



# Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Upper LA River WASC Date: 10/4/2023

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## Comments

- \* My name is Elva Yanez, I am board president of Save Elephant Hill, a resident-led, community-based organization that works to preserve open space on Elephant Hill and ensure equitable environmental protections in El Sereno.
- \* With the help of the Council on Watershed Health, Save Elephant Hill submitted an application to the Safe Clean Water Program's Technical Resources Program for a feasibility study on 5-acres on Elephant Hill owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).
- \* We have received a letter of non-objection from the MRCA, the local conservation agency; a non-objection letter is in progress from the City of Los Angeles. \* We have worked collaboratively with organizational allies, other stakeholders and government agencies since 2004; we are trusted by residents living nearby, MRCA and the City of Los Angeles. The organization's leadership has experience with stormwater issues as well as grant and project management.
- \* The area to be studied has three natural drainages, permanent presence of groundwater, as well as an intermittent spring and natural drainage and/or water course present at the site.
- \* During rainy winters, like 2022-23 season, the underground spring on Elephant Hill fills up and the excess rainwater flows down Pullman Ave., sometimes for months. We would very much like to see this water captured and retained on the hillside using nature-based solutions to prevent bacteria and toxins from running down the street or through people's backyards and into storm drains.
- \* We are excited about the possibility of having experts identify potential stormwater infrastructure projects in our community that could be funded by LA County's Safe Clean Water Program in the future.
- \* We applaud the Safe Clean Water Program for advancing technical assistance to organizatit



# Public Comment Form

Name:\* Jennifer Toy Organization\*: Test Plot  
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Meeting: Measure W - Safe, Clean Water Program Admini Date: 9/28/2023

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## Comments

Test Plot is an organization that supports community stewardship of restoration projects on public lands including Elephant Hill in El Sereno. We strongly support Save Elephant Hill and their application to the Safe Clean Water Program's TRP for a feasibility study on parcels owned by MRCA on Elephant Hill in El Sereno.

Save Elephant Hill has been a great partner to Test Plot and they have an excellent track record working with both local residents and government agencies.

During rainy winters the underground spring on Elephant Hill fills up and the excess rainwater flows down Pullman Ave., sometimes for months. We would very much like to see this water captured and retained on the hillside using nature-based solutions to prevent bacteria and toxins from running down the street or through people's backyards and into storm drains on Collis Avenue.

Save Elephant Hill is a strong and deserving candidate and we strongly support their proposal.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Toy  
Test Plot Director



# Public Comment Form

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**6605** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/28/2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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I strongly support Save Elephant Hill and their application to the Safe Clean Water Program's Technical Resource Program for a feasibility study on parcels owned by MRCA.

\_\_\_\_\_ A community-led, multi-benefit project would benefit the local disadvantaged communities and can be a model for SCW projects. \_\_\_\_\_

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