

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings, I am writing to express my immense disapproval of the proposed Water Treatment Facility Project in the Arroyo Seco Region. This proposed project would rob our local community of already scarce public land designated for recreational and wildlife conservation purposes. To do so would be a great environmental injustice, as it would demand the destruction of various of our oldest protected trees. As well as diverting 60% of the water captured by the Arroyo Seco River to a private golf course, potentially causing water rights conflicts to arise & investigation of the city's water management practices to be investigated. Furthermore, it has been made apparent that the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation has not given their consent to have any construction performed on their promised protected land (as required by AB52), which would make this project a violation of the legal agreements between the tribe and the city. As someone raised in Highland Park, this park means everything to me. I've been raised in this park, my family and friends have been raised in this park, and I intend to raise my children with this park, and to have them experience the full extent of its beautiful nature as it currently is. To have these priorities threatened by private interests, the selfish interest of the wealthy few who want to use our public land, our home, to water their grass is immensely infuriating. This proposed project cannot take place, it is of monumental offense to the neighboring Highland Park community, and to the Kizh Nation, whom's burial grounds are located within the region, and who have rightful jurisdiction over that land. Thank you, please stand with the people of Highland Park and the Kizh Nation. Protect the people who love this land the most and value it for its beauty, its cultural and environmental significance, rather than what could be extracted from it. Sincerely, Vanessa Jimenez