



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: WASC of the ULAR Date: March 5, 2025

LA County Public Works may contact me for clarification about my comments

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Comments

My comments are made in support of the funding of Descanso Gardens' Stormwater Capture projects, integral components of the Gardens' approved Master Plan. When complete, these several projects will enhance the ecological performance of the Gardens' main water features by optimizing stormwater capture for non-potable use, made possible by a full rehabilitation of Descanso's existing lake. It is estimated that these improvements will substantially reduce the Gardens' reliance upon its local water service provider.

Exemplifying smart management of water resources is an important goal of Descanso Gardens, and these Stormwater Capture projects will greatly support the achievement of that goal.

* I am a former board member and chair of Descanso Gardens. I am also a former mayor and councilmember of La Canada Flintridge, the city in which Descanso is located.



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Meeting: Upper LA River WASC Date: 3/4/2025

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Hello - I plan to participate in the meeting online, and would like to make a public comment in support of two projects:

- 1) the La Cañada Town Center Stormwater Infiltration Galleries Feasibility Study
- 2) the Crescenta Valley Park Stormwater Project

Thanks,

Frank Colcord, Friends of Rosemont Preserve



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: WASC of the ULAR Date: 3/5/2025

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As a current Boarmember of the Descanso Gardens Foundation and a former Mayor of the city of La Canada Flintridge (home to Descanso Gardens), I urge your approval of additional funding for the Descanso Gardens Stormwater Capture projects. Once completed, these projects will meet 50% of the Gardens' needs for non-potable water -- a significant savings that helps to meet the worthy goals of the ULAR watershed communities. This shovelready project sets a great example for both public and private entities within the region and can be used as a template for how smaller projects can make a difference in their communities.

As you know, costs have risen since our first application in 2019, hence the need for this additional funding. The Board is committed to raising its matching funding through private contributions and foundation grants. Your support is essential to help us make this a reality. Thank you.