

To: Honorable Terry Tornek, Mayor, City of Pasadena and Members of the City Council

From: Laura Garrett, Chair Environmental Advisory Commission

Subject: Arroyo Seco Foundation Native Plant Nursery

Date: February 9, 2016

At the February 9th, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Commission, we heard a number of presentations from various members of the community, voicing their support of the Arroyo Seco Foundation Native Plant Nursery. The main points they raised were:

The importance of the Arroyo Seco Foundation Native Plant Nursery is the following:

1. Preservation of local endemic plants and plant genomes
2. Supplying native plant needs for Pasadena and the surrounding community
3. Supplying plants for local mitigation projects

The benefits derived from the Arroyo Seco Foundation Native Plant Nursery include:

1. Promoting water conservation
2. Creating opportunities for environmental education
3. Preservation of the watershed
4. Supporting local biodiversity
5. Encouraging and nourishing a sense of place and community.

The Environmental Advisory Commission requests that the City of Pasadena honor its extended contract with the Arroyo Seco Foundation regarding the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project. To that end, we ask that the City develop a long-term contract with the Arroyo Seco Foundation for them to manage the nursery and to give their irreplaceable manager Nicholas Hernandez, access to the locked sheds on site.

If there are legitimate objections to this proposal, we would like to know what they are.

Sincerely,



Laura Garrett, Chair, Environmental Advisory Commission

cc: Steve Mermell (Interim City Manager), Shari Thomas (Interim General Manager of Water and Power Department), Ara Maloyan (Director of Public Works)