



March 24th, 2016

Mayor Terry E. Tornek
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: Importance of Nursery Facilities in Hahamongna Watershed Park

Dear Mayor Tornek,

Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) is in support for the continued existence of the Arroyo Seco Foundation's Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery (HCN) in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

The HCN is actively producing locally-collected and locally-grown native plants for local restoration projects that are coming down the pipeline. Last year, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced its support for approximately 700 acres of restoration along 11 miles of the Los Angeles River. The anticipated restoration projects associated with these plans will require millions of native plants in the coming years, a supply that does not currently exist in the Los Angeles area.

The HCN is one of a small number of native plant nurseries located within the Los Angeles area, and is the only nursery solely devoted to native plant production for restoration projects associated with the Arroyo Seco. Thus far, the HCN has produced more than 80 different species of native plants, totaling over 5,000 plants. The nursery bridges the gap between the plans for, and actual implementation of, local restoration projects—and does so while simultaneously benefiting the local community.

The HCN is a tremendous community-generated project that responds to urgent environmental needs, while simultaneously providing social benefits to the community of Pasadena and greater Los Angeles area. We at FoLAR strongly support the continued existence of the HCN, and urge the Public Works Department to allow the Arroyo Seco Foundation continued operation of this nursery in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Sincerely,

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