

# CITY OF PASADENA

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE ARROYO SECO WATER REUSE PROJECT

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### Property Information

Applicant: City of Pasadena Department of Public Works  
Project Site Address: Lower Arroyo Seco  
Zoning District: Open Space (Pasadena/South Pasadena/Los Angeles)  
General Plan Designation: Open Space (Pasadena/South Pasadena/Los Angeles)

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**Project Description:** The Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project (Project) would develop two regional stormwater capture and treatment facilities, or Best Management Practices (BMPs), located within existing underutilized open space areas adjacent to the Arroyo Seco Channel primarily within Pasadena and South Pasadena, with a small portion of the San Pascual site within Los Angeles. The cities of South Pasadena and Los Angeles have entered into agreements with the City of Pasadena and would rely on Pasadena's actions as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Project encompasses approximately 3.7 acres on two sites in the Lower Arroyo Seco and would provide water quality benefits for multiple jurisdictions within the 5,005-acre drainage area of the two BMP sites. The two sites include: (1) San Rafael site situated in Pasadena southwest of the San Rafael Avenue overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel, on the west side of the Channel; and (2) San Pascual site situated in South Pasadena and Los Angeles southeast of San Pascual Avenue overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel, on the east side of the Channel. The BMPs would both involve diversion of runoff into man-made treatment wetlands with the portion not infiltrated either discharged into the Channel (San Rafael) or to the existing connection to the Arroyo Seco Golf Course and/or into the Channel. For both sites, the Project would also include native landscaping; and hardscape elements including reclaimed wood log benches, post-and-rail fencing, concrete seatwalls; informational signs as a watershed education opportunity; and expand the existing trail network to enhance regional trail connectivity through the Lower Arroyo Seco. Finally, a water harvester would be installed in a 12-foot by 24-foot prefabricated building with an adjacent, small (approximately 1,000 gallon) aboveground storage tank within the fenced Golf Course maintenance yard.

**Lead Agency Approvals Needed:** City Council approval is needed for adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, approval of the Project, public tree removal approval, and award of the Project construction contract. Dates for these approvals, if determined appropriate, have not been set.

A presentation on the Project will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at La Casita Del Arroyo, 177 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California, 91105.

**Environmental Determination:** An initial environmental study recommending a Negative Declaration with mitigation measures (Mitigated Negative Declaration) has been prepared. Possible impacts identified in the Initial Study include those related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources. With implementation of mitigation measures, all potential impacts would be less than significant.

**Hazardous Materials:** The Project site is not listed on any hazardous materials or waste databases pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Public Review Period:** Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be received in writing from Wednesday, November 22, 2023, through Monday, January 15, 2024; and orally at future public hearing(s) considering these documents. Please submit comments in writing by 5:00 PM on January 15, 2024, to the attention of Christina Monde, City of Pasadena Department of Public Works, 100 North Garfield Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Pasadena, California, 91101; or via email to [cmonde@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:cmonde@cityofpasadena.net). If you wish to challenge the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that your or someone else raised at any public hearing where these documents were considered.

**Availability of Environmental Documentation:** The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and technical reports can be viewed during regular business hours at The Permit Center, 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101; the San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, California, 91105; the South Pasadena Public Library, 1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, California, 91030; or on Pasadena's environmental notices webpage at: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/environmental-notice/>.

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