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90026 Please protect one of the most important water/forest systems in the Los Angeles area.

Water is a vital and limited resource in Los Angeles and each water basin is intimately connected with the health of our ecosystems and our city as a whole, and diverting this precious resource away from how it naturally flows comes with the dire risk of extinction of several species. You can always rework a budget, go back and try again with more money and resources, but extinction is forever & frankly is cascading. How you choose to move forward in this impacts not only the animals and ecosystem but the people who know this land, and any Los Angelino who could experience knowing about this important ecosystem (as well as the absence of these species beyond this area, as this is a vital spawning ground - it impacts more than just Pasadena)

Jamie Graham

91342

Please do better at real action items to conserve water instead of mindless consumption when we are in climate change. You can't plead ignorance anymore. Taking up water in a city with massive lawns and poor water reuse is extremely irresponsible. Do better.

Aida Ashouri

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Andrew  
Cameron

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Rebekah Stepner

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We are at a pivotal time in our collective human history where we have to put the environment first or the next generation will suffer the consequences. It starts

		one community at a time; one decision at a time. We need to make a water system and resources plan that will better protect the wildlife and water resources.
Eve Kessler	91001	Please help preserve this precious resource.
Urte and Donald Barker	91103	We concur with the analysis and recommendations presented by Mr. Tim Brick in Pasadena Now on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021. Pasadena has needed a comprehensive, sustainable water plan for a long time. Unrestrained development continues to occur in our city with no end in sight. Where will water for all these new residents come from??? We are destroying the soul of our city and at the same time the beautiful environment surrounding it. When will the council have the courage to face the developers and the state to stop this???
Mary Kennington	91101-3818	Please consider the effects on the nature and creatures of this entire area
Susan Rozler	91030	Please consider the effects on the nature and creatures of this entire area
Susan Rozler	91030	
Carol	91711	
Rudy Mena	91776	
Katherine Ohlson	91355	
Dustin Delaney	91104	Please commit to the health of the Arroyo Seco by preserving and enhancing the flow of water through the canyon. This is of utmost importance to my family
Sterling Carl Church	91107	

Kari campbell	91001	Rainbow trout were found Can we find other ways that don't ruin the wildlife ?
Brinton Jaecks	90026	Save the rainbow trout!!!!
Hannah Rosario	91505	
Alan Wiig	02143	
Liz Berger	90006	
Denise Wiles	91776	Stop ASAP
Thomas Wiles	91776	
Sam Salomon	91106	
Atticus Elliott	91105	it is vital as an inhabitant of this earth and this community to take care of its resources & all natural gifts.
Ruth Goldstein	91011	Please do not do further changes to our waters head.
Christine Tringali	91107	
Heidi J Hood	91024	Please protect the Arroyo waterways. So little of our waterways are left and it seems irresponsible to take what is left to further degrade the Arroyo habitat. Once destroyed, it is hard to restore. Our children and their children after will be better off if you protect what is left of our precious Arroyo habitat. Think long term, not short term and do what is right and vote no on this project.
Jen Behar	91105	Please preserve one of the most cherished parts of Pasadena - do the right thing for our community!
Sanjna Bharadwaj	91106	
Oscar Franco	91001	
Kathryn Harris	91103	
Marisa White- Hartman	91001	
leslie Ladd	91103	

Genette Foster	91106	I object to the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project because it will contribute to further environmental degradation in the Arroyo Seco, decline in groundwater levels, and endanger the health of the Raymond Basin. City Council should instruct Pasadena Water & Power to revise the Final Environmental Impact Report and to recirculate it for review by the members of the public and regulatory agencies.
margaret leahy	91001	Leave it alone and learn how to conserve water!
Jennifer Ramos	91107	
Eric Hanson	91104	
Adrian Casillas	91106	The plants were here first!
elizabeth mcgrath	91104	
Nicole Wood	91001	Our community needs an immediate and legally binding plan to replenish the Raymond Ground Water Basin.  The ASCP is just another denial and postponement of the inevitable and not a sustainable plan of action to secure a reliable water source for a future faced with increasing drought and climate change. It will further the environmental crisis by endangering the native wildlife for which the ecosystem that we are a part of relies on. The ASCP is a temporary solution that will have far greater and longer lasting detrimental impacts. Investing in the ASCP is a waste of time and money that we do not have to waste, we need to be putting these resources into sustainable
Eden Hogge	92831	

		solutions such as replenishing our groundwater, repairing our streams, replanting native plants which are pros at conserving water, catching storm water, and stricter water conservation legislation.
Shana Pallotta	91103	Our habitat is priceless; please protect it with water.
Noah Jolly	92831	
		Council Members: It's not worth it to risk the natural habitat of Pasadena that you can't buy back. No matter how much this 25 year decision might be the easy way or the economically advantageous way to go, you have to think of the generations to come. You can't get some of these natural resources back if they are destroyed. Please work with scientists to re-do your plan with the priority of natural conservation.
Kristen Ochoa	91103	
Clarissa	91001	Please heal the basin
Andreas Sautter	90066	I'm in full support of this unique and important habitat. Please do everything in your power to protect it. Thank you kindly. Protect the native fish and wildlife in the Arroyo. Let the River Flow. A living, natural stream is a better way to conserve water than artificial spreading basins. ASCP is a foolish investment in the past. Develop a resilient plan for the future. Do better.
Amy Thai	90716	
Annette O'Brien	91011	I am opposed to the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project. This is a time when protecting ground water and what few streams we have left is more important than ever. If more water is diverted it will adversely affect habitats

		and water conservation. The trees and vegetation near our streams are absolutely necessary for carbon sequestration and climate stabilization. We cannot continue to promote and engage in actions that are harmful to our environment. Have we not learned yet!
		Enough already, Pasadena and the RBWM need to modernize how water is metered, percolated and allocated. Decades have past without using modern, effective, honest measurements all to the detriment of the health of not only the Monk Hill Subarea but the entire Raymond Basin. Once this resource is ruined and subsidence occurs there will be no going back and all local users will be forced to rely on expensive, imported water. Just can't let this happen!
marietta kruells	91001	
Eric Hanson	91104	
Letizia Ragusa	91001	
Peter Segerstrom	90026	
		Please stop the depletion of the Raymond Groundwater Basin! The ecosystem would get disrupted, and we need to be moving towards environmental preservation, not destruction.
Sherry Schafer	90026	
Johnny vela	91773	
O'sunkoya Chavon	90048	
Melissa Gallardo	90280	
Ana Delgado	90063	
Christine varney	90026	We need to protect the arroyo secco wildlife!

Esperanza G Jirgensen	91106	Our community needs natural habitats. Natural habitats contribute to a healthy lives for our and the next generations. Please preserve Arroyo Seco/Hahamonga.
Adam Resnick	90026	The Arroyo is an incredible natural resource. Please work to protect the Arroyo Seco for all.
Joan & Andreas Aebi	91107	Please keep the river flowing.
Bonita Dombrowski	91030	We cannot keep our water if we do not keep the environment that sustains it. All rivers, streams, creeks, tributaries, Arroyo's have been home to thousands of species of flora and fauna for millennia. We must restore and support native habitats for fisheries and wildlife and plants. Otherwise, we will lose the very resource that is critically needed...our water and the environment that sustains us all.
Gwendolyn Mathers	91106	PWP's plan is out of sync with the science and deeply flawed. We need the city to commit to a plan that preserves our precious habitat and protects native species.
Gregg Oelker	91001	
Darienne Hetherman	91001	Please restore the Raymond Basin and ensure a living Arroyo Seco stream!
Martine Culty	91105	please do not damage more the Arroyo Seco with unnecessary plans
Bryan Hoyos	90026	It is important for our future we protect these vulnerable trout. I understand the current situation with the drought but we must find a way to keep the flow up.
Rebeca ibarra	91106	

Elizabeth Denny	91030	There are so many reasons to adjust this plan. Please listen to us!!
Goetz Wolff	90065	It is a shame that we have to fight to maintain a living stream. And stop the ridiculous dig!
Steve Messer	90041	I fully support the effort to preserve the habitat of a living stream and water flows necessary to sustain aquatic species.
Elizabeth Burton	91106	
Bob Snodgras	91103-	We must save some of the
Frances Goff	2023	niceties of Pasadena
	91107	
Rachel	91101	Prioritizing our natural resources and biodiversity is undeniably important, and it is all of our responsibility to regenerate and protect our environment.
Jeanne Bellemin	90277	Please protect the wildlife and water resources in the Arroyo Seco. Do not go forward with a plan that will be harmful!!
Susan Pindak	90024	I was a 25+ resident of Pasadena and S. Pasadena and urge you to protect this amazing natural wildlife and water resource.
Eileen Hsu	91106	The citizens of the City and County need to implement the full array of water conservation efforts and policies before considering taking water from fragile ecosystems such as the Arroyo Seco stream. We as a region have not done enough to change our lifestyles and business activities. We continue to be wasteful and irresponsible in our water usage. We cannot carelessly and flagrantly deprive



		ecosystems through our own selfish habits.
Lisa Vernon	91103	
Matthew Kaplan	91103	
Lorna Brosio	91024	
Caroline Blake	91007	respect existing habitat, wildlife & water resources in Hahamongna and Arroyo Saco
Amy Bernstein	90065	
Ann Kinney-Eittinger	91775	We are at a once-in-a lifetime point in time to protect the natural flow and character of our Raymond Groundwater Basin and Arroyo Seco. We must not squander this chance to do right by Mother Nature. She has the right to be protected by us. It is our obligation to protect her.
robert Nydam	91024	Please protect our local streams and fisheries. The arroyo seco is a heritage stream that has held trout for generations. We should move to designate the stream like the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, as barbless, catch & release in order to protect the trout but encourage fishing.
Robyn Estabrook	91103	
Chiachu	91106	Conserve and save our diminishing natural resources.
Nancy van den Hout	91105	
mark s gangi faia	91502	please preserve what is left of nature in our area - it will greatly aid the many people involved in its restoration.
Diane Knight	91307-2516	Leave well enough alone!
Deborah Schankler	49684	Live in Michigan. Have hiked Millard Canyon and Fern trail with my husband ♦ Family lives

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Deborah Schankler	49684	
Dean R Higa	90056	
Ray Long	91740	
Diane Wagner	90004	Let the River Flow! Heal the Basin!
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Heather Szafranski	90503	Hi, I hope you sieze this opportunity to steward Arroyo Seco and it's trout. What a blessing and privilege to be able to make a difference for generations and wildlife. Thank you for preserving this precious resource. Sincerely, Heather Szafranski
Patrick Reagan	91001	PWP needs to work better to manage the area, not just take more from it. These changes would be a good start. A public awareness campaign to get people to save water - so the area can heal - would make Pasadena look like a good steward.
	91107	Follow the Scientists💎 recommendations & preserve the Ecosystems in this habitat of the Arroyo Seco that need certain levels of natural stream water.
Frances Perez	90028	Don't Drain the Arroyo Don't Drain the Raymond Basin
Laurie ZamudioWhalen Lazwhalen	91105	

Cecilia Sweet-Coll	91106	Please do not move forward with the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project or the 25-year Water Plan and protect our native trout and aquatic habitat!
Daniel Clinton	91101	Please provide other alternatives to this climate change issue.
Peter Segerstrom	90026	
Paula Trubisky	91504	
George Reich	91103	
Joyce Locatell	91104	I am against the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project and Pasadena's 35-year Water Plan, the Water System and Resources Plan. It is up to every city to do what it can to restore and regenerate the environment around us. We can act locally and must act. This is a group effort and not about conserving water (yes, that is important), but about allowing the water to replenish the Raymond Basin and capturing the water by restoring habitat which holds and draws down water.
Barbara Ishida		Steps must be taken to save our natural habits in Hahamongna and the Arroyo Seco. The solution is in your hands. Please do whatever is necessary to preserve our environment and wildlife. Thank you.
Kenneth Haber	91001	
Jon Leaver	91105	I urge the council to abandon the ASCP, and redirect the money allocated towards conservation and efficiency. Pasadena needs to aim for an equitable and drought-resilient approach to its water use as temperatures in the region rise.
Susan Rozler	91030	Please protect the hahamonga and the Raymond basin. The

		wildlife needs the river flowing to survive. Is making more basins the best way to save the water?
andrew f bush	90065	
Liga Auzins	92840	We have such few potential spaces left that it is scary. Please develop this to its fullest potetial. thank you
William Ferry	91106	
Amy Ma	90503	Don't do anything to harm the life in hahahmongna and Raymond Basin!
Marie Massa	90031	It's time we start protecting the environment instead of just destroying it.
Elayne Techentin	91106	It will be wonderful to have our "living stream" capturing storm flows in order to stabilize & replenish the Rqymond Groundwater Basin!
		Replenishing the Raymond Ground Water basin would repair the damage caused by decades of uncontrolled development in the greater Pasadena area. Many native plants, like the oaks for which Pasadena is so famous, depend on water tables for nourishment, as do residential and industrial wells in the area. As Pasadena engages with the increasing impacts of climate change, such as drought and increasing average temperatures in the summer, we need to respond to the climate emergency in ways that heal the earth and the damage done by city urban development policies rather than continue the devastating policy impacts that have produced climate change. Protecting native habitats, including native
Joe Parker	91001	

		trout and native plants, is an ideal way to heal the earth. Please adopt responsible policies in a time of climate crisis as you develop your 25 year water plan.
		The drought isn't going to go away; it's time for Pasadena to seek other sources of water and follow the governor's 15 percent reduction. Killing off any chance of ancient steelhead genes in their native waters isn't an answer - it's a further injustice to where we all call home.
Jim Burns	91775	
Caroline Amicone	91104	
Robert	91107	Spreading basins would lose more water than letting the living stream flow. And the fish!
Eloise Kaeck	91103	
Diane Wagner	90004	Save the trout!!!!
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JULIE Lewis	91104	
Sheda Morshed	90272	Seems ridiculous that with the changing planet, we're still putting profits before ecological health. Yes, trouts matter. Healthy ecosystems will serve us all for generations to come. Please protect our region's greatest environmental treasure -- the Arroyo with the stream running through it -- nurturing trees and wildlife -- and US !!!! -- Carol Soucek King
Carol Soucek King	91105	
Graham Leahy	91001	
margaret leahy	91001	Pasadena needs to get the cork out and get Over themselves.
Kat Ross	91001	PASADENA could become known for nature, river

		<p>revitalization, which would have positive impacts on home values as people can easily access trout streams in their neighborhood.</p> <p>Healing &amp; restoring land is imperative to human wellbeing &amp; living. We must steward</p>
Diane Dickey	90027	<p>These resources that we ignorantly misused. Heal The land heal the people. 100% for this project.</p>
Rebecca ibarra	91106	<p>I am 100% behind preserving the habitat and wildlife in arroyo seco.</p>
Roxanne Bartlett	90042	
Jen Ramos	91107	
		<p>As a long time resident of Pasadena and, now, Altadena, I urge the city of Pasadena to be leaders in long term thinking. Now is the time to make the correct choice for the future of our home. We need to protect our resources and ensure</p>
Dan Leahy	91001	<p>adequate flow for ALL living creatures. It's not a quaint notion to say that we rely on the health of what's around us. It's fact. Let's be a role model for others in the County and state and sustainably manage our water/habitat for all. Please protect our local natural environment. Once it's gone, it's gone. We are already leaving a wrecked planet for our kids and grandkids. At least save this little corner of the world by ensuring proper flow.</p>
Susan Josenhans	91108	
		<p>Over 20+ years of living in and around Pasadena, I have</p>
Lizanne Fleming	90042	<p>watched as the Arroyo Seco habitat grows ever more distressed. The area provides</p>

		precious access to the region's natural environment for recreation, education, and physical, mental and emotional well-being, yet commercial development is encroaching on and/or destroying this natural resource without restraint. We must protect our natural areas--including critically important water sources--that make this region so beautiful and appealing.
Evan Segota	90031	
Sudi McCollum	91206	Please protect the natural character of Hahamongna and the Raymond Basin as urged by the Arroyo Seco Foundation!!
Elizabeth mcgrath	90014	
Margaret Adachi	91205	
Amelia P	91001	The wildlife in the arroyo seco is sacred to the environment and climate in the foothills and must be protected for the earth and neighboring communities. I grew up in Pasadena visiting my grandmother's house every weekend and every summer. She often took us to the Arroyo.
Gabrielle Mittelbach	90290	Please save this environmental treasure. At this point, there is NOTHING more important than saving every speck of our natural wild habitats.
Jen Ramos	91107	
Diane Knight	91307-2516	Habitats must be supported in an urban environment. This how cool it is to see trout in a city!!!
Mary Gandsey	91104	
Madlen Sarkisyan	91307	Please let the water flow heal the basin/ we need action now before it's too late

CJ Miller	90065	<p>As environmental conditions shift and our precious water sources are growing increasingly scarce this is a huge opportunity to protect and nourish our land and our water. This requires stewardship and thought and care. Water scarcity and environmental degradation is occurring because of our exploits and clearly it is not working. It would be a benefit to all if we took action to be in better relationship with our land in a way that is not purely exploitive. This project is a chance to preserve and renew an extremely precious resource for all of us. I live near Pasadena and spend much time there. This is my desire.</p>
Allison Carter	90042	<p>Our family loves the arroyo! It is really important to us to protect the natural waterways! I think it's abhorrent that in the midst of climate crisis our local governments have taken liberty to try and privatize land resources under the guise of revitalization projects. There is no revitalization without the preservation and healing of natural public spaces. Natives and Teddy Roosevelt himself would say no to this for it does not serve the best interest of the people, this land, or our future climate to rape a manipulate currents resources. If we have learned anything from the L.A. river it is that man even with the best of intent causes harm when they attempt to wield nature rather than respect it. Respect this land and the nature as it's mere undisturbed existence</p>
Jennifer Perez	91106	<p>Our family loves the arroyo! It is really important to us to protect the natural waterways! I think it's abhorrent that in the midst of climate crisis our local governments have taken liberty to try and privatize land resources under the guise of revitalization projects. There is no revitalization without the preservation and healing of natural public spaces. Natives and Teddy Roosevelt himself would say no to this for it does not serve the best interest of the people, this land, or our future climate to rape a manipulate currents resources. If we have learned anything from the L.A. river it is that man even with the best of intent causes harm when they attempt to wield nature rather than respect it. Respect this land and the nature as it's mere undisturbed existence</p>



		<p>serves more purpose and more          goo to more people than the          Arroyo Seco project ever could.          No to the Arroyo Second          project.</p> <p>As a citizen of this local area I          feel it is gift that we are          surrounded and privy to such an          original natural thriving habitat.          We can do better to protect this          eco system by ensuring an</p>
Carol Clements	91104	<p>adequate environmental flow for          fish and wildlife remains steady          during the dry season. Please          commit to a plan to stabilize and          replenish the Raymond          Groundwater Basin for us and          generations to come.</p>
Christina Edral	91107	<p>Please save the trout! Pasadena          used to be about preserving and          it hasn't lately</p>
Suzanne Siegel	90065	<p>I support the Arroyo Seco          Foundation's environmental          plan to return trout to the          Arroyo Seco and protect this          important natural resource.</p>
Amy Wan	90039	
Jennifer wong	90012	
Dan Leahy	91001	<p>As a long time resident of          Pasadena and, now, Altadena, I          urge the city of Pasadena to be          leaders in long term thinking.          Now is the time to make the          correct choice for the future of          our home. We need to protect          our resources and ensure          adequate flow for ALL living          creatures. It's not a quaint          notion to say that we rely on the          health of what's around us.          It's fact. Let's be a role          model for others in the County          and state and sustainably          manage our water/habitat for all.</p>
Jill Anderson	91001	

Brian Schwartz	91001	I hike and ride the trail along the arroyo, and I would love to see the whole stream returned to a more natural state
Andrew Woll	90041	It is vital that we protect the remaining natural environments in the midst of environmental crisis. The Arroyo Secco is a critical piece of southern California's dwindling habitat, and it must be preserved and restored the survival of endangered native species depends on it!
Jamison Karon	90014	There is trout in the waters !! Save the waters ! Climate crisis is here, we need to reverse all projects and your perspectives of progress.
Harpreet Kaur	90254	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.
Patty Mathew	91107	I live in South Pasadena and treasure the Arroyo watershed. Draining it is foolish, and will reduce habitation and tree life that create shade. This arroyos supports the wildlife left in our region. LA and Pasadena have long suffered from terrible short sighted urbanization. We don't need additional heat islands, fire zones, or garbage canals. We
Gabie Strong	91030	

			need this arroyo to keep our foothill ecosystem alive!
			Let the river flow! Protect the native fish and wildlife in the Arroyo. A living, natural stream is a better way to conserve water than artificial spreading basins.
Allison	Alford	91030	
			Ive read the documents and although the project wants to do some good, I clearly see them sneaking in their evil on the ticket and for that reason I am rejecting the entire project. The fact that their Impact Statement said there are no fish is why I believe the whole project needs to be scrapped and rewritten. Ive lived off the Arroyo Seco for 10+ years and I know for a fact theres fish. Theres better ways to do this. The current project is lazy and flat out a mess. Start over!!!!
Donna Serrato		90032	
Laurie Picone		91105	
Sandra Moreno		91104	Save the arroyo and Hahamonga
			Whatever the city can do to protect the waterways is greatly appreciated!
Lynn Bossone		90230	
Elizabeth Munoz		91105	Let the river flow! Protect the wildlife and water in the arroyo seco!
Adriana Baltazar		90042	
			Please protect the Arroyo Seco. No to ASCP. Any project in the future has to be sustainable for the Arroyo Seco and its inhabitants.
Karin Benson		90290	
			Once again the State is asking us to conserve more water 15%. The Pasadena city PWP is starting with asking for 10%. Most of us have already taken out our green lawns, they are
Richard Luczyski		91104	

now brown lawns, We put in the drought tolerant plants along with new toilets. We still brush our teeth and take shorter showers. We don't have many people over to use our water, which the city does all day long being a destination city. Our visitors use a great deal of water and those businesses supplying that water get to use their water bills as business deductions, where the rest of us just keep paying the bills and our reward is to cut back even more on our water use ,so the city can build even more water guzzler buildings. At some point there will be more demand for water in all these buildings than the supply. What then should we do? Just move away? Richard

Once these habitats are ruined, they rarely come back. You, the council have an opportunity to show that while Pasadena is a big city, it can also think about the long game and protect our environmental treasures for residents now and for generations to come. The Hahamongna Project was handled poorly. Protect the Arroyo and Raymond Basin. Don't be like the many public officials that served before you and only make short term benefit decisions that leave us high a dry in the long term. Do the right thing.

Heidi J Hood

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Josh Black

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Take proper action to protect and enable continuous life for the arroyo and the precious water. Growing up my brother and I would hike up the arroyo to catch and release native

Summer Lizer	91103	<p>rainbow trout. The bounty of wild life always excited us, from salamanders to rattlesnakes to hawks and great horned owls. It was truly magical having public access to such an abundance of nature. Right now it is imperative that we return the watershed to its natural state, for the good of animal and plant life as well as for humans. A natural stream will sustain wildlife, replenish groundwater, and protect a valuable resource for Pasadena residents.</p>
Cindy Mitchell	91790	<p>I live in West Covina but care greatly about protecting the natural habitat and ecosystem! Therefore, I stand with you in your efforts to protect the habitat, wildlife and water resources in Hahamongna and the Arroyo Seco.</p>
Jon Sherman	92078	<p>I fell in love with the natural beauty and wildlife community of the Arroyo Seco when I lived in that area for over a decade. Please be guided by the natural heritage of that amazing watershed! Since moving down to the North County San Diego region, I've become a docent naturalist at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and have observed first hand how the Olivenhein Municipal Water District and the Escondido Creek Conservancy have been working TOGETHER over the years to conserve, protect and restore the Escondido Creek watershed. Both organizations want to bring back the Steelhead Trout migration in Escondido Creek and are working hand in</p>

hand to make that dream a reality. It's an example of how this could work for the Arroyo Seco. It's very possible to balance the needs of human beings with the needs of the natural community. Not only possible, but it's the only way forward toward a sustainable, livable future. Please work with and listen to Tim Brick and the vision of the Arroyo Seco Foundation. And listen to your watershed. There is a wonderful example of community stewardship waiting to happen there as well!

Bruce Schwartz  
Wendy Katagi  
Mary Gandsey

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Jer Adrienne  
Lelliott

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Pasadena Water & Power should listen to the community and listen to the Arroyo Seco Foundation. ASCP is a foolish investment in the past. Develop a resilient plan for the future.

I support the Arroyo Seco Foundation's efforts to preserve the natural water habitat in the Arroyo. The city cannot ignore the Foundation's research and data collection regarding how the proposed plans will negatively affect the wildlife and water resources in Hahamonga and the Arroyo Seco. Heal the Basin.

Samantha Smith

90042

Geri Johnston

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Please protect the stream and the trout

Sandy  
Greenstein

91103

I support all actions which lead to natural resilience, including reintroduction of trout, in Hahamonga.

Ray Abary

91024 Let the River Flow  Heal the  
Basin

The total number of signers is 1168.

**Iraheta, Alba**

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**Subject:** FW: Arroyo Seco Canyon Project

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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

I just sent this note to Mayor Gordo and Councilman Masuda. I wanted to send it to you as well. Thanks for your time!!!

I'm writing about PWP's proposed Arroyo Seco Canyon Project. I've read information on both sides of the debate and both seem to have good talking points. The PWP clearly needs to update some of their infrastructure, and Pasadena needs to ensure a reliable water supply. But the critiques of the spreading basins, diversion of water from the river, and concerns about the suitability of the plan for wildlife and habitat give me pause.

I'm wondering if there are other solutions to our current and future water needs that don't raise environmental concern. I would urge the PWP and Pasadena's government to consider a wider swath of options before taking action. Are there some alternate solutions that would satisfy everyone? Could water instead be diverted down-river in an area where wildlife and natural habitat were already been paved over years ago? Could there be a plan to capture more stormwater runoff throughout the city? Could we decrease runoff throughout the city over time and refill our aquifers by replacing concrete, grass, dirt lots, etc with our native chaparrals and trees? Could the city have more campaigns to help residents use less water -- through simple greywater systems, different landscaping, or even just better habits? Can we improve our water situation in a way that's actually good for the local ecology? I'm not an expert, but it does seem like keeping the Hahamonga watershed as natural as possible could work better than spreading basins. The native landscapes evolved over eons and kept the aquifers full. As opposed to barren spreading basins, a natural watershed would be filled with plants that would diminish evaporation, slow and increase the infiltration of water into soils, and prevent erosion. I'm sure there are many other great ideas we could utilize.

We are going to be facing a lot of challenges in the coming years with climate change and a politically divided nation. We will have to think creatively. Maybe this can be a small opportunity for us to find a solution that makes everyone happy. I'm not confident that the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project is the solution we all are looking for, but I am confident that we can figure out water solutions that provide for the human residents of Pasadena and for all the wonderful non-human residents.

I appreciate your time and work on this and all the other tasks at hand!

Best,  
Bob Lydecker



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**From:** Claire Mesesan <...>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse  
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I am writing in opposition to the ASCP as a non-resident, but frequent visitor to the Hahamonga watershed.

Let the river flow. A living, natural stream is a better way to conserve water than artificial spreading basins. There are numerous benefits to supporting a living watershed through grasslands and riparian habitat: carbon is effectively sequestered, nutrient-rich top soil is created as sediment flows, water is cleaned, and evaporation is minimal. Living waterways are effective at harvesting water, whereas spreading basins offer nothing to the broader ecosystem. The ecosystem services provided by living watersheds not only protect the native fish (including the steelhead trout!) and wildlife in the arroyo, but also improve resilience against climate change. Living watersheds also support important fire resilience that a concrete basin cannot. Do not degrade Hahamonga further – restore and heal the arroyo.

Claire Mesesan

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## Guest Opinion | Tim Brick: Let the River Flow, Heal the Basin

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California water agencies have a tough time providing safe reliable water to their customers. I know. I served on the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for twenty-eight years and was chairman from 2006-2010.

Many of the past engineering approaches have not produced up to expectations, and there is increasing awareness of the negative impacts of their operations and of the unprecedented challenges of climate change. So water agencies throughout California are now striving to implement Governor Newsom's mandate to develop resilient water programs. Resilience, the governor says, is the ability "to cope with more extreme droughts and floods, rising temperatures, declining fish populations, over-reliance on groundwater and other challenges."

But not Pasadena. Pasadena has a water crisis that it refuses to acknowledge. In the next month the City Council will consider a series of projects and programs that will have generational impacts on Pasadena and our community and test our city's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Next Monday, June 7th, the City Council will consider the [Arroyo Seco Canyon Project \(ASCP\)](#), a proposal by the Water & Power Department (PWP) to build a new dam and diversion facilities near the mouth of the Arroyo Seco and expand the spreading basins that line the east side of

Hahamongna Watershed Park. The Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon Society are appealing the certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project because we believe that ASCP will have permanent detrimental impacts on the habitat, wildlife and water resources in Hahamongna and the Arroyo Seco and on the Raymond Groundwater Basin. More than 1,000 local residents agree with us. Perhaps the best way to understand the destructive nature of this project is to read the eloquent comments of those who have signed the petition opposing it.

PWP claims that ASCP will enhance local water resources, but ultimately its purpose is to pump more water from a depleted groundwater basin without any plan to replenish the basin. The new ASCP dam and diversion facilities will drain the Arroyo stream during dry periods with no regard for impacts on fish and aquatic species.

PWP's EIR denies there are native fish in the Arroyo. Although there have been harsh conditions in the last ten years for native fish, rainbow trout and steelhead have thrived in the Arroyo for several million years. Any doubt about their presence was destroyed last Fall when the California Department of Fish and Wildlife translocated 469 rainbow trout into the Arroyo as part of a rescue operation on the West Fork of the San Gabriel River following the Bobcat Fire. There is no longer any denying that there are actually hundreds of rainbow trout in the Arroyo Seco and that Pasadena has an obligation to be good stewards of these fish and the other natural resources of the Arroyo that it exploits. The ASCP facilities, however, were not designed to accommodate native fish.

Rainbow trout, though, are not the only important matter ASCP and its EIR ignore.

- ASCP fails to evaluate the potential impacts of climate change, relying on outdated historical patterns;
- ASCP fails to analyze the stream hydrology in the Hahamongna basin and its ability to more effectively conserve water than sterile spreading basins;
- ASCP fails to consider the negative impacts of the project on the Raymond Groundwater Basin, although it will contribute to the devastating decline of groundwater levels beneath Pasadena.

Eighty years ago Pasadena was forward-looking and worked with other local pumpers to establish a division of pumping rights to ensure a "safe" or sustainable yield from the Raymond Basin where extractions would be matched by natural replenishment. That adjudication, however, has not worked. Since it was established in 1944 the groundwater level has fallen 250 feet.

ASCP does not magically create or conserve new water. Rather it takes streamflow that would naturally percolate in the alluvial sands of Hahamongna to replenish the Raymond Basin and claims pumping rights to extract 80% of that water from that basin in the near future. PWP contends that they are helping the basin by leaving 20% of their diversions in the basin. In fact they are robbing the basin of 80% of the diverted water that would normally replenish the basin. And they don't have a plan for replenishing the basin. That kind of arithmetic is why the

groundwater level keeps falling three feet a year despite a “safe yield” adjudication. It is a cynical swindle of the groundwater basin and of future generations.

There is a better way. As the petition advocates, Pasadena should protect the natural character of our region’s greatest environmental treasures by:

1. using the living Arroyo 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.

Let the River Flow, Heal the Basin

*Tim Brick is the Managing Director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation*

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**Subject:** FW: Arroyo Seco Water Diversion

**From:** Dustin D

**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 1:19 PM

**To:** PublicComment-AutoResponse <publiccomment@cityofpasadena.net>

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Greetings, My name is Dustin Delaney

The Arroyo Seco Canyon project as it is currently proposed does not meet my needs as a community member. The relationship between "spreading ponds" and the non existent measurement of "new water" appears to only exist to satisfy a "pumping credits" statistic that continues to dangerously exploit, damage and drain the Raymond Basin Aquifer at the same rate that has been occurring since 1945. In 2021 this is unacceptable and a willful disregard of our current ecological situation.

I'm a Pasadena resident and homeowner. My family and I are avid year round Arroyo Seco canyon community members. The Arroyo Seco is a critical part of our personal family culture. It's a respite from the heat of summer, an outdoor classroom, a daily mountain bike ride, hikes, and fly fishing for trout. There is value in that place that is beyond monetary. This sentiment is more than "environmentalism"; it is essentialism.

As I write this, California is deep into the summer drought of 2021. We continue to see diminished rainfall while historic temperature records are shattered across the country. I've personally watched the Sierra snowpack become less and less every year over the course of my lifetime. I understand where my local water comes from and have done what I can to reduce my impact on the aquifer by taking advantage of rainwater barrel subsidies, greywater installation, and the city's turf replacement program. I understand that none of us can live in this amazing place if we don't respect our watershed.

Which brings me to the Trout. **The trout in the arroyo define Pasadena.** Charles Holder, the founder of the Tournament of Roses was an ecologist and an avid fisherman of trout in the Arroyo Seco. These trout represent more of the history of this city than any manicured lawn ever will. I personally have put on a wetsuit and snorkel and swam in the river to see for myself these aquatic residents. The city has a responsibility to preserve its own history by protecting these fish and in so doing becoming richer through its diversity of positions representing the value of it's ecological heritage and it's native people's heritage. Allowing the Arroyo to flow freely projects a clear message that the city wants to see the steelhead swimming through the LA River back to the Hahamongna watershed to spawn. Any city that has trout in it's watershed immediately gains cultural value. The fish represent the priorities, health and vitality of the citizens and elected leaders because the environment needed to sustain trout must itself be unpolluted and protected.

I implore our city leaders to look closely at the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project as a decisive moment in Pasadena's future and as an opportunity to reconcile the mistakes of the watershed management practices of the past. I am asking that the proposed watershed solutions in the Arroyo Canyon Project presented be amended to put the water back in the aquifer not through clever engineering of evaporative spreading ponds and non existent percolation metrics but to **Restore the flow to the Arroyo.** Which until 1945 worked for millions of previous years. Save the Trout, Save the People.

Thank You,  
Dustin Delaney.

**Iraheta, Alba**

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To whom it may concern,  
Please don't allow the city to continue with the Arroyo Seco Project. Please stop the money making from our pumping out our shared water. Please encourage (better yet mandate )that the pasadena water department take steps, instead, to educate the public on water saving and drought tolerant landscaping. Also maybe change the golf courses to one that don't use grass.  
Best,  
Michele Forrest

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**From:** Tommy Sheno  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 1:06 PM  
**Subject:** NO to ASCP

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Hello,

As someone who is a resident in Pasadena and has studied the environmental science behind groundwater, water basins, reservoirs, and droughts in Southern California, I can assure you that redirecting the water is not a wise plan and decision and will result in cycles of depletion and degradation that will wholly effect and transform the landscape and nature of Pasadena's ecosystems. Raymond Basin does not and cannot afford to be depleted anymore. We must uphold the land, fish and wildlife native to the Arroyo and conserve the water rather than utilize it for consumption in which it will end up in the ocean. This project would contribute to the unequal equilibriums and in and out fluxes of freshwater being used and exhausted into the ocean, where it won't reenter our systems for a long period of time, unlike if it remains in our watershed and basin. Pasadena Water & Power should be a steward of the natural resources it seeks to exploit. It must uphold the science and the wildlife: the needs and wants of water and water security are only achieved by putting the land first- not by exploiting it. We need resilience- not degradation. Speak on behalf of the rivers that have provided for you- use your power positively. The destruction of so many other important ecosystems in Southern California is what makes Hahamongna so special - because it has been resilient and been taken care of by local community members. Recognize this and preserve it. Use this opportunity within Pasadena Water & Power to correct many of the systemic issues that plague our nation and contribute to environmental injustices especially pertaining to water: the pursuit of gentrification, privatization, unequal resource consumption, lack of transparency, and departments guided without principle.

Thank you for listening,  
Tommy

## Iraheta, Alba

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**From:** Ako Castuera <  
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Dear Mayor Gordo and Members of the City Council,

My name is Ako Castuera. Over the last 25 years, I have worked, attended school, created, shopped, volunteered and at times, lived in Pasadena. I love this place and am grateful for how much it has given and shaped me. I want to reciprocate by adding my voice in support of what I know will increase Pasadena's value and beauty for generations to come.

I am calling on you to help protect and support the unique and precious ecosystem of Hahamongna & Raymond Basin. Hahamongna is a sacred location, with historic and ecological significance. It needs to be protected from further environmental degradation.

I was moved and overjoyed to see the reappearance of trout in the Arroyo, and to read about it in the Los Angeles Times. The trout are a beacon of hope in a county and state beleaguered by appalling loss to native plant and animal species due to climate change, pollution and overdevelopment. We must do everything in your power to protect this Native species and give it every chance to flourish. There are so many eyes on this issue, because it's a story that brings us hope.

Pasadena Water and Power needs to carefully consider its role, and act in a way that shows leadership in stewarding water as a precious resource, whose use and management should reflect the interests of the community- real individuals with relationships to the land. PWP needs to listen to the people, and work for the people and the land!

Please vote in favor of the long arc that bends toward true abundance - by that, I mean the potential for a thriving ecosystem with waterways that provide life to the soil, plants and animals of the region. It is a grand responsibility. Please support the Arroyo, the trout, and the people who will benefit for generations - say NO to ASCP! The Arroyo Seco Canyon Project is shortsighted folly that will do irreversible harm to one of Pasadena's most precious environmental assets.

I am appealing to you to show strength and leadership.  
To Trout in the Arroyo and an abundant future,

Ako Castuera