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Subject: Comment about the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

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Dear Committee, My name is Yael Pardess, I speak on my behalf of myself, of Save San Pascual Park Coalition and on behalf of the Sierra Club and its Water Committee headed by Charming Evelyn. The Sierra club is opposed to the Arroyo Seco Water reuse project. Other environmentalist groups like the Audubon and CLAW and nature experts are opposed to it. The community at large is opposed to it with over 4000 letters and signatures and 500 DEIR comments. Jenny Newman from the LA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD sent a strong letter calling for the project to be re-examined based on water cleanup goals that are not going to be achieved and warning of the accumulative impacts that projects like this along the Arroyo will have on the survivability a river depleted gradually from its waters.

What will it take for this committee to re assess this project before Pasadena moves forward and continues to ignore the public's opposition.

It appears that nothing will sway Pasadena from moving forward, destroying these areas, removing over 136 mature trees, excavate the land, decimate a natural occurring wetland and exploiting precious river water to water a golf course.

Hot days like today are a clear red light for all of us to reexamine what we do to our dwindling natural resources and trees. We will not survive if they dont. We need to be better stewards of the land that keeps us all healthier.

San Pascual is a rare remaining relic of what the Arroyo used to look like before channelization. Destroying what already exist, it in order to redo a worse artificial wetland makes no sense. The park needs restoration, not destruction.

These engineered projects with pipes, filters and concrete basins, do nothing to truly restore these areas but do too much environmental destruction and deplete our rivers. I call on this committee to review this project with new lenses and stop funding projects that do not collaborate and respect the community and the Kizh Nation who are strongly opposed to this project.

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