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Mayor Terry E. Tornek
City of Pasadena, Office of the Mayor
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Dear Mayor Tornek:

I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Pasadena allow the Arroyo Seco Foundation's Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery to remain in Hahamongna Watershed Park. I believe that this nursery which is actively producing locally-collected and grown native plants will be vital for local restoration projects.

The Forest Service has a long history at the site of this nursery as well as actively participating in the development of the Hahamongna Master Plan which designates this site for a native plant nursery. The Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was recently funded for a Joint Chiefs project which includes restoration efforts within the Arroyo Seco watershed. We are presently exploring opportunities to potentially utilize native plants from the Foundation's nursery for restoration efforts both on and off National Forest System lands.

Native plant nurseries take considerable time and effort to establish but are indispensable tools in creating drought tolerant landscapes for our region. The anticipated restoration projects within the Arroyo Seco and Los Angeles river watersheds will require millions of native plants in the coming years, a supply that does not currently exist. We cannot afford to lose a local native plant nursery at this time.

The Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery 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. I strongly urge the Public Works Department to allow the Arroyo Seco Foundation to continue the operation of this nursery in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

for JEFFREY VAIL
Forest Supervisor

cc: Tyron Hampton, Council Member District 1; Arrow Seco Foundation

