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Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Attn: Keith Hala, Project Manager, Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project  
VIA EMAIL: [devilsgateproject@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:devilsgateproject@pw.lacounty.gov)

**RE: Devil's Gate Dam Southeast Entrance Improvement Project**

Dear Mr. Hala:

The West Pasadena Residents' Association is an all-volunteer neighborhood association bordering on the Arroyo Seco and representing almost 8,000 households.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to respond to the two new design concepts put forth by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department for the proposed Hahamongna Watershed Park entrance plaza, set to be constructed as part of the Devil's Gate Reservoir Southeast Entrance Improvement project.

The adoption in 2003 of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan (HWPMP) was the culmination of a five-year community planning process with extensive County participation. The HWPMP is the guiding document for planning for this area that includes Devil's Gate Reservoir.

We are concerned that the plans presented are not compliant with the HWPMP. The Master Plan was developed with input from City and County staff along with affected residents and stakeholders. It states that there shall be no vehicle entrance and there shall be no pedestrian entrance from the east side of Hahamongna.

The varying uses of bollards, concrete, columns and rock barriers are an egregious example of non-natural elements that are not found in the natural areas in the Arroyo Seco. These elements should not be considered at all.

Everything that the County is recommending is not authorized by the Hahamongna Master Plan. There should be no approvals at all for any projects until the entire project can be brought into compliance with the HWPMP and the Design Plan for the Arroyo Seco.

To do anything different is completely unfair to the community and especially the stakeholders who developed the Master Plans. Master Plans are developed to be used for future planning, and must be complied with by all entities.

County Public Works must recognize its responsibility for compliance with the Master Plan. WPRA requests reconsideration of the Southeast Entrance Improvement Project to achieve compliance.

Thank you for your consideration of our point of view.

Respectfully,



Dan Beal, President  
For the Board of Directors

cc: Pasadena Mayor & Council c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services – attn: Garrett  
Crawford, Parks Supervisor

The WPRA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in southwest Pasadena. We represent nearly 8,000 households, including 1,000 paid members.