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Name:* James Cluxton Organization*: OhanaVets
Email*: _____ Phone*: _____
Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) Date: _____

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From: [Jim Cluxton](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission: Regional Oversight Committee – June 10, 2026 Meeting
Date: Friday, June 5, 2026 11:44:06 AM
Attachments: [Public Comment-ROC-June 12 2026.pdf](#)

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Regional Oversight Committee Members,

Attached (and included below for convenience) is my public comment for the June 10, 2026 Regional Oversight Committee meeting.

I am providing the full text by email because the online submission process may truncate longer comments.

Please include this comment in the meeting record and distribute it to Committee members in accordance with the Committee's public comment procedures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jim Cluxton
President, OhanaVets

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Equally concerning is the County's position regarding records associated with conflict-of-interest review. In response to a Public Records Act request, the County acknowledged that responsive records exist but asserted that disclosure would not be in the public interest. As a member of the public, I continue to question how records concerning conflict-of-interest review in a publicly funded procurement process can be considered contrary to the public interest to disclose.

Because these questions remain unresolved, OhanaVets recently submitted an additional Public Records Act request seeking records concerning the County's determination that disclosure of conflict-of-interest review records would not be in the public interest, including the underlying analysis, decision-making process, and individuals involved in that determination.

Transparency should strengthen public confidence. Resistance to transparency has the opposite effect.

The Regional Oversight Committee has now been notified of these concerns numerous times. At some point, continued awareness without meaningful inquiry risks undermining public confidence not only in individual decisions, but in the oversight process itself.

I respectfully urge the ROC to ensure that concerns regarding transparency, accountability, public records compliance, and conflict-of-interest review receive the attention they deserve and that the public is able to understand how decisions are made, how public funds are spent, and how potential conflicts are evaluated.

A publicly funded program cannot simply disregard documented concerns raised in good faith by a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise operating under County direction and expect those concerns to disappear without transparency, accountability, and public scrutiny.

OhanaVets has preserved the associated administrative record, correspondence, and supporting materials and remains prepared to provide them to the Committee upon request.

Thank you.

Jim Cluxton
President, OhanaVets



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Name*: Maggie Gardner Organization*: OurWaterLA Coalition
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: _____
Meeting: ROC Date: 6/10/2026

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Please see attached letter



Date: June 10, 2026

To: ROC Committee Members

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

On behalf of the OurWaterLA (OWLA) coalition, the undersigned recommend that the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) approve the Stormwater Investment Plans for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

As the ROC reviews the SIPs for fiscal year 2026-2027, we want to share the projects that stood out to us as well as the patterns we identified during our review of all of the infrastructure applications that passed the Scoring Committee. Our hope is that by sharing these projects and our observations, we can provide data to support the adaptive management of the program. Specifically, we want to ensure that the program continues to encourage exemplary projects and makes adaptive changes when necessary to address limitations of the program. The categories we consider in our review 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

Of the applications across the nine watershed areas, OWLA identified the following infrastructure projects as projects that exemplify the spirit of Measure W:

- 1. East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project O&M (RH)**
 - a. This O&M project maintains approximately **1160 ac-ft per year of water supply.**
 - b. This O&M project maintains a nearly **4 acre open space and recreation area in a disadvantaged community.**
 - c. This O&M project maintains **185,000 square feet of native landscaping, 300 planted trees, and one acre of bioswales.**

- 2. Eaton Wash Stormwater Capture Project (RH)**
 - a. The project contributes both to **local groundwater recharge and meaningful environmental recharge.**
 - b. The project **creates a new passive park space** which will include **net gain of 449 trees.**

- c. The project will create **safe access** for the community across the Eaton Wash via a pedestrian bridge.
3. **Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project (CSMB)**
 - a. The project has **strong community support** through inclusive, bilingual outreach, workshops, surveys, and partnerships that encouraged broad participation and directly shaped the project's design
 - b. The project **enhances community health and well-being** by revitalizing a dry creek in a park-poor area, creating accessible green space, and responding to local priorities with expanded habitat and recreational opportunities.
 - c. The project integrates stormwater infrastructure with **native vegetation and 167 new trees** to improve runoff filtration, sequester carbon, reduce urban heat, and support wildlife habitat along newly restored creek corridors and walking paths.
 4. **Ganesha Park Stormwater Capture Project (USGR)**
 - a. The project **prioritized community engagement** by conducting 5 stakeholder/community events, developing a project specific website, distributing a survey, and creating a future outreach plan and obtaining letters of support from 11 diverse stakeholders.
 - b. The project design **addressed community wants and needs**, specifically incorporating lighting, hydration stations, shade structures, trees, and seating based on feedback from WaterTalks and the LA County Park Needs Assessment.
 - c. The project **removes more than 135 lbs of zinc per year and infiltrates 40 ac-ft of water per year.**
 5. **Sky Sanctuaries: San Vicente Streetscape Plaza (CSMB)**
 - a. The project supports water quality and supply by treating diverted stormwater in bioretention cells for safe reuse, with **design refinements planned to address groundwater limitations and ensure effective environmental benefits.**
 - b. The project integrates **innovative stormwater management** through 22 street trees, movable planters, and three sculptural steel canopy structures planted with native trees and shrubs, improving soil health, creating habitat, increasing permeable surfaces, and supporting environmental resilience while maintaining public space.
 - c. The project enhances public health by providing a lifted oak woodland and plaza in a high-traffic, high-need area, creating a **welcoming community gathering space that addresses local priorities.**

We would also like to highlight the following infrastructure projects for elements of their projects that we really liked and hope to see more of.

- **Campus Community Connection: UCLA's Mobility, Stormwater Capture, and Greening Project (CSMB)** is a strong, well-quantified multi-benefit design that advances stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, urban greening, and active transportation within a dense urban setting.
- **Los Angeles Harbor College Stormwater Improvements Project (SSMB)** demonstrates the capture and treatment of off-site stormwater on an educational campus—an approach with significant potential for replication across Los Angeles County. We are encouraged to see this type of project proposed for funding. The project also presents meaningful opportunities for environmental education and workforce development.

- **Reimagining La Brea Tar Pits: An Investment in Community, Green Space, and Water Quality Enhancement (CSMB)** is notable for centering nature-based solutions through extensive native habitat restoration, soil enhancement, and biofiltration, while meaningfully partnering with Tribal representatives to embed cultural stewardship and education into long-term water quality and green space improvements.
- **San Jose Creek Greenway Project (USGR)** will directly contribute to active transportation in the region while advancing water quality and water supply needs. We see the project as a step forward in advancing the SGV Greenway Network Plan. Advancing projects along waterways in the USGR has been previously identified by this WASC as a priority and this application begins that effort.
- **Sierra Madre Boulevard Median Enhancement Project (RH)** incorporates unique nature-based solutions elements including utilizing recycled wood from tree removals on the project and organic soil amendments to enrich the soil and promote long-term sustainability and hugelkultur mounds to mimic natural filtration and infiltration functions.

OWLA recommends the following scientific studies:

- 1. Benefits of Restoration and Land Preservation as Nature-Based Solutions to Water Quality and Water Supply (SCR)**
 - a. This study provides science-based methods to quantify water quality and water supply benefits, improving SCWP scoring consistency and project eligibility guidance for creek restoration, floodplain reconnection, and land preservation as multi-benefit water infrastructure. By rigorously evaluating these nature-based strategies, it also advances long-term watershed resilience and equity through reduced flood risk, enhanced groundwater recharge, and sustained community and climate benefits.
- 2. Characterizing and Optimizing the Water Quality Benefits of In-Channel Vegetation (ULAR/LLAR)**
 - 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.
- 3. Climate Resistance and Resiliency: An Adaptive Framework for Stormwater Risk Management (ULAR/USGR)**
 - 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.

Outside of our project specific recommendations, we also wanted to share some of the general patterns that appeared as we reviewed.

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.**

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 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.

From: [annette.gutierrez](mailto:annette.gutierrez@dpw.lacounty.gov)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](mailto:DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov)
Subject: Public Comment: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project 6/10/26
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 5:40:51 PM
Attachments: [Comment-Card-Form-1-1.pdf](#)

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I cannot figure out how to fill in the comment card (attached below) so I am just answering it in this email

Annette Gutierrez
Concerned Citizen



Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (San Rafael & San Pasqual)

I cannot attend any meetings and I wanted my comments to go on the record. I think there has been a lot of mis-information about this project and fear mongering that has caused many people to be turned off. I think this is a good project!!! We need the bacteria in the water reduced. We also need the parks cleaned up. This project is a win/win. There are too many people who are opposed to any change whatsoever and it is an ignorant viewpoint.

But I do agree there needs to be a much better job done in explaining exactly what this project is and what its benefits are. Most people do not go to any great level of research when they hear about things like this. If one person or small group is opposed, they just take their word for it because all they hear is it's going to ruin the arroyo. That's what I was thinking until I did better research. Go on Nextdoor. Get the Eastsider to do a story. Please tell them how it's going to improve it! We need this project.

Thank you,
Annette Gutierrez



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Name:* Katrina Alexy Organization*: _____
Email*: _____ Phone*: _____
Meeting: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Projects Date: 6-10-26

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Dear committee, I am writing you today as a citizen of Los Angeles who recreates on a daily basis near the Arroyo Seco sections that are currently involved in the potential changes planned for regarding the watershed designs proposed.

I have read the proposed changes and support the watershed plan as proposed as I feel it will only improve the quality of water, provide a safer system, and improve the overall terrain, specifically regarding the South Pasadena golf course which uses potable which is no longer sustainable. In South Pasadena some of the Cleaned storm drain runoff will be used to water the golf course.

I am enthusiastically supportive of the proposed site in South Pasadena across from the little league. Currently this site is home to a few unhoused encampments and has been set a blaze numerous times. I have documented the places where fires have been set on this site. Right now as I write this, there are many palm trees which are not native blackened by fires that were set by humans living in the area across from the little league adjacent to the LA river channel where there are a large amount of invasive trees currently. The proposed plan calls for removing these invasive weeds and trees and replacing them with Native habitat restoration which is much more fire retardant than invasive species and provides needed food for native fauna.

Walking paths and trails will be added to make the spaces user friendly which would benefit the communities of LA, South Pasadena, Pasadena. Non native trees and plants will be replaced by native trees that provide food for many species of birds and animals.

Please know I stand in support of the proposed watershed plan as it stands currently and hope it moves forward.

Sincerely, Katrina Alexy



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Name:* Noel McCarthy Organization*: _____
Email*: _____ Phone*: _____
Meeting: ROC Meeting June 10 2026 Date: 6/7/2026

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To the ROC Memembrs -

I am a 15 year resident of Highland Park and I'd like to give voice to the many people who actually support the Arroyo Secco Water Reuse Project.

It has been quite disturbing these last several years to see "Save San Pascual" and "Stewards of the Arroyo Seco" traffic (knowingly) in transparently false information to garner the "support" they claim. This is a critical point to make since this misinformation campaign has translated into so many letters, calls - frivolous CRPA requests - and frankly, harrasement at all levels of of government over many juristictions.

The arguments against this project are almost entirely disingenuous - often dishonest - and definitley delusional (see Tim Brick)

Save San Pascual is a classic Nimby organization posing as an environmental/social justice one. What a terrible precedent this board would set by allowing a project like THIS to be stopped by transparently false narratives about stolen land and water.

If you support the bowtie project and Taylor Yards it makes zero sense to oppose this project - This is the model going forward for our watershed - The flood control Channel isn't going away in our lifetimes - so we need to move forward with a parallel system for cleaning and conserving water along with habitat restoration.

Crucially - this specific space is so important. It leverages tens of millions in existing infrastruture to achieve its goals. Please do not let this unhinged person (and I say person because if not for Clara Solis this project would already be done) derail an excellent project like this.

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From: [Tera Landers](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: public comment: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026 5:32:50 PM

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Dear Safe Clean Water LA:

My name is Tera Landers, and I am a resident/homeowner in the Garvanza neighborhood of Highland Park. I've lived here since 2008, and before that I was a resident of South Pasadena for 7 years.

I am writing in support of the proposed Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. I love the Arroyo, and this project will make the area safer, create more wildlife habitat, and help filter our storm water in a beneficial way.

Thank you for moving this project forward.

With warm regards,
Rev. Dr. Tera Landers
Senior Pastor, Throop Unitarian Universalist Church



From: [Therese Brummel](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Water Filtration in the Arroyo comment
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:27:45 AM

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I am advocating for the restoration of clean water in the Arroyo, recharging our aquifers, native plants for our native insects, bugs and bees as well as birds and animals. South Pas golf course can no longer take potable water for lawn! The bonus will be more access to wilderness for citizens of Pasadena, So Pas, and Highland Park.

The money is there!

We must remember that we, our children and their children need a clean, vibrant natural environment for our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. No shortcuts, please!

Thank you.
Therese Brummel
Transition Pasadena
Pasadena resident 47 years

From: [Jonah Kanner](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Pasadena Area, June 10, 2026
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:04:13 AM
Attachments: [kanner-comment-card.pdf](#)

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My name is Jonah Kanner - I live in the Pasadena area. I am writing to ask your support for the Arroyo Secco Water Reuse projects. These projects will create space for native plants and walking paths that local residents can enjoy. I think they would be a great benefit for our community.

Please find my comment card attached.

Thank you,
jonah



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Name:* Jonah Kanner Organization*: _____
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: _____
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Name:* Blair Miller Organization*: None
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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I am writing in support of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Projects. Both projects will install filtration systems to clean storm drain runoff, once water is cleaned they will infiltrate water to replenish ground water.

In South Pasadena the golf course is currently water with Potable water, which is no longer sustainable. In South Pasadena some of the Cleaned storm drain runoff will be used to water the golf course. Both sites are currently not accessible to the public, the site in South Pasadena is currently home to a few unhoused encampments and has been set a blaze numerous times.

Invasive weeds and trees will be removed and replaced with Native habitat restoration, which will benefit our migratory and pollinating friends.

Walking paths and trails will be added to make the spaces user friendly.

Please support these projects.

From: [Lisette Rodriguez](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Comment card for Regional Oversight Committee meeting on 6/10
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 12:37:07 PM
Attachments: [Comment-Card-Form-1-1 Lisette Rodriguez.pdf](#)

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Hi,

Please find attached a comment card for the Regional Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, 6/10. This comment card voices my support for the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, which we so desperately need.

Thank you.



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Name*: Lissette Rodriguez Organization*: Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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As a Pasadena homeowner who believes that water conservation will be key to the future of our region, I whole heartedly support the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse project. Not only will this project help with water conservation, we will also get some lovely some walking paths and native habitats which will only benefit the region.

I urge you to move forward with the project. Thank you.



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Name*: Katie Clark Organization*: South Pasadena resident

Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]

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I am a longtime South Pasadena resident. I am writing to enthusiastically support the proposed project in the Arroyo at the San Pasqual site (South Pasadena/Los Angeles).

Our family grew up using the Arroyo playground, softball and soccer fields and walking and running on the local trails. While I regularly run on the bridal paths next to the LA river, the proposed project has never felt welcoming or safe to enter - instead it looks like an overgrown area dominated by weeds and blackened palms from fires.

I look forward to the planned project to add more trails, some seating and to create a more inviting location with native habitat restoration.



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Name*: Dr. Zelina Medina Organization*: Resident
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
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I support efforts to improve local water resources; and I have concerns regarding the project.

- What is the timeline for the project, start and completion date?
 - Will access to the walking and equestrian trails be restricted during construction or after completion? If so, how long, and what alternative routes will be provided?
 - What studies have been conducted to assess impacts on wildlife, and vegetation? And what will be done to protect during and after construction?
- How will noise, dust, lighting, and construction traffic be managed to reduce impacts on wildlife and residents?
- What are the plans to prevent erosion, sediment runoff, water contamination, and damage to surrounding habitat?
 - Will any mature trees or native vegetation be removed? If so, what restoration plans are proposed?

My family, members of our community, and the wildlife that live in this area all rely on and enjoy this habitat. Access to safe, healthy green spaces is essential for community well-being, recreation, mental health, and environmental stewardship. I strongly encourage project planners to preserve public access whenever possible, minimize environmental impacts, and provide clear communication to residents throughout the project.



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Name*: Dale Zapata Organization*: Resident
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My name is Dale Zapata and I live in Pasadena. I am speaking in SUPPORT of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project.

These projects do something simple and smart. They capture storm drain runoff that would otherwise carry pollution downstream, clean it, and let it soak back into the ground to refill our local groundwater. That is water we get to keep and use here at home, instead of buying more imported water we cannot count on.

I also want to speak to the land itself. Both sites are closed to the public right now. They have held unhoused encampments and have caught fire more than once. These are not safe, open spaces that we are giving up. They are spaces we have not been able to use. This project clears out invasive weeds and trees, brings back native habitat for our pollinators and migrating birds, and adds walking paths and trails so families can finally enjoy these places.

To neighbors who have concerns, I hear you. Change near our waterways deserves a careful look. But this is not a loss of green space. It is a chance to turn neglected, hazardous land into clean water, restored habitat, and trails we can all walk. The opposition asks us to protect these sites. The best way to protect them is to bring them back to life.

I urge you to support the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project. Thank you for your time.



Public Comment Form

Name:* Pilar Reynaldo Organization*: Garvanza Resident
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
Meeting: ROC Date: 6/10/26

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Comments

ROC Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Projects. Both projects provide a multitude of benefits for Pasadena, South Pasadena & Los Angeles.

Currently the San Rafael site is inaccessible to the public and choked w/ weeds. Not only will this site clean storm drain runoff, infiltrate, and release cleaned water into the channel. The Native plant restoration will greatly benefit our Migratory birds and pollinators. The new paths will allow for users of the arroyo to enjoy, learn and observe the constructed wetlands.

The South Pasadena site, is currently a non functioning constructed wetlands which is home to unhoused people who have started many fires which presents serious danger to the San Pascual neighborhood and the neighboring Horse stables.

This site not only Cleans storm drain runoff and infiltrates it will send cleaned storm drain runoff to the golf course ending the use of Potable water which is not sustainable. This site is currently scary, full of charred Palms and invasive weed trees. Improving the site will be a massive improvement to the area which is surrounded by spaces where families recreate, this will add to the areas family friendly environment and create beautiful dry weather flow swales with another Native habitat restoration.



Public Comment Form

Name:* Casey Law Organization*: South Pasadena NREC
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: _____
Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee June 10, 2026 Date: 6/8/2026

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I am a commissioner in the South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Commission and am writing to express my support for the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project.

South Pasadena has an urgent need to manage and clean its storm water and runoff. For decades, our water has flowed off our city streets and into the LA River and Pacific Ocean. As it flows, it cultivates bacteria, collects heavy metals, and spreads garbage. For too long, the lack of treatment has poisoned our ocean and the people who live along the river.

My commission recently gave up pursuing another large project for storm water capture under Huntington Blvd, as the commercial supplier no longer provides the required technology. If South Pasadena cannot proceed with the Arroyo Seco project, then it is at risk of non-compliance with legal requirements to treat urban runoff and storm water. As a small city, we cannot afford to pay the fines for non-compliance and it would financially ruin us.

The Arroyo Seco Water Reuse project is a sensible approach to managing runoff and the parkland adjacent to the water. By passing water through an infiltration basin, we can clean and recharge the aquifer. The use of an existing parkland is reasonable, given the benefit to our waterway. Though some tree removal and replacement is required, the plan will largely improve the natural space through new plantings and improving access for our community.

Measure W is a lifeline for our natural spaces and the South Pasadena and Pasadena are fortunate to have been awarded one of its grants. Please support South Pasadena and Pasadena as they act on the moral and legal obligation to clean their surface runoff.



Public Comment Form



Name*: GEORGE MARTINEZ Organization*: SO. PAS RESIDENT
 Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
 Meeting: REGIONAL OVERSIGHT COMM. Date: 6/10/2026

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Name*: Jean
 Email*: [REDACTED]
 Meeting: Region

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I AGREE THAT THE ARROYO SECO WATER PROJECT BE COMPLETED. THIS IS LONG OVER DUE.

George Martinez
 6/10/2024

Comment



Public Comment Form

Name*: Jean Burke Martinez Organization*: So. Pas Resident
Email*: [REDACTED] Phone*: [REDACTED]
Meeting: Regional Oversight Committee Date: 6-10-26

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Comments

I am in favor of the Arroyo Seco
Water Reuse project moving forward,
count me as a yes vote!

Jean Burke May
6/9/26

Clara M Solis



June 9, 2026

SAFE CLEAN WATER

SafeCleanWaterLA@dpw.lacounty.gov

Regional Oversight Committee

Dear Regional Oversight Committee:

Request for Review, Investigation and Direction to Upper LA River WASC

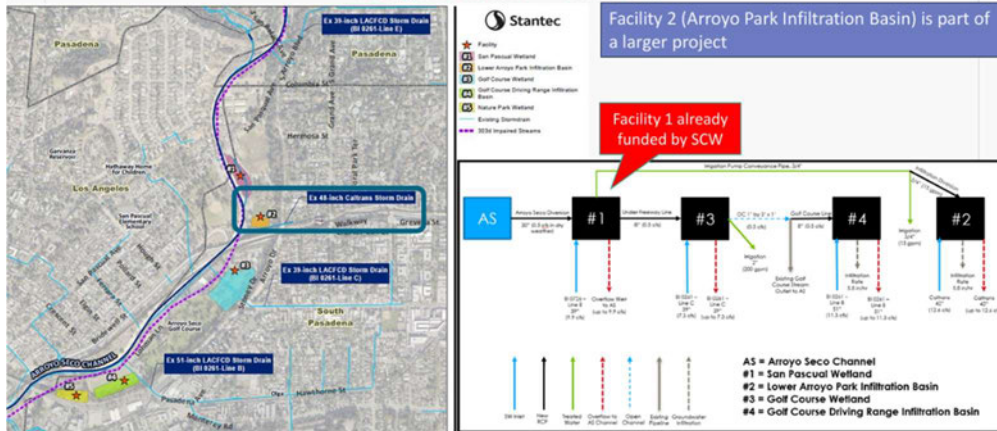
REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MARCH 4, 2026 VOTE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR FACILITY 2 (ARROYO PARK INFILTRATION BASIN) AND FOR COUNTY COUNSEL ADVICE TO BODY ON POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MISINFORMATION and PUBLIC FUNDS use:

At the May 6th, 2026, Safe, Clean Water Program Watershed Area Steering Committee Upper Los Angeles River, the minutes for March 4, 2026 included this statement:

Chair Torossian clarified that the Arroyo Park Infiltration Gallery Project is distinct from the Arroyo Seco San Rafael Treatment Wetlands Project and shared that the WASC did not discuss funding for the Arroyo Seco-San Rafael Treatment Wetlands Project during this meeting.

This statement was made after concerns by Committee members regarding the San Pascual project and comments made by South Pasadena proponents and committee members. However, the presentation documents show that water is coming from the San Pascual project. So, the project is not distinct.

Project Details – Overview



Project Schematics – Infiltration Gallery



Request for Investigation: Possible Misrepresentation/Misinformation Re re Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project also know as San Rafael wetland project.

I ask for an investigation on if the Upper LA River WASC was misled by proponents of this project in stating benefits such as reducing reliance on Potable water. We ask that this Oversight Board determine how the Arroyo Seco golf course in South Pasadena is currently watering its golf course. How much water is being diverted from the Arroyo Seco to the Golf Course? How have they been watering it for the past five years? Public Record Act requests show no water currently being paid for to water the Golf Course. So how is it being watered?

It appears that the project will not reduce the need for potable water, since the golf course is already pumping water up from the Arroyo Seco for use to water their golf course. This project is nothing but a ploy by project proponents to guarantee that this use of water continues in perpetuity

Depending on the Day, circumstances we are constantly hearing different things by project proponents.

From Annual Report FY23-24:

“The following is a description of the Water Supply Benefits and a summary of how funds have been allocated to achieve SCW Program Goals as articulated in Chapter 18.04 of the Code for the prior year:

From the Annual Report 22-23

Benefits section, 2.1 Water Quality Benefits 2.1 Water Quality Benefits

“..an existing diversion will be upgraded and will divert flow from the channel and direct it to a natural wetlands which will utilize filtration to treat the water.”

2.2 Water Supply Benefits *The following is a description of the Water Supply Benefits and a summary of how funds have been allocated to achieve SCW Program Goals as articulated in Chapter 18.04 of the Code for the prior year: The second component of this project will divert water from the Arroyo Seco channel downstream from San Rafael creek and direct it to a treatment wetlands which will use infiltration to enhance groundwater supplies. **A portion of the flow will also be used to offset the irrigation needs of the adjacent golf course.** The design of a stormwater harvesting unit is underway and will be installed at the Arroyo Seco Golf Course. **Treated water from the project will be diverted to the harvesting unit and will capture and treat a portion of the water to be used for irrigation of the golf course to reduce the need for potable water.”***

From documents on your website:

Annual Report 21-22

2 BENEFITS 2.1 Water Quality Benefits

*“In addition, downstream of the confluence of San Rafael creek to the Arroyo Seco channel, an existing diversion will be upgraded and will divert flow from the channel and direct it to a **natural wetlands** which will utilize filtration to treat the water.*

2.2 Water Supply Benefits

Project Feasibility Study Application

*The second component of this project will divert water from the Arroyo Seco channel downstream from San Rafael creek and direct it to a treatment wetlands which will use infiltration to enhance groundwater supplies. **A portion of the flow will also be use to offset the irrigation needs of the adjacent golf course.***

The San Pascual site is located further downstream along the Arroyo Seco channel where wet and dry weather runoff will be directed from Pasadena, and South Pasadena areas north of Arroyo Park and San Pascual Stables. The San Pascual site is bounded by the Arroyo Seco channel to the south and San Pascual Ave to the north and the proposed treatment wetlands will reutilize and expand the capacity of an existing dike and existing irrigation system. The project has the potential to provide significant water quality benefits for multiple jurisdictions due to the significant drainage area size (5,005 acres), location of the adjacent creek and channel, and available development space. The project will capture and treat 100% of the dry-weather flows in accordance with the ULAR LRS.

The San Pascual site has an existing dike that currently receives dry weather flows and is closed off with limited access due to dense vegetation. The dike was historically used to provide irrigation water to the nearby park but has since been abandoned due to pollutants fouling the distribution system.

4.1 Water Supply Nexus pg 25

Description of onsite use by the project: This project could utilize captured flows to offset onsite irrigation needs at the nearby Arroyo Park and Arroyo Seco Golf Course.

Further, NO PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED RE THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ONLY PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH PUBLIC PROPONENTS some of which have received funding from SAFE Clean Water.

From: [Jens Jonason](#)
To: [DPW-SafeCleanWaterLA](#)
Subject: Public comment: ROC June 10, 2026
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 5:06:43 PM
Attachments: [SCWP-ROC-Public-comment-Jens-Jonason-2026-06-10.pdf](#)

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear SCWP,

Attached is the PDF form with my public comments for the June 10, 2026 ROC meeting. I intend to appear in person and deliver an abbreviated version of this comment.

The comment is also attached in-line in this email with improved formatting:

To: Safe Clean Water Program — Regional Oversight Committee
From: Jens Jonason, resident, Garvanza (Northeast Los Angeles)
Re: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (ASWRP) and Los Angeles Council File 26-0777
Date: June 10, 2026

Members of the SCWP ROC,

I'm a resident of Garvanza, a neighborhood in the City of Los Angeles, and a board member of the Highland Park Neighborhood Council. I'm writing as an individual; these views are my own and not those of HHPNC.

My comment concerns the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (ASWRP), which is led by Pasadena with South Pasadena, and is primarily funded by SCWP using Measure W funds.

The project is facing a significant challenge at its San Pascual site.

At issue is a half-acre parcel of City of Los Angeles–owned land that the project needs to lease to site essential pollutant-removing equipment.

The challenge is this: in response to opposition from a small group of neighbors, a single Los Angeles Councilmember has introduced a resolution ([Council File 26-0777](#)) that would place the entire City of Los Angeles on record against the project indefinitely by blocking the project's lease of the half-acre parcel — preventing two cities from meeting a state-mandated obligation to address a regional water-quality problem.

The resolution does not meaningfully engage the merits of the project, and it offers no substantive analysis to support its claims about environmental or tribal impacts. It would prematurely foreclose the in-progress EIR and deny the City Council the full record it needs to make an informed decision — one with regional consequences.

The resolution is now before the LA City Council's *Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee*. If advanced, it proceeds to the full City Council for possible adoption.

My request to this Committee, its staff, and the public:

Contact Rules Committee members and submit public comments to [Council File 26-0777](#) and urge them to hold the resolution in committee, or decline to advance it, until the City has produced and evaluated the analyses a decision of this scale requires — including reports from the Department of Recreation and Parks, the City Attorney, the Bureau of Engineering, LA Sanitation, and the CAO and CLA — and the EIR process is complete. The City of Los Angeles should develop the record before it goes on record.

The matter is urgent. The Rules Committee may take up this resolution with short notice and move it forward at any time.

Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

- Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Rules Chair, CD8 — Councilmember.Harris-Dawson@lacity.org
- Nithya Raman, Rules Vice Chair, CD4 — contactCD4@lacity.org
- Katy Yaroslavsky, CD5 — Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org
- Hugo Soto-Martínez, CD13 — Councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org
- John Lee, CD12 — Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org

Resolution movers:

- Councilmember Ysabel Jurado, CD14 (introduced CF 26-0777) — Councilmember.Jurado@lacity.org
- Councilmember Imelda Padilla, CD6 (seconded CF 26-0777) — councilmember.padilla@lacity.org

Respectfully,
Jens Jonason



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Name:* Virginia Gladwin Organization*: _____
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I am writing in support of the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project.
In our current dry climate we need all the water we can get! The Arroyo Seco does not currently meet the State water quality standards. This project reverses this trend.
I am asking that this project goes through to both beautify the area, provide walking opportunities for the community, along with better shade from the native trees that will be planted. This project will divert the dry water weather flow into this nature-based treatment system before it reaches the channel.
Fining the cities who do not implement the project also needs to happen. They also need to take responsibility for the needed water filtration that this project provides.
As a local resident and someone who uses the Arroyo Seco regularly, I strongly support this project