



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

December 17, 2015

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival Draft EIR:

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The project would be a three-day music and arts festival located in the Rose Bowl Stadium and on portions of the Brookside Golf Course. The proposal would require amending the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC), Chapter 3.32, Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance, to increase the number of displacement events from 12 to 15 per year and to allow portions of the event to be located on the Brookside Golf Course. The amendment to PMC Chapter 3.32 will be reviewed by the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) Board and considered by the City Council in conjunction with Certification of the Final EIR.

NEXT STEPS:

The Draft EIR will be available for public review and comment from December 21, 2015 to February 16, 2016. Subsequently, the City will prepare a Final EIR, which includes responses to all comments received during the 60-day comment period. The Final EIR and proposed amendments to the City's Municipal Code to allow the music festival will be reviewed by the Rose Bowl Operating Company for a formal recommendation to the City Council. The City Council is expected to formally consider the Final EIR and code changes in Spring 2016. Additional detailed information on the Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival Draft EIR can be found on the attached memorandum.

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2. Pasadena's Water Conservation Progress at 22%: June 1 – December 9, 2015:

The Pasadena Water Savings Gauge remained at 22% conservation, which keeps the City 6% under its 28% conservation mandate set by the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB"). City officials are urging everyone to continue doing their part to conserve water during this critical time.

On November 1, the City resumed its one day per week fall/winter watering schedule. Specifically, **Pasadena's fall/winter outdoor watering schedule runs November 1 through March 31, and limits outdoor watering to one day per week on Saturdays only.**



Data from June 1 – Dec. 9, 2015
More conservation is needed to reach our goal.
Water Saturdays only. Before 9am & after 6pm.

Since July 1, 2015, PWP has received more than 3,500 water waste reports, sent 1,400 violation letters and issued 50 fines. Each month, the SWRCB compares residential and commercial water use by urban water suppliers and compares it with their use for the same month in 2013 to determine if the water suppliers are on track for meeting their conservation goal. The SWRCB mandated that cities must reach and maintain their conservation goal from June 1, 2015 through Feb 28, 2016 or face fines of up to \$10,000 a day.

For a weekly status on how much water Pasadena has conserved to date, the water savings gauge is posted to the city's website <http://www.CityofPasadena.net>, and can also be seen on KPAS during the Pasadena City Council meetings. Residents, visitors and businesses can also report water waste by calling the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311, reporting online at <http://cityofpasadena.net/CSC> or using the City's free app for smart phones and tablets. Links for all devices are available at <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/CSC/Mobile-App/>. To view a complete list of water restrictions or to learn how the water conservation goals are established, visit <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/SaveWater/>

3. December 2015 Issue of Glenarm Repowering Project Community Newsletter:

The December 2015 edition of the *Powering Pasadena* newsletter is now available online and will be mailed to PWP customers within a quarter mile radius of the Glenarm Repowering Project construction site. According to Eric Klinkner, Interim General Manager, this month's issue includes a description of the equipment testing process for the new plant, local hiring highlights, a project timeline, construction photos and frequently asked questions.

Breathing new life into the 107-year-old facility is a major goal of PWP's long-term power-supply plans. The project will replace the 50-year-old Broadway 3 plant with an efficient new 71 Megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle plant, dubbed GT-5 (or Gas Turbine 5). A steam turbine will use the waste heat from a gas turbine engine (similar to those found on 757 or 767 jet airplanes) to produce electricity, a process that is twice as efficient as the steam boiler equipment installed at the plant in the past. The project is on target for completion in spring/summer 2016. Details about the Glenarm Repowering Project and copies of the newsletter are available at <http://www.PWPweb.com/GT5>.

Respectfully Submitted,




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael J. Beck, City Manager

FROM: Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning & Community Development Department 

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SUBJECT: Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival Draft EIR

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of the availability of the Draft EIR will be provided in the following manner:

- Neighborhood Connections distribution list, including all registered Homeowner and Neighborhood Associations;
- Direct email and/or mail to interested parties that attended Scoping Meetings or commented on the Initial Study;
- Mailed to agencies and interested parties that previously requested notification of EIR documents;
- Mailed to property owners located within 500 feet of the project site; and
- Advertised via newspaper publication.

DOCUMENT REVIEW

The Draft EIR will be available beginning December 21, 2015 at:

- The City's Permit Center (175 N. Garfield Avenue);
- The Central Library (285 E. Walnut Avenue);
- The Linda Vista Branch Library (1281 Bryant Street; and
- On the City of Pasadena website at the following address (URL):
http://cityofpasadena.net/Arroyo_Seco_Music_and_Arts_Festival/.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to comment on the Draft EIR will have several opportunities:

- **In Writing:** Written comments can be sent to the Case Manager, David Sanchez, at 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101 or by email to dasanchez@cityofpasadena.net.
- **Public Meetings:** There will be three public meetings scheduled to receive public and Commission comments on the Draft EIR.
 - **Transportation Advisory Commission:** The Transportation Advisory Commission will review, provide comments and take public testimony regarding the Draft EIR on January 28, 2016;
 - **Recreation and Parks Commission:** The Recreation and Parks Commission will review, provide comments and take public testimony regarding the Draft EIR on February 2, 2016; and
 - **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission will review, provide comments and take public testimony regarding the Draft EIR on February 10, 2016.

All comments submitted within the 60-day review period will receive consideration in the Final EIR.

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