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How do you address the Pasadena Leadership on such a Complex Water Plan which hasn't been fully addressed to the public. Sure public meetings might have been held 2 years ago and now 3 years. Do you think anyone remembers what was in the meeting? Those that were stakeholders back then do remember that the Portfolio chosen wasn't the Portfolio of choice for those stakeholders but one that was chosen by PWP. It reminds me of the comments I made during the General Plan Process back in 2015. I put forth several comments on Air Quality and disclosure statements for those moving into housing along the 210 Freeway and the Health Risks. You guessed it, nothing has happened since.

Now the issue is Water, the life of the city and PWP is telling us that they have informed the public of a new 25 year water plan. Those making these decisions today will not be in office when the plan is completed. Why is there a 25 year plan on water when PWP grants new buildings with "Will Serve Letter" that run for a 20 year period? What happens to the building on the 21 year? Do they get another 20 years guarantee of water? What if there is a water shortage PWP says they don't give water out in perpetuity. If they give no limits then they do give water out in perpetuity. Tell us more about that situation? We just keep building more and bigger buildings.

Just looking at the volume of information that was put together to make up the water plan. How could anyone from the general public understand just those cities who hold water rights in the Raymond Basin? Let alone the meaning of credits and pumping rights? Then there is the worry about blending groundwater with toxic chemicals to meet a State and Federal drinking water standards. Those regulations do change now and then. JPL still has a \$56 million clean up balance that was reported in the Pasadena Now News. Let's talk about where that time and money fits into the PWP timeline?

There was a zoom presentation from the Arroyo Seco Foundation presenting the Raymond Basin management board watermaster Tony Zampielo. He gave a very complex presentation of the Basin and there is great need for him to come back and give a much greater presentation to the public as well as the deciders for what should be a very long future for the basin and the Arroyo Seco. The man is a fountain of information and shouldn't be silenced on the total workings of all represented.

I recently had a conversation with a friend who at one time long ago belonged to the Altadena Search and Rescue organization which still is a volunteer organization making area rescues. Well in the 70's and 80's when he was an active member he remembers fish in the upper Arroyo. He had no pictures but someone else from that organization might have fished and taken pictures. So if water is in the stream in the quantity necessary, fish will survive. I've known this as a fact in San Bernardino Mountains, in Deep Creek which is behind my cabin. In the mid 1990's Fish and Wildlife Shocked the stream and came up with a number of 5,200 fish / mile. A few years later during a drought, the stream went dry but soon after the next winter fish were back but not in

the same numbers but still plenty. Rainbow Trout. There is hope for a fishery in the Arroyo. Man can help create hiding environments in the stream that will hold cooler water even in drought.

Since I don't know what was accomplished during the last 5 year plan, maybe what is necessary is to put side by side the last 5 year plan and this 5 year plan and see what was accomplished with the old and see what is planned to be accomplished? What was the cost difference in each plan

I'd like to know just how much time each Council Member and the Mayor has spent working on understanding this current water plan without Staff notes? Have you visited and understood the water treatment plants and how many have you visited lately? How concerned are you about the toxicity of the water and chemical materials in the Raymond Basin and what are the real reasons for taking out 9 of 18 wells out of service? Another question you shouldn't need to ask for the answer.

Do the other cities have their own wells? How do they get MWD water delivered to their citizens and how many AF? Or does the water come from PWP and each city has an account that is pumped to them? These are the cities that share the Raymond Basin with us.

So you can see this problem is very complex and public understanding can't be found looking at words and diagrams. If this is so important to the city and the Bill is quite high, PWP needs to come up with a better visible model that can help better explain the workings of the plan. But not in a zoom meeting. I think we are all sick of zoom meetings. Most Pasadena 's work force doesn't live in the city but will enjoy the water even though water restrictions will be getting greater on our inside and outside water uses. So many coming to town won't be paying on the water Bond w/ interest.or the anticipated higher water bills for Businesses. It would be nice to have a start over on monitoring our water bills before the city completely opens up full time.

These comments can be distributed and become part of the record of the upcoming hearing. Once again Public comment was said to close 5/31/21. My city council person thinks so much of my opinion she sent me the information on 6/2/21 but she must have known I've been interested in the subject?
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