



Public Comment Form

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February 27, 2026

Measure W Upper Los Angeles River Scoring Committee

Re: *Letter of Support – La Cañada Flintridge Country Club
Stormwater Capture & Water Quality Project*

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AFC has previously collaborated with the Club on native planting and restoration efforts and has seen firsthand their growing commitment to sustainability. We believe this feasibility study is a constructive next step in advancing responsible water stewardship within the foothill communities.

For these reasons, Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy supports the Club's request for Measure W technical assistance funding.

Sincerely,



John R. Howell
AFC Chief Executive



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My name is Shawn Maestretti, Principal of Studio Petrichor and Co-Founder of Poly/Ana, a nonprofit rooted in regenerative design and ecological education in Altadena and the Upper Los Angeles River watershed. I am writing in strong support of the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club Dry Weather Diversion Technical Resources Program application under Measure W's Safe Clean Water Program.

Studio Petrichor and Poly/Ana have collaborated with LCFCC on ecological planting, habitat enhancement, sustainability initiatives, and community outreach programs. Through this partnership, we have witnessed firsthand the Club's sincere and ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship, climate resilience, watershed health, and community empowerment.

The proposed project to capture and divert dry-weather runoff into the on-site LA County Sanitation District reclamation plant for purification and reuse is a thoughtful and forward-looking solution. It reduces potable water demand (potentially by up to 25% annually), adapts existing 1962 infrastructure to modern conservation realities, recharges the Raymond Basin aquifer, and prevents untreated runoff from entering the Los Angeles River system and ultimately the ocean.

Given the documented decline in effluent output from the reclamation plant over the years, this feasibility study is both innovative and necessary. It reflects responsible adaptation in the face of worsening regional water scarcity.

LCFCC operates within the wildland-urban interface, where water stewardship, habitat regeneration, and climate preparedness are deeply interconnected. The Club's leadership has demonstrated meaningful environmental responsibility through sustainable land management and restoration initiatives. This proposal represents the next logical step in that leadership.

Approval of this Technical Resources Study will advance drought preparedness, aquifer recharge, biodiversity, urban cooling through tree canopy support, and improved regional water quality.

We strongly encourage approval of this application and commend LCFCC for proactively pursuing watershed-scale solutions that benefit both their members and the broader community.

To review the guidance documents and for more information, visit www.SafeCleanWaterLA.org



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Please see letter for support from Rebecca Latta Consulting.



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FEBRUARY 26, 2026

To: Upper Los Angeles River WASC Committee Members

Re: La Canada Flintridge Country Club Dry Weather Diversion Technical Resources Program

Dear WASC Board,

This letter is written in support of La Canada Flintridge Country Club's (LCFCC) request for Measure W funds to provide technical resources to explore the feasibility of diverting dry weather runoff for irrigation and aquifer recharge. If implemented, the project could reduce annual potable water use on the golf course by 25% (450,000 gallons or 1.38 AF/month). It would also provide water to support their efforts to restore locally native plants/habitat, and to continue their tree-planting program, which includes irrigating the areas surrounding the playing areas.

The owners of the facility, Randy and Pamela Dreyfuss, have demonstrated a commitment to land stewardship and have already begun transitioning their landscaped spaces adjacent to the holes to locally native, regionally adapted species such as Coast live oak and Engelmann oak. They have removed non-native tree/shrub competition and protected Coastal scrub oak, which occurs naturally on the site. The property is directly adjacent to the Angeles National Forest, and the new plantings are already attracting native insects, birds, and wildlife.

If the proposed project moves forward, the owners intend to create additional riparian and wetland habitat on the property. The Descanso project, currently under construction to create a wetland habitat, is an inspiration for them. Locally native trees, such as coast live oak, can provide both habitat and cooling benefits for the local community.

LCFCC has demonstrated commitment to the local community by providing a low-cost space for workshops and seminars for Eaton Fire Survivors. In November 2025, they sponsored "From Burn to Bloom: Redesigning Resilience at the Edge – A Micro-Symposium on Fire, Land and Whole System Design". The workshop included information about soil remediation, tree restoration, tree planting, and post-fire landscape evaluation and restoration. They have also worked with the Southern California Horticulture Society and other nonprofits.

I believe that this project will have multiple benefits to the community. This proposed project will enhance local resilience to fire and drought by capturing water for groundwater recharge and restoring the property's environment with locally adapted native habitat that can survive with minimal watering. The new plantings will increase overall canopy cover on the site, have a cooling effect on the community below them, and help moderate high-heat events, which have become more frequent in the area.

Please contact me with any questions,

Rebecca Latta
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B.A., Environmental Studies, UC Santa Barbara (1984)

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Arboriculture and Horticulture, 320 CEUs (1997-2020)

Experience

Rebecca Latta Consulting (2003 to present)

Forde Biological (2011 to 2021)

SWCA Environmental Consultants (2008 -2010)

City of Pasadena, Urban Forester (1997-2002)

City of Pasadena, Landscape Conservation Programs (1990-1997)

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Rebecca Latta

Owner and Principal Arborist/Horticulturalist

Rebecca Latta Consulting has been providing arboricultural, horticultural and water management consulting services for the past 35 years in Southern California. Rebecca's volunteer activities include co-founding Altadena Green, Inland Urban Forest Council Board, Los Angeles County Invasive Shot Hole Borer Task Force, California Native Plant Society San Gabriel Mountains Chapter, California Urban Forest Council and the LA County Oak Woodland Habitat Task Force. She began working in the nursery industry, implementing landscape water and energy conservation programs such as tree planting programs and consumer education in sustainable landscaping through the late 80's and early 90's. Then, she worked as the Urban Forester for the City of Pasadena until 2002. In 2003, she started Rebecca Latta Consulting and has worked in private practice for municipal, residential, institutional, and commercial clients up to the present.

Relevant Examples - Project Experience:

Hal Hayes Construction for Cal American Water Reservoir Decommissioning Project Bradbury, CA (2021- 2024): Provide pre-construction impact assessment, preservation report construction monitoring for decommissioning of reservoir in Bradbury, California.

Trust for Public Land Pocket Park Projects, Los Angeles County (June 2012 to 2016): Hired to independently review landscape, irrigation and grading plans for eight new pocket parks throughout Los Angeles. The scope of work included evaluating soil reports and percolation tests prior to planting and nursery selection. Once plans were approved, construction monitoring and horticultural services were provided for the installation of six of the eight parks.

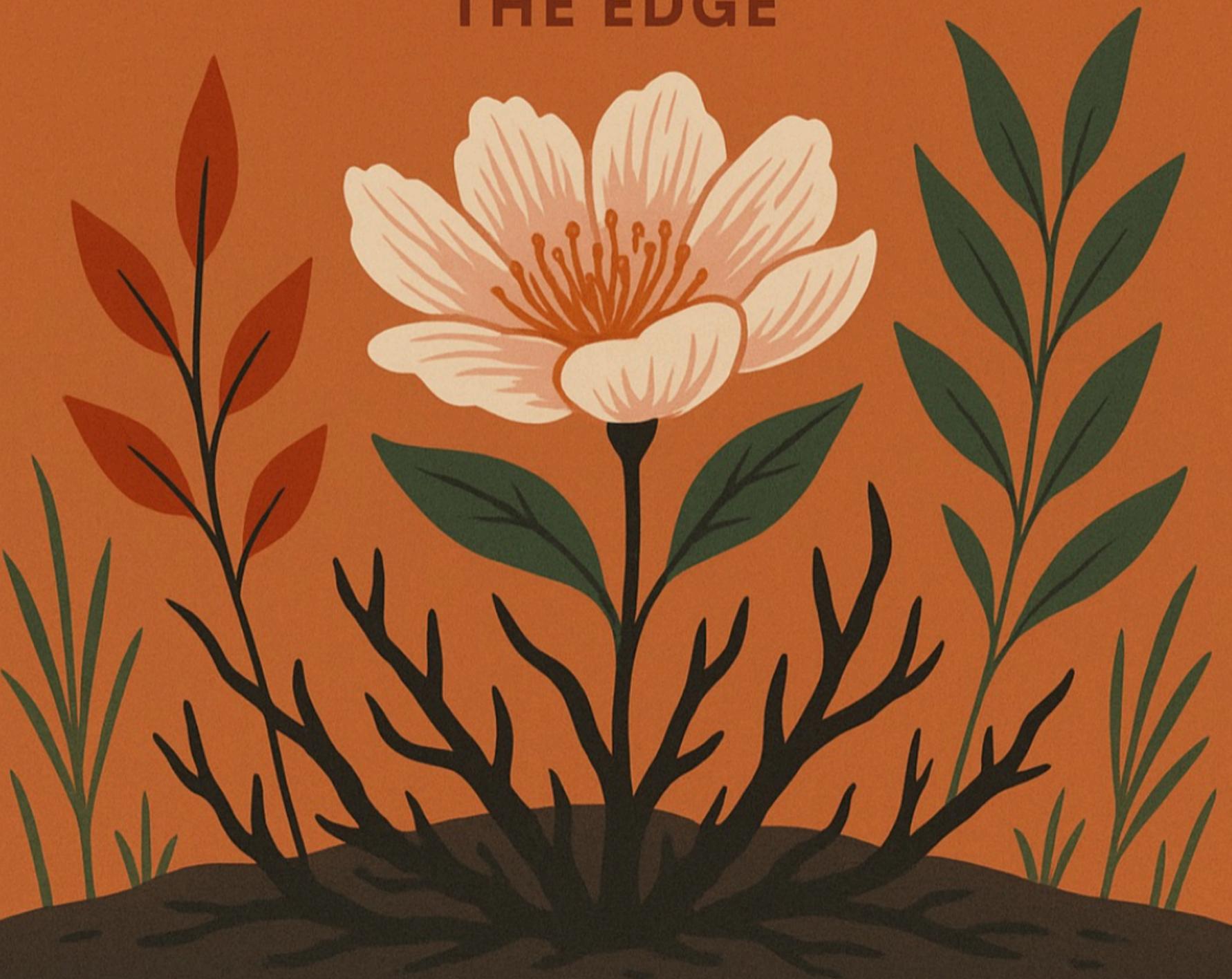
Powell Construction for Caltrans I-210 Freeway Soundwall Phase III (2022): Inventory trees scheduled for impacts to construction Soundwall in the ROW and directly adjacent on private and public (city) property. Confirm trees to be removed and provide construction monitoring to protect remaining trees.

Access Pacific Construction for South Arroyo Park, City of Los Angeles (2021-22): Provide construction monitoring services for new irrigation and landscape project at South Arroyo Park in Los Angeles around mature California Sycamore trees.

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FROM BURN TO BLOOM

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THE EDGE



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Jose Castro

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Dear Grant Review Committee,

My name is Michael Sandoval and I am the Girl's Varsity Golf coach for La Canada High School. I am writing to express my strong support for the Technical Resources Study grant application for the *La Cañada Flintridge Country Club Dry Weather Diversion Technical Resources Program*. This proposal represents a thoughtful, forward-looking approach to water management and environmental stewardship that will provide meaningful benefits to both the Club and the broader community.

I support this plan because it addresses one of the most pressing challenges facing our region: responsible water use. Dry weather water runoff capture will directly contribute to water savings by reducing reliance on potable water supplies. At a time when water scarcity and drought conditions are becoming more frequent and severe, projects that conserve and reuse local water resources are not only practical but essential.

This project clearly demonstrates the Club's long-standing commitment to sustainability. The capture and reuse of dry-weather runoff is especially vital given the loss of effluent from the reclamation plant over the years. As recycled water supplies have diminished, innovative solutions such as this program are necessary to maintain responsible landscape management while preserving limited potable water resources.

The Club has consistently demonstrated environmental responsibility, particularly given its location within the wildland-urban interface. Careful stewardship of land and water in this setting is critical, not only for ecological health but also for community safety. The Club's ownership has shown notable leadership in environmental concerns and water conservation efforts, setting an example for other organizations in the region.

In conclusion, I fully support the Technical Resources Study for the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club Dry Weather Diversion Technical Resources Program. This proposal advances larger community goals by promoting drought preparedness through potable water savings and aquifer recharge with clean water. It will also support expanded ecological restorative plantings of trees and habitats that increase biodiversity and help cool the surrounding area, offering protection against dangerous heat conditions. Additionally, by preventing dry-weather runoff from carrying contaminants into the Los Angeles River and ultimately the ocean, the project helps protect downstream ecosystems and coastal waters.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage approval of this important and forward-thinking proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael Sandoval



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Please see attached letter



Date: March 4, 2026

To: ULAR WASC Committee Members
cc: SCWP Staff, Watershed Coordinator

From: OWLA Core Team (DayOne, Heal the Bay, LAANE, LA Waterkeeper, Nature for All, Pacoima Beautiful, The Nature Conservancy, and TreePeople)

RE: Input on Project Prioritization for SCWP SIP

Ahead of the 2026-2027 SIP Deliberation, the OurWaterLA Coalition (OWLA) has reviewed all of the infrastructure applications that passed the scoring threshold to identify which projects we believe exemplify the spirit of Measure W. The categories we consider are:

- Location (within/outside a DAC)
- Does the project address an actual need of an underserved community?
- Anti-displacement measures
- Community support and engagement
- Water quality and water supply
- Public health, community investments, and multiple benefits
- Nature-based solutions
- Green jobs
- Cost and leveraged funding

OWLA did not identify any exemplar infrastructure projects in ULAR WASC, but we would like to recommend the following scientific studies:

1. Characterizing and Optimizing the Water Quality Benefits of In-Channel Vegetation
 - a. This study will quantify how in-channel vegetation influences bacteria, nutrients, metals, sediment dynamics, temperature, and flood behavior, generating predictive modeling tools, management scenarios, and publicly accessible datasets to strengthen water quality decision-making. By providing stakeholder-informed guidance on how vegetation can be optimized for performance, it supports the integration and prioritization of nature-based solutions in river management while advancing multi-benefit outcomes, including improved ecosystem function, climate resilience, and more adaptive watershed management practices.
2. Climate Resistance and Resiliency: An Adaptive Framework for Stormwater Risk Management
 - a. This study will assess how climate-related natural disasters affect stormwater systems, water quality, water supply, and infrastructure, providing actionable strategies to help Los Angeles communities prepare for and respond to increasing climate risks. By developing an adaptive framework for stormwater risk management, it supports more resilient, forward-looking investment decisions and strengthens the region's ability to protect public health, water resources, and critical infrastructure under changing climate conditions.

OWLA would also like to highlight some of the general patterns we noticed this year in applications.

General Patterns:

1. **Narrative response, especially in Community Investment Benefits, was lacking** on a number of applications this round. Applicants should give thoughtful responses and try to provide as much context as possible. Strong examples are provided in projects like Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project and Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project, which included multiple workshops, surveys, childcare/translation to support participation, and evidence of public feedback directly shaping project elements.
2. **Anti-displacement responses feel like a check-box**; applicant responses use similar responses and most responses do not include any specifics.
3. There are **few non-traditional applicants and non-profit partners** applying and/or participating in applications.
4. One project, Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits, created a Native American Advisory Council to co-develop their landscape plan and educational exhibits. **We would love to see more Tribal partnerships like this developed.**

As you consider what to fund in this year's SIP, OWLA strongly recommends that you approve projects that include strong remarks for water quality that:

- increase local water supply resilience,
- utilize vegetated nature-based solutions,
- clearly demonstrate a strong community engagement plan and process took place,
- include a significant community investment element,
- provide benefits directly to and, as applicable, are located in a disadvantaged community, and
- promote green jobs.

We also want to be clear that just because we don't identify a project as an exemplar, does not mean that it is not a quality project. That said, we do believe it is valuable for us to highlight the projects that went above and beyond because we believe they deserve recognition.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. We look forward to continuing our engagement with this committee and the watershed coordinators to ensure a better water future for the region.

Sincerely,

OurWaterLA

OurWaterLA is a diverse coalition of community leaders and organizations from across Los Angeles County united to create a strong water future for Los Angeles. Our goal is to secure clean, safe, affordable and reliable water for drinking, recreation and commerce now and for the future. We have a deep commitment to uphold the trust that voters had in us when passing this measure and that projects which achieve Safe Clean Water Program objectives of water quality, water supply, nature-based solutions and community investments are prioritized.



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As a current member of the LCFCC Women's Golf Association and a club member since 1984, I am well aware of the various conditions affecting the course over many years. I have been President of the Association three separate years as well as a Board member. In addition, I served as a USGA Rules Official for many tournaments and am well aware of weather conditions which are not only a challenge for all golf courses but also affect the large variety of animals who call these "green areas" their home. LCFCC owners Pamela and Randy Dreyfuss have always respected the needs of all these permanent residents as well as other visitors who arrived during a migratory process such as the Canadian Geese. As a former Science teacher, it is very gratifying to see efforts made to accommodate both flora and fauna in a natural environment tucked in between two extremely busy freeways.

I urge you to approve the club's grant for funding Technical Resources Study from Measure W which the club will match dollar for dollar.

Over the years as a player, I have certainly been aware of major run off from nearby residential areas which could be captured and re-purposed.

This might not be the total answer for solving water needs for our urban areas but it certainly is a powerful start in efforts to maintain green areas in the midst of all the concrete! I certainly request you approve and fund this project.



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I'm commenting on behalf of the Herrera/SCCWRP team that submitted the "Stormwater BMP O&M Needs Assessment, Guidance Document, and Implementation Materials" Scientific Study application. As the WASC proceeds with developing the 2026-2027 SIP, we respectfully wish to remind the WASC that the current Watershed Plan (WP) specifically recommends a Scientific Study that echoes many of our Study's goals.

Specifically, under the WP Planning Theme titled "Ensure Ongoing Operations & Maintenance for Projects," the first Strategy includes recommended Action 8.1.1 that reads "Initiate a Scientific Study that can establish specific construction and O&M best practices for varying BMP and footprint types, and can aggregate lessons learned from constructed projects that can be used in future Project planning."

As noted in the February ROC mtg, this is the first time in the history of the SCWP that the WASCs have WPs to use as guidance regarding projects and actions that have already been identified as a good investment. Given the large volume of information the WASC has to process as part of developing each annual SIP, we wanted WASC members to be aware of our Study's direct alignment with the WP recommendations - and that this is the first time there has been any top-down guidance on what would be a valuable Scientific Study. (We would have highlighted this in our Study application, but the WPs were published after the call for projects.)

Thank you.



YSABEL JURADO
L.A. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 14

March 2, 2026

Re: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

Dear Watershed Area Steering Committee:

I write on behalf of residents of Highland Park and San Pascual residents who have expressed serious concerns regarding the proposed Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, particularly its potential impact on San Pascual Park. My office supports water reuse infrastructure and the urgent need to advance climate-resilient, sustainable water policy. However, these policies and public trust must move forward together. **I am calling for meaningful community engagement, full transparency, and rigorous environmental review at every stage of the process.**

Residents have urged project leadership to provide more timely and proactive outreach that keeps stakeholders fully informed of ongoing developments. Ensuring a consistent and accessible flow of information is essential so that environmental review documents – many of which residents report were previously difficult to access – receive the thorough review and public input necessary to advance informed design discussions.

At the same time, conceptual design proposals have already circulated despite inconsistent public communication and without a finalized agreement with the Department of Recreation and Parks regarding the use or potential alteration of San Pascual Park. Advancing design conversations ahead of formal approvals and comprehensive environmental vetting risks undermining public confidence and creates the appearance that key decisions are being shaped before community concerns can be fully heard.

San Pascual Park holds ecological, cultural, and recreational significance for the surrounding neighborhoods. Any proposal that may affect parkland must reflect careful stewardship and a clear commitment to environmental justice and neighborhood equity. Before the project proceeds further, I respectfully request the following:

- A comprehensive accounting of all environmental documents completed to date, including CEQA-related studies and technical assessments, as well as a clear timeline for documents currently in preparation.
- A commitment from the Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena that environmental review be completed, publicly circulated, and fully vetted before advancing design selection or making site-specific commitments.

- A robust, multilingual, and neighborhood-centered outreach plan focused specifically on Highland Park and San Pascual residents, including park users, youth sports leagues, and community-based organizations.
- Clear coordination with, and formal engagement of, the Department of Recreation and Parks before any design alternatives impacting parkland are presented as viable options.

The relationship between project leadership and local stakeholders must be rooted in trust, communication, and transparency to deliver impactful community investment. These infrastructure projects impact our community's lived environment, and we must ensure that their concerns guide decision-making ahead of key procedural milestones.

I urge the Committee to carefully review the sequencing of this project to ensure that environmental due diligence and authentic community participation precede design advancement. Building watershed resilience and building public trust are not competing goals; they are mutually reinforcing obligations.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to transparent, accountable governance. I look forward to ongoing dialogue grounded in environmental stewardship, equity, and meaningful public participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ysabel Jurado". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councilmember Ysabel Jurado
Los Angeles City Council, Fourteenth District
City of Los Angeles