

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2023110605**

**Project Title:** Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

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 City: Pasadena Zip: 91101 County: Los Angeles

**Project Location:** County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Pasadena  
 Cross Streets: San Pascual Ave & San Rafael Ave and San Pascual Ave & Stoney Dr Zip Code: 91101  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34°07'18.05" N/118°10'00.05" W Total Acres: 3.7  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 5717-012-901, -902; 5493-038-900, -905 Section: 32 / 5 Twp: 1N / 1S Range: 12W Base: Los Angeles  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy. #: SR-110, SR 134 Waterways: Arroyo Seco Channel  
 Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: LA County Metro Schools: San Pascual STEAM Magnet ES, Garvanza ES

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (subdivision, etc.)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type Stormwater Capture & Treatment MGD 572 afy  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetics/Visual  Flood Plain/Flooding  Recreation/Parks  Tribal Cultural Resources  
 Agricultural Land  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Schools/Universities  Vegetation  
 Air Quality  Geologic/Seismic  Septic Systems  Water Quality  
 Archaeological/Historical  Greenhouse Gas Emissions  Sewer Capacity  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Wetland/Riparian  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Growth Inducement  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Land Use  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Cumulative Effects  
 Fiscal  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Open Space (Pasadena/South Pasadena/Los Angeles)

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**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The proposed Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project would develop two regional stormwater capture and treatment facilities (man-made treatment wetlands and infiltration basins) located within existing open space-zoned areas near the Arroyo Seco Channel. Additionally, as part of the Project, an off-site water harvester and related infrastructure would be installed within the existing, gated maintenance yard at the public Arroyo Seco Golf Course in South Pasadena. The Project would provide water quality benefits for multiple jurisdictions within the 5,005-acre drainage area in which the two sites are located. For both sites, the Project would include native landscaping; hardscape elements including reclaimed wood log benches, post-and-rail fencing, and concrete seat walls faced with natural stone; informational signs as a watershed education opportunity; and expand the existing trail network to enhance regional trail connectivity through the Lower Arroyo Seco.

The Project sites are located within the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed. Runoff from this watershed drains to and runs through over 50 linear miles of the Los Angeles River and then to the Pacific Ocean. The Arroyo Seco Channel is a major tributary to the Los Angeles River. On July 9, 2010, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted resolution No. R10-007 incorporating a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for indicator bacteria in the Los Angeles River watershed. A TMDL is the calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a waterbody and not affect that waterbody's ability to meet and maintain water quality standards. Outfalls along the Arroyo Seco Channel were modeled for indicator bacteria and the San Rafael Creek outfall was identified as a priority outfall; these outfalls have routine problematic discharges that drive the total bacteria load. Runoff in San Rafael Creek would be diverted into the San Rafael site, pre-treated, and a portion of this runoff infiltrated for groundwater recharge. The portion not infiltrated would be treated, discharged into the Channel, and then diverted downstream into the San Pascual site for infiltration and additional treatment prior to discharge back to the Channel. The operation of these two regional stormwater management sites would result in an annual average water supply benefit of 320 acre-feet (af). Of this, there would be approximately 258 af of groundwater recharge and approximately 30 af (or less than 10 percent of captured water) would be captured off-site for irrigation reuse at the golf course to reduce potable water demand.

In addition to fulfilling regulatory obligations placed on Pasadena to provide cleaner water in the Arroyo Seco and Los Angeles River channels, other Project benefits include increased habitat and reestablishment of natural plant communities, improved trails, increased public access to open space areas, and educational opportunities utilizing interpretive materials focused on hydrology and native habitat.

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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: May 30, 2025

Ending Date: June 30, 2025

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