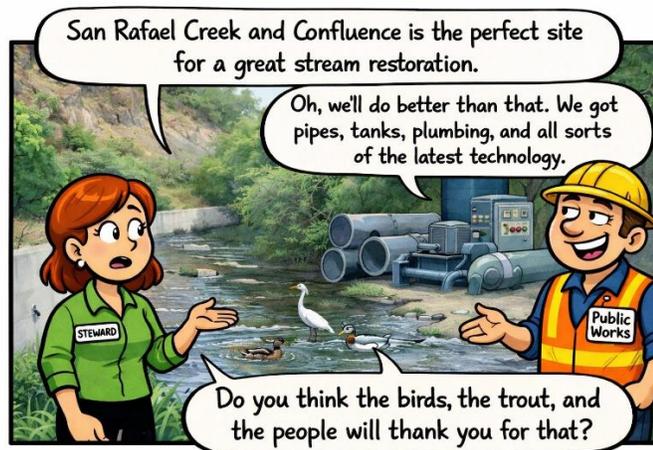


STEWARDS OF THE ARROYO SECO

A Message to Pasadena Residents

Dear Friends:

What a treasure we have in the Arroyo Seco. Generations of Pasadena residents have worked to protect the canyon's rich natural character as it flows through West Pasadena—its wildlife, trails, open space, and the feeling of a real river corridor in the middle of our city.



One of the most special places in the entire Arroyo is **San Rafael Creek and its confluence with the Arroyo Seco stream**. San Rafael Creek flows from Annandale Canyon, passes through Johnston Lake, and joins the Arroyo near Pasadena's boundary with South Pasadena and Los Angeles. This is a unique transition zone—an ideal place for habitat enhancement and nature-based restoration.

Like many of you, **we at Stewards of the Arroyo Seco have worked for decades to preserve and restore the Arroyo's natural character**. That's why we are deeply concerned about a proposed Pasadena/South Pasadena project that we believe would permanently degrade this sensitive area.

At the **San Rafael Creek confluence**, where historic wetlands once covered roughly **six acres**, planners propose installing **industrial equipment and facilities** in and near the creek—turning a restoration opportunity into an engineered treatment-and-storage site.

About **1,000 feet downstream**, at the **San Pascual site**, the plan would place major treatment facilities in a **City of Los Angeles park**, prompting strong opposition from neighbors and Arroyo users in the San Pascual neighborhood. And all this just to provide water to the South Pasadena Golf Course.

This story is clearly explained in a short seven-minute video:

<https://youtu.be/78beD3huaX8?si=obl0oBqAgCXPlMU6>

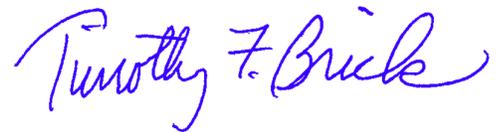
You can also read more about San Rafael Creek here:

<https://www.arroyoseco.org/sanrafaelcreek.htm>

Please contact Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo and Councilmember Steve Madison today and urge them to insist on a project that **preserves the Arroyo Seco's natural character** and prioritizes **restoration and nature-based solutions**—not industrial facilities in the creek corridor and parkland.

Thank you for standing up for the Arroyo Seco.

Sincerely,



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