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I have no financial interest of any kind in this project; I simply speak as a private citizen and represent no one but myself.

This 5-story hotel building and attendant structures, as described by Pasadena Now (Monday, June 7 digital “newspaper”), would seem to be well-situated near the Gold Line (L Line) and assist in meeting what they tell us is a housing crisis. What concerns me is we are further headed into an extremely dire drought and, as has been pointed out, these droughts may be the norm for this region we live in for some time to come. Water resources are severely extended now. Lake Mead in Nevada is where much of Los Angeles’ Dept of Water (DWP) get its water. Pasadena is allotted to buy a fixed amount of water from DWP. Our Pasadena well water and aquifers are going dry. It would seem these buildings will create a huge demand on our water resources. Design or not, we are exacerbating an already dire situation. The Central Valley / San Joaquin Valley is at the highest level of drought conditions per the US government, i.e., farming gets first priority for water (because they grow the food we and the nation depend on).

I would not think Pasadena will escape the effects of these periodic droughts. Then there is the natural growth of population will further impact our residential needs for water.

In summary, no matter how wonderful this project is designed and planned, it should not be approved because the water resources aren’t available unless we go

on “no water” times city wide in the future. We are already there for some parts of California as we are for timed electricity shortages now. This is a no win situation for all concerned. We should be planning for the future needs, which may include a diminishing availability for water in the state in the years to come, and especially Southern California. It would seem to me that conserving our water resources is imperative. Water is turning out to be a finite source. There is a need to realize this, which I don’t think is being taken into account.

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