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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 #5 (Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles)** and **Agenda Item #13 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project)**.

My comments are below:

Agenda Item #5 (Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles)

I **oppose the spending of \$3,170,903 for 8 compressed natural gas vehicles**. In light of the rapid intensification of natural disasters like drought and wildfire, it's time to lean in and take bold climate action. **Fossil fuels not only fuel our climate crisis but also bring about particulate air pollution into the air**. In fact, LA has received an **F for ozone grade, F in short-term particulate matter, and F in year-round particulate pollution** according to the American Lung Association. I urge the City Council and the Pasadena Department of Public Works to **reassess the lineup of vehicles to be purchased**.

There are **clean-powered vehicles in the market**. **See what New York City is doing to welcome 7 new electric garbage trucks**. NYC's move provides quieter streets and cleaner air. We could do the same, too.

Agenda Item #13 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project): I reside by the precious gift of life and habitat that is Hahamongna Watershed Park. As someone who cares deeply about stewarding the precious resources around us, I am urging you to **stop PWP's proposal to construct more ineffective, artificial spreading basins**. I propose that the City Council and Pasadena Water and Power work with the community to **review nature-based alternatives that heal the Raymond Basin, by *protecting native fish and wildlife in the Arroyo and stewarding a living, natural stream as a way to rehydrate the landscape***.

The current 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. **Please work with the community to create a long term, climate-resilient plan that re-establishes the relationship between the community and the land, and that naturally heals the landscape for generations to come**.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and continuing the conversation about considering alternatives to Agenda Item #5 (Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles) and Agenda Item #13 (Arroyo Seco Canyon Project).

Sincerely,
Jennifer