation of southern California's ecology-- and especially concerned with the impacts on local wildlife and flora--I am completely opposed to this proposed project. The project must be killed.
Pieter Kaufman	90065	
Rebecca Williams	91106	
Marcy M Harbut	91001	You can be smarter about this. Do your research and stop listening only to those who

		stand to make money or keep their jobs. Do better.
Margaret Adachi	91205	
Farzad Seyfnia	91103	
David Pritchard	91104	
		This small river is so important to the environment and people who cohabitate with this small patch of urban wilderness. It needs to be protect. enough damage has already been done buy the decimation of the Devils Gate Dam area.
Carol Clements	91104	
		Let the water flow! No more diversions!
Peter Wayne	90042	
		Start thinking sustainably now. Thank you.
Sara Brown	90042	
Richard Sedivy	90042	
		I am very concerned that the city is doubling down on the practices that have led to continuing depletion of our ground water resources. They have no evidence that any significant amount of the water diverted to spreading basins ever percolates. Our focus should be on doing more with the water that we are taking rather than justifying taking more.
Regan Hutson	91106	
		Our world needs to restore what part of nature that we can before it disappears.
Elizabeth Boerner	91104	
		There are Rainbows, Newts and other species in the Arroyo. I've seen them. Please do not proceed with the current plan. I'm from Pasadena originally and was born in this great city. It's important to me.
Gary Sikkens	91506	
		I think it's important for each of us to do what we can to reverse the damage our species
Mary Gandsey	91104	

Gary Sikkens	91506	<p>has done to the environment. Allowing water in the Arroyo to flow with minimum restriction is an important step to replenish our groundwater and let indigenous species thrive.</p> <p>There are Rainbows, Newts and other species in the Arroyo. I've seen them. Please do not proceed with the current plan. I'm from Pasadena originally and was born in this great city. It's important to me.</p>
Michael Crowley	91108	
Janice Loggins	910019	<p>I support the position as stated above. Let the River flow~ heal the basin.</p>
Frank Muniz	91101	<p>This is fantastic hiking. Other cities can have beautiful flowing fresh streams in urban centers, why can't we?</p>
Jennifer Pashalides	93063	
Mario Mariotta IV	91101	<p>Pasadena can and should do more to conserve water, before resorting to destroying the environment to create more of a water supply. We need more native plants throughout the city, and especially in folks' yards. The Hahamonga Watershed Park is a valuable natural resource of Pasadena's and we should keep it wild. We need to turn back the clock on environmental degradation in Pasadena and elsewhere, rather than advance it further. The natural streambed would also sustain our water supply better than barren, artificial ponds. We must integrate ecology and ecosystem conservation into our civil engineering, rather than</p>

		perpetuating this humans-have-dominion-over-everything-regardless-of-the-consequences mentality.
Alan Simpson	91101	Let nature heal itself
Sally Bamgrove	91105	
		This is not the environmental leadership we need. This is one of the most unique and wonderful assets Pasadena has.
Grace	91101	
nick scottrussell	91101	
andrew f bush	90065	Let nature be!
Elsa Saldana	91024	Please consider our position. Thank you.
		We will not tolerate the steady destruction of the natural character and wildlife of the Arroyo Seco and of the future of the Raymond Basin.
Philip Davis	91030	
Lane Goldszer	90042	Please help protect our vital waterways.
		Please protect this valuable land! It is an important part of our amazing city and deserves our stewardship.
Greg Holcomb	91105	
		And thank you for all that you do to protect our community for today and for future generations!
Joya Roy	91105	
		We will not tolerate the steady destruction of the natural character and wildlife of the Arroyo Seco and of the future of the Raymond Basin.
Philip Davis	91030	
		I don't live in Pasadena, but I visit and hike the Arroyo Seco frequently. Destruction of the Arroyo Seco by taking a huge amount of water will be a huge loss to Pasadena and the region. Use the better alternatives to preserve the stream flow.
Peter Weinberger	90035	