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From: Nina Chomsky <
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:24 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Special Council Joint Meeting with Supervisor Barger; March 31, 2021; Agenda Item 6. Update on Devil's Gate Dam Project

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Please deliver to Supervisor Barger and the Council -- Thank You.

Linda Vista-Annandale Association

**Re: Special Council Joint Meeting with Supervisor Barger; March 31, 2021; Agenda Item 6. Update
on Devil's Gate Dam Restoration Project**

Supervisor Barger, Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers,

The Linda Vista-Annandale Association (LVAA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Devil's Gate Restoration (Hahamongna) Sediment Removal Project update Agenda item. LVAA advocates for one of the Pasadena neighborhoods adjacent to, and impacted by, the Project. Our Board's main interest is Air Quality and public health, and we have joined with La Canada Flintridge for Healthy Air to improve Project Air Quality and we support the efforts of Pasadena's Hahamongna Accountability Project (HAP) in this regard.

First, we appreciate Supervisor Barger's continued efforts to improve the public health impacts from the Project. On the other hand, we urge Pasadena to join Supervisor Barger and community groups in a public manner to support efforts to improve Project public health impacts through the last half of the Project.

We have two ongoing public health concerns: Dust control, and Diesel Truck impacts. As to Dust control, we hope that this upcoming year will mirror last year when fugitive Dust was better controlled than the first year of the Project. We are aware that there were four AQMD Dust violations in Year 1 of the Project, as opposed to no violations last year which is a good improvement.

The Diesel Truck situation is a more pressing current concern. As we all know, fine particulate matter from Diesel emissions is a major public health concern that jeopardizes the health of all who live near the Project particularly when combined with the similar impacts from the adjacent Freeway.

We were shocked by the recent scientifically based Diesel Truck Study (Phase 2a) which revealed that two-thirds (2/3) of the Diesel Trucks used on the Project last year did NOT meet the legally required emissions standards imposed by the Project Environmental Impact Report. Please Pasadena, agree with us that so many "dirty" Diesel Trucks on the Project is not acceptable. The "dirty" Diesel Trucks must be removed from the Project or cleaned up.

We are also concerned to learn that last year, Project Year 2, many Diesel Trucks arrived at the Project site at the first hour of each Project day resulting in a number Diesel Trucks that were delayed and were idling for long periods of time – 25-40 minutes as opposed to the 4 minutes assumed in the Environmental Impact Report. Diesel Truck "idling" is a serious issue, resulting in spewing of diesel emissions. Idling must be reduced or, better, eliminated for the balance of the Project. Please, Pasadena, support such an effort to reduce public health Project impacts from idling Diesel Trucks.

As to "idling", it appears that some sort of better staging approach is needed, but we hope that one idea for the staging of the Diesel Trucks does not include staging them in a "large open area" in Pasadena. This sounds like other areas of the Arroyo to us, and such a "solution" is NOT acceptable.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and comments.

Sincerely,

Linda Vista-Annandale Association

By: Nina Chomsky, President

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This comment pertains to Agenda Item #6 "Devil's Gate project update" at the March 31st 8 AM meeting jointly held by Supervisor Barger and Pasadena City Council.

Dear City Council,

I am a former Pasadena resident and current resident of La Canada Flintridge. I have been an active partner since late-2018 working with Supervisor Barger and LA County Department of Public Works to remedy critical problems with the Devil's Gate sediment removal project. I'm pleased with the leadership and action by Supervisor Barger and LAC DPW as they've demonstrated their commitment to public health and safety.

Patient work over the last few years has led to significant improvements that should have been installed from the beginning. This work involved the California Air Resources Board, South Coast AQMD, City Council of La Canada Flintridge, and community groups.

Everyone is committed to the same goal: a clean, efficient project that restores flood control capacity but doesn't harm those who live, work, and study next to the Project.

This work would be much easier if Pasadena engaged at the City level since Pasadena residents live closest to the site. Where have you been?

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Krider

La Canada, CA 91011

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From: Esther Kornfeld
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Agenda item #6. Update on Devil's Gate Dam Restoration Project:

To Supervisor Barger and the Pasadena City Council:

Good morning:

As a resident of LA County, I am pleased to see the action from Supervisor Barger and LA County Department of Public Works during extended conversations about the Devil's Gate Project over the last few years. As a matter of fact, it was exactly two years ago when other parents of students near the project site and I testified in this very forum to share our group's concerns about the diesel emissions and other environmental impacts from the Devil's Gate Project. Supervisor Barger did not only listen to our concerns, **she also acted upon them**. Her motion to install air quality monitors around the project site as well as many additional efforts by her and Public Works led to concrete improvements to the Project. Our parent group's work with the County and Public Works is the definition of a collaborative effort that pursued one mutual goal: Doing the right thing to protect public health.

As a resident of Pasadena, however, I am less pleased with the participation from the City of Pasadena. The City of Pasadena has been made equally aware of the many concerns, **but has not acted upon them**. There are Pasadena residents living within 100 feet of the Project that are exposed to chemicals whenever the project is operating, and yet the City of Pasadena has almost not been engaged at all. The Project improvements are significant and ongoing, but why does most of the advocacy come from outside Pasadena?

I am asking that the City Council and city staff engage with LA County Public Works on the Project's dust and diesel control measures to protect the residents that live near the project site and along the hauling routes. Find out how long the trucks are idling in the reservoir. Find out how often trucks are evaluated for faulty emissions control systems. Discuss how the Project should change when pollutants levels reach harmful levels.

Please set an example of stewardship that shows your awareness of the issues posed by large construction projects. Please join our efforts in doing the right thing to protect public health.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Esther Kornfeld
Pasadena, CA

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From: acunahansen < >
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:21 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Marvin Rudnick; Katie Harris; Tim Brick; Patty O'Sullivan; Mark Hunter; Darren Dowell; Rosemary Carr; Elisia Farmer; Marne Gaede; Dorothy Wong
Subject: Public Comment for Joint Meeting March 31, Agenda Item #6

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Re: Public Comment for Joint Meeting (Supervisor Barger and City of Pasadena) on March 31. Agenda item #6. Update on Devil's Gate Dam Restoration Project.

Dear City Council Members,

I live on the side of the East Side of the Hahamongna Watershed Park where the County's Sediment Removal Project has had a devastating impact. Once a source of natural beauty, lined with massive Oaks, the East side of the park now resembles a decaying industrial site, covered haphazardly with harsh cement roads, metal fencing, worn out trailers, vacant and dilapidated buildings and graffiti.

Pasadena residents were misled to believe there was a Master Plan for restoring this area once the sediment removal was completed, but there is no formal plan in place. We understand now that meetings are underway between the City and County to discuss this, but there is a reluctance to do much more than "planting".

We are asking that the County and City consider removing the concrete and metal elements that were haphazardly put into place for this specific 4 year project, and replace it with a thoughtful and environmentally sensitive design, similar to the beautiful work done by the the City of Pasadena for the Berkshire Creek Project on the West side of the park. We understand that there will be ongoing maintenance requiring vehicular access, but this should not mean that residents and park users should have to live for the next several decades with the blight created for this short term project.

The Hahamongna Watershed park is Pasadena's largest natural park, and its use has only increased in the last decade, and even more so since the pandemic. Please help us return the East side of the park back to it's natural wonder.

Sincerely,
Blair, Hahamongna Accountability Project, Member

Pasadena, CA 91103

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From: Darren Dowell < >
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This comment seeks some clarification about the work that remains in the Habitat Restoration Area of the Devil's Gate Project.

In the October 27, 2020 report to the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Works showed a map (Attachment C) in which the majority of the Habitat Restoration Area is marked in green "Phase 1 -- Completed". However, this green area still contains invasive non-native plant species, and artificial irrigation systems supporting native plantings which are not yet established.

Could the Devil's Gate Project please describe the work that remains in the green "Phase 1 -- Completed" areas and what processes are in place to ensure that they serve as mitigation for the Project.

How will the City of Pasadena and Board of Supervisors monitor the Habitat Restoration program to ensure fulfillment of mitigation success criteria.

Thank you.

Darren Dowell
resident of Pasadena

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I am a frequent visitor to the Devil's Gate Dam area. I have noticed increased motorcycle and quad traffic on the trails. Before the project began, I did not see motorized vehicles, but now they are increasingly visible (and audible).

Is there any plan to regulate this? I asked one motorcyclist if it was legal to be there and they said they didn't know, or care.

The public generally walks or rides bikes with friends and family. They aren't there to witness an off-road motorized recreation area.

It would be good if there was a plan to stop this from continuing to grow.

Thanks,

Marnie Gaede
La Canada, CA