

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/17/2026 08:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this resolution. Please abandon the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. Listen to our indigenous land and water stewards, protect our parklands and animal neighbors.

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Name: Jeb Bearer

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Highland Park, one of the neighborhoods most affected by the proposed Arroyo Seco water reuse project. I am writing in strong support of Councilmember Jurado's resolution opposing this project. This project would take LA public lands to benefit the cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena, including siphoning water out of the Arroyo Seco to irrigate two golf courses in those cities. The land being taken is one of the only naturalized wetland habitats along the Arroyo (proponents of the project point out that the stream diversion that feeds the wetland is manmade, but that is irrelevant: the area is, today, a rare habitat for native species). This habitat is home to a pair of great blue herons (where else have you seen herons in northeast LA?), bats, and many native species of plants, including mature coast live oaks, which take decades to grow. The proposed project would cut down dozens of these mature trees and replace them with saplings which are less fire resilient and provide worse homes for local fauna, requiring at least several decades to restore the environment to what it is now. In addition to wildlife, the area is an invaluable resource to the local community, as the green space provides a buffer between the 110 freeway and the neighborhood, including the San Pascual STEAM Magnet Elementary School. The proposed project would co-opt this community resource for the benefit of Pasadena and South Pasadena, subjecting local LA residents to at least two years of noisy, polluting construction. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the area is tremendously important to the Kizh nation. While I am not of Kizh descent and I do not claim to speak for them, I have been at numerous city and neighborhood council meetings where Kizh elders have stated their clear opposition to this project. Frankly, given the history of the area and how much has already been stolen from the Kizh, it is shocking that their objections alone are not enough to immediately halt this project; that in the 21st century we would continue to steal land from its natural state and from its indigenous caretakers is unconscionable. I strongly encourage all councilmembers before voting on this resolution to visit the affected area, see for yourself the precious natural habitat which this project would destroy, and speak with the affected community members. For a direct line to the affected community, regular people who have come together in an inspiring way to defend

their home, reach out to @save_san_pascual_park on Instagram. I am confident that after doing so, you will be moved to vote Yes on Councilmember Jurado's resolution.

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Name: Lisa Hoxter
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