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Subject: Arroyo Seco Canyon project comments

To: <eventura@cityofpasadena.net>

Dear Ms. Ventura,

I am writing as a 26-year resident of Altadena. I was not aware of the proposed Arroyo Seco Canyon project until a few days ago. I would like to suggest that more public engagement and discussion about this project take place, including for those who regularly walk in the Arroyo in the early mornings or on the weekends, and also the neighbors on both sides of the canyon.

I am very concerned about the combined effect of the sediment removal project and this project to result in an overall aesthetic of industrialization both for humans, and for the plants and animals who are trying to keep Hahamongna as their precious home. I understand the need to improve our water infrastructure but it seems the timing of this project may not be the best, and I'm not clear on whether all alternatives have been considered, or if the local community has been adequately informed or included. Also, how does this project tie into the Arroyo Seco trail master plan?

I would like to propose that the following, suggested by Arroyo Seco Foundation, be considered and evaluated as a potential to meet the needs of our ecology, as well as our urban water needs

- a minimum environmental flow for fish and aquatic species of 3 cfs in the Spring;

- no "engineered" stream material, and

- using a living river and natural stream hydrology to allow the water to percolate into the groundwater basin rather than spreading basins.

Best regards,

Sharon Sand