



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Upper Los Angeles River WASC Date: 1/25/2024

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Comments

On behalf of the City of South Pasadena, we urge the ULAR WASC to support the Project Modification Request for the Arroyo Seco Reuse Project. This is a collaboration between our City and Pasadena, that once completed, will mark a major milestone for both Agencies being our first regional stormwater capture projects. Our project benefits 2 of the 3 San Gabriel Valley Agencies in this WASC, and provides indirect benefits to the Cities of La Cañada Flintridge and Los Angeles as well through improved water quality and restoration of beneficial uses in the historic Arroyo Seco. Further, the project provides a potable water offset to the Arroyo Seco golf course enhancing our City's stewardship toward regional water resiliency.

South Pasadena appreciates the \$4.77 M already allocated from the Program. Regional funding and collaboration with sister Agencies is instrumental for a small Agency like us to achieve our water quality compliance goals. However, construction costs have escalated and the request for an additional \$4.55 M (\$2.27 Million over 2 Years) is critical to advance towards construction.

Collectively, the residents of Pasadena and South Pasadena contribute \$2.21 Million annually to the Regional Infrastructure Program. Additionally, South Pasadena has committed \$437K of local returns. Our request of \$2.27 Million would benefit our residents directly through this request and is commensurate with our community's annual investment to the SCWP.

As such, South Pasadena respectfully requests that Madame Chair and the Committee approve our PMR for this fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration!



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Comments

The City of Pasadena urges the ULAR WASC to support the Project Modification Request for the Arroyo Seco Reuse Project. This project is a collaboration between our City and South Pasadena, that once completed, will mark a major milestone for both being our first regional stormwater capture projects. Our project benefits 2 of the 3 San Gabriel Valley agencies represented by this WASC, and will achieve critical bacteria compliance in the Arroyo Seco for our Cities, while indirectly benefiting the Cities of La Cañada Flintridge and Los Angeles. Additionally, these projects re-imagine undeveloped city-owned property into new green spaces accessible by all, including improvements for a small undeveloped area in the City of LA, embodying the core elements of the Safe, Clean Water Program

Pasadena appreciates the collective \$4.77 M received to date, however, construction costs have escalated and an additional \$4.55 M (\$2.27 M over 2 Fiscal Years) is being requested to complete construction. Pasadena residents contribute \$1.9M annually to the Regional Program, and this is our only Project funded to date. Our share of the ask and the original funds combined still equates to less than half of our community's investment in the SCWP over the past five years. Pasadena has also committed \$1.37M in sewer and local returns to this project.

We have progressed on budget through design with minor delays in schedule, CEQA documentation is nearly complete, and design documents are at 90% completion. Additional funding is required to pursue construction in Fall 2024, thus we respectfully request the committee support our PMR request this fiscal year. Thank you Madame Chair and WASC members for your consideration.



Public Comment Form

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On behalf of Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, I would like to express our office's support for the adjustment to the David M. Gonzales Park project put forward by DWP. As I've shared with the committee before, this project represents a critical step forward in addressing decades of environmental justice issues impacting Pacoima. This investment is a time-sensitive priority and will have ripple effects beyond the Measure W scope of the proposed project. Additional greening is slated for David M. Gonzales funded through the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant and cannot commence until the Measure W scope is completed. We strongly encourage the committee to prioritize closing this gap to ensure we meet the TCC grant deadline in order to amplify the impact of the Measure W investment instead of risking losing the TCC funds for this site. Our office remains committed to working with DWP and the community, to ensure that the best version of this project comes to fruition.



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City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and staff support the development of the forthcoming ULAR Stormwater Investment plan, impacting our departments, including, LASAN, BSS, and LADWP. The Mayor appreciates consideration of the City's PMR forms and Round 5 funding applications. Acknowledging that collective requests for ULAR funding outweigh available funding for FY 24/25, the City family has established a strategic list of project priorities based on community benefits and optimal return on investment with the primary aim of supporting the WASC's difficult decision making. I'd like to emphasize that priorities are shared across LASAN, BSS, and LADWP. Priority has been given to projects that:

- Reduce environmental injustices (e.g., projects in DACs)
- Are shovel-ready or are projects where limited funding or delayed funding will have severe consequences
- Leverage match funding

We also recommend the provision of gap funding for existing City of LA projects, over new awards.

In recognition of the constrained funding for this fiscal year, the City of Los Angeles has restricted our requests to two projects: Broadway Manchester and David M. Gonzalez, both important multibenefit projects that will be negatively impacted by schedule/funding delays. Please note that the recommended priorities stated were transmitted to the ULAR WASC Chair on December 1st with an attached table detailing project priorities. Thank you for your consideration.

