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The beautiful artwork showcased in SRNA newsletters is that of SRNA member Wendi Moffly. SRNA is grateful for the warmth Wendi's artwork brings to our pages. In this edition of the newsletter, we are happy to share Wendi's latest work.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

SRNA General Meetings

WHEN: FIRST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

WHERE: CHURCH OF THE ANGELS
CHURCH HALL

1100 AVENUE 64
7 PM

Next Meeting

October 7, 2015

SRNA GENERAL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

National Night Out - August 4th 2015

For the third consecutive year a great turnout of San Rafael neighbors enjoyed a summer's evening of socializing and neighbor recognition of the value of partnering with local police and fire departments in keeping a neighborhood safe.

Pasadena fire and police departments were well-represented, led by Police Chief Sanchez and Fire Chief Washington and accompanied by the air unit command and staff, police officers, paramedics, firefighters and community support personnel. All brought a message of care and safety against the backdrop of Engine 39 from our own Fire Station 39.

Thanks to Robin's Wood Fire BBQ for supplying the tasty wood-fired hotdogs.



Pictures courtesy Stan Clark



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PASADENA FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC



The City of Pasadena and Pasadena Fire Department have released a short video on an average day in the life of a Pasadena Fire Fighter/Paramedic. The video was shot at Station 33 on Lake Street.

Click here for the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaB_Zm9bWRg&feature=youtu.be
www.cityofpasadena.net/EkContent.aspx?theme=Navy&id=8589941307&bid=2970&style=news

Pasadena Police Department



While property crime continues to be a challenge in the city, below are some of the successes illustrating the daily efforts our officers are doing. *If you see something, say something* is helping the department do their job:

On July 27, 2015, Robert Gibson sent messages to a friend in San Diego indicating he wanted to commit suicide. He stated he had a loaded firearm and threatened to kill his father, mother, and sister who live in Pasadena. The case was assigned to Pasadena Police Detective Anthony Russo who completed a comprehensive investigation. Anthony enlisted the assistance of other Pasadena Police officers requesting they locate and arrest Gibson for felony threats. Anthony provided a description of Gibson, which included information on his vehicle.

On August 9, the Pasadena police helicopter was on routine patrol when Pilot Ed Careaga and TFO Tommy Corrales observed Gibson's vehicle in the 1700 block of East Walnut Street. Patrol Sergeant McKinney began coordinating a response as Ed and Tommy directed them to the suspect's vehicle. Officers located Gibson in the vehicle and he was arrested without incident. Other personnel involved in the incident included: Officers Bluem, Covarrubias, L. Mercado, Castillo, Reece, Bulaon, Lujan, and Decaro.

On August 13, at about 11:44 a.m., Pasadena police officers responded to the 500 block of Eaton Drive regarding a possible residential burglary in progress. A witness reported seeing two males remove a window screen from the residence and enter the dwelling. With the assistance of the police helicopter, PPD officers arrived quickly and secured the location. Moments later, the suspects (male Black, 16 years old, Los Angeles resident, and a male Hispanic, 17 years old, Los Angeles resident) exited the front door carrying several items, which they had taken in the burglary. When the suspects saw the police officers, they dropped the items and attempted to flee. They were quickly apprehended without incident. As you know, property crimes continue to challenge our community. I'm thankful; however, that in this incident, the witness made the effort to call the police (See Something; Say Something). It is likely that without the witnesses' involvement, this case may have gone undetected until the victim arrived home.

On August 15, at about 10:10 p.m., Pasadena Police Officers Tavera and Orosco responded to the 700 block of E. Washington Blvd. regarding a possible commercial burglary in progress. Officers Tavera and Orosco arrived quickly and observed two suspects, Hispanic males adults, attempting to break into several storage containers. Tavera and Orosco, several other ground units and the police helicopter contained the area. As officers approached the suspect Morales entered their vehicle and drove it at a high-rate of speed up the loading dock driveway nearly striking Pasadena Police Officers Wilf and J. Calderon. suspect Morales subsequently lost control of his car crashing in the area of Mountain Street and Hudson Avenue. He exited the disabled car and ran away on foot; however, PPD officers contained the area and located him hiding inside a nearby restaurant on North Lake Avenue. The suspect was arrested without incident. The second suspect, Richards, was arrest without incident at the initial contact point.

EMERGENCY Police Response Phone: 911

NON-EMERGENCY Issues Phone: (626) 744-4241

Enter this number in your cell phone

All General Police Information / Questions Phone: (626) 744-4501

Anonymous Tip Line Phone: (800) 222-8477

Community Services Section Phone: (626) 744-4550

Pasadena Fire Department Earns International Award



L-R: Firefighter/Paramedic Oscar Sepulveda, Chief Bert Washington & Battalion Chief Anthony Bagan

Photo courtesy City of Pasadena

Pasadena Fire Department has been recognized and awarded "Accredited Agency" status. Only 10 municipal agencies in California and 218 in the world have earned this recognition. Accreditation is a comprehensive self-assessment and evaluation model that enables organizations to examine past, current and future service levels and internal performances and to compare them to industry best practices. The process leads to improved service delivery for the public.

Stop by San Rafael neighborhood Fire Station 39 and congratulate the men and women fire fighters and paramedics who helped earn this prestigious award.

Congratulations to the entire Pasadena Fire Department!

For more on the story: www.pasadenanow.com/main/pasadena-fire-department-is-awarded-international-accreditation/

PFD Press: [City of Pasadena News Release](#)

For more information on Agency Accreditation: www.publicsafetyexcellence.org/agency-accreditation/about-accreditation-cfai.aspx

Pasadena Water Restrictions - Update



To achieve the reduction goal of 28%, all of us need to do our part. The Pasadena City Council on June 1st, has formally adopted the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage plan with the following mandates:

- Bans outdoor watering on Thursdays. Outdoor watering is now allowed only on two days per week: **Tuesdays and Saturdays, before 9 am or after 6 pm**

No watering outdoors between 9 am and 6 pm, except with a handheld container or hose with a shutoff nozzle

- Reinforces that violators face fines up to \$500 per incident. No turf irrigation within 48-hours following a measurable rain
- No washing hard or paved surfaces using potable water, except as necessary to alleviate safety and/or sanitary hazards
- All master-metered multifamily properties must certify installation of water-efficient shower heads and aerators on faucets by September 30, 2015
- The two-day per week outdoor watering schedule for Tuesdays and Saturdays is effective immediately through October, with watering only before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- A one-day per week outdoor watering limit takes effect November to March
- All identified water leaks must be fixed within 48 hours
- Filling ornamental lakes and ponds is prohibited
- Fountains must have recirculating pumps with no run-off on pavements.

For more information on the new restrictions and to view the updated PWP Water Gauge go to: www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/SaveWater/

For more information on how to care for your trees during a drought go to: <http://cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/healthytrees/>

La Loma Bridge Closed for up to 18 Months



Construction work continues on the renovation of La Loma Bridge. The asphalt top road has been removed. Work underneath the bridge is on-going with steel and structural enhancements. Please see trail map information below.

Detour map:



Planned detours are mapped on the city website and will be flashed on electronic signage: www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/La_Loma_Bridge_Project/

Click here for the bridge [Project Fact Sheet](#) - Click here for the [Trail Map Info](#)

Metro DEIR Tunnel Update

Now that the public comment period is over, Caltrans and Metro will evaluate the 26,625 page draft environmental report (DEIR) and the huge volume of public comments, expert analysis, and input from other agencies. Caltrans and Metro will have to certify the DEIR before any option can be chosen. According to Metro, the timeline for certification is sometime in 2016.

However, opposition continues to mount against the tunnel option (F7) with the SGVCOG (San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments) removing the tunnel option from their list of approved projects going forward. "The tunnel is so flawed and politically unpopular that it would be a poison pill that would kill any prospect of the sales tax measure getting passed by the voters next year," said Coby King, spokesman for an anti-tunnel group known as Connected Cities.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has stated the tunnel option would increase cancer risks to levels that are unacceptable.

Below is a link to the SGVCOG story and a poll conducted by KPCC. Please take the poll.

www.scpr.org/news/2015/08/24/53958/710-tunnel-san-gabriel-valley-cities-take-it-off-w/

www.pasadenastarnews.com/general-news/20150813/aqmd-710-freeway-tunnel-would-raise-cancer-risk-to-unacceptable-levels

EPA 710NDEIR Letter

RELATED SALES TAX MEASURES IN 2016

There are several sales tax measures and changes to state law being discussed for the November ballot in 2016. Many will impact funding for Southern California projects including options in the 710N DEIR. One such measure may be named "Measure R2" which is a piggy-back to the 2008 Measure R sales tax. Measure R, passed by 67.22% and set to expire in 2039, placed a 1/2 cent sales tax in Los Angeles County.

Measure R2, if passed by 2/3's vote, would place an additional 1/2 cent sales tax in Los Angeles County to run for 45 years expiring in 2062. Measure R2 would run concurrently with Measure R.

Officials believe this measure would provide as much as \$90 billion in new tax revenue for transportation projects. It is unclear what projects would be allowed in the proposed legislation at this time.

Metro tried and failed in 2012 with Measure J which would have placed an additional 1/2 cent sales tax to run for 30 years beginning in 2013. The vote failed at 66.11% (67.1% required).

Assembly Bill 464 would increase the maximum sales tax threshold from 2% to 3% that a municipality can charge above the state rate. Many urban counties have exemptions to the 2% limit now. Raising the cap could increase urban areas to a 11% sales tax rate.

Senate: SCA 5 (Senate Constitutional Amendment 5) would amend the California Constitution to allow local jurisdiction to approve special taxes from 2/3's vote to 55% vote. If on the ballot with Measure R2 and Measure R2 passes, it is unclear if the new threshold of 55% would apply to current measures on the same ballot or to future measures only.

Proposition 30 which added a 1/4 cent sales tax plus higher income tax rates for Californians is set to expire at the end of 2018. Passed in 2012 as a temporary tax to help keep California afloat, "I said that's a temporary tax," Brown said firmly at a Sacramento news conference in January when asked if he would push to extend the measure.

<http://la.streetsblog.org/2015/04/28/the-timeline-for-metros-november-2016-transportation-sales-tax-measure/>

www.mercurynews.com/california/ci_28135540/states-revenue-will-be-healthy-without-prop-30

Transportation Meeting

State Assemblymember Chris Holden is holding a transportation hearing on October 15, 2015 to discuss the region's transportation needs of the future. Guests will include Caltrans CEO and other regional transportation government officials.

Thursday October 15, 2015

10:00 am to 1:00pm

U.S. Court of Appeals

125 South Grand Ave.

Pasadena, CA. 91105

Free Parking

For more information click here: [Transportation Event](#)

Batch Plant

What is the big steel structure and the hills of dirt and concrete at the end/beginning of the 710 stump along Pasadena Avenue and St John Avenue? Caltrans has placed a batch plant or batching plant to make concrete. The concrete mix will be used on a project along the I-210 freeway. The plant operates at night from 7 pm to 6 am and will continue operating through the fall of 2015.

For more information: [Batch Plant](#)

Pasadena Water and Power To Raise Water Rates

Pasadena residents have done a terrific job reducing water use during the fourth year of drought. Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) customers (on average) are saving 24% of the 28% targeted goal. Statewide reductions for July are estimated at 31%.

On the flip side of conservation and scaled-down usage, PWP now is realizing reduced revenue in the whopping amount of \$6 million. As a consequence PWP has recommended a change in the water rate structure - with each customer type charged a fixed rate - as opposed metered use charge. Changes are to be implemented in July, 2016.

www.pasadenanow.com/main/pwp-presents-plan-to-raise-water-rates-to-recover-revenue-drop-from-water-conservation/

Sixth Review for San Rafael Elementary School

The California Geological Survey - School Review Unit, now has reviewed five seismic reports on the San Rafael Elementary School site.

Below is the PUSD press release regarding what will be the most recent, and sixth, review. Please click at the end of the press release to read the preliminary report.

For Immediate Release: September 16, 2015

PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES NO EVIDENCE OF ACTIVE FAULTS UNDER SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

PASADENA, CA - A preliminary report on tests to re-examine the age of the faults that pass under the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) San Rafael Elementary School indicate that there is no evidence of active faults. The full report is expected in late September or early October.

"The Board of Education will receive a briefing on the preliminary report at their September 24, 2015 meeting, however, no action on the site or the report findings is expected to be taken at this time," said Mercy Santoro, PUSD Associate Superintendent of School Support Services.

According to Santoro, in 2012 an extensive fault rupture investigation was conducted at the San Rafael School site in preparation for modernization projects under the Measure TT facilities bond. As part of the initial testing, what appeared to be four active earthquake faults were found on the school property, with an approximately 90 percent probability for each one existing and being active (exhibiting evidence of seismic activity at some point within the past 11,700 years). With this discovery, the Board of Education was provided information that the Division of State Architect would not allow or approve plans to move forward with any modernization or upgrades on any school facility that was within 50 feet of any earthquake faults. It is important to note that public school sites must meet Field Act standards which are more stringent for K-12 public schools than for any other buildings, including homes and businesses. Based on these findings, the Board moved to surplus the property.

Subsequent to the Board's action to surplus the school site, additional information was provided that other testing methods, similar to those used by the City of Pasadena to evaluate possible faults near Fire Station 39, should be used. No faults were found near Fire Station 39 which is in close proximity to San Rafael Elementary.

In May 2015, the PUSD Board of Education approved testing to re-examine the seismic faults under San Rafael, acting upon the primary recommendation from the 7-11 Surplus Property Advisory Committee that was convened in 2014. The committee recognized the strong desire in the community to maintain a school on the San Rafael campus, and recommended the continuation of seismic investigation to determine if the identified faults or anomalies were active or not. To complete the validation of active faults on the school site, trenching was done on the campus during summer 2015.

The preliminary report issued by Earth Systems of Southern California Sept. 11 indicates active faults are not present within the depth and location explored at San Rafael Elementary School, stated Santoro. The potential for surface fault rupture at the site during the design life of the existing structures is considered to be very low. The effects of ground shaking in the event of a large earthquake or a nearby earthquake can be mitigated by proper engineering design and construction in conformance with current building codes and engineering practices.

"The district plans a school and community meeting in the next few weeks once the full report is available," said Santoro. "The report will be presented at the regular Board of Education meeting scheduled October 22, and formal action to remove the school site from the surplus list expected

to be taken."

"This is obviously great news for the San Rafael School community," said Scott Phelps, the PUSD Board of Education member who represents the area. "It is the result of a strong, dedicated school community and effective leadership by district staff."

[SRES Preliminary Report](#)

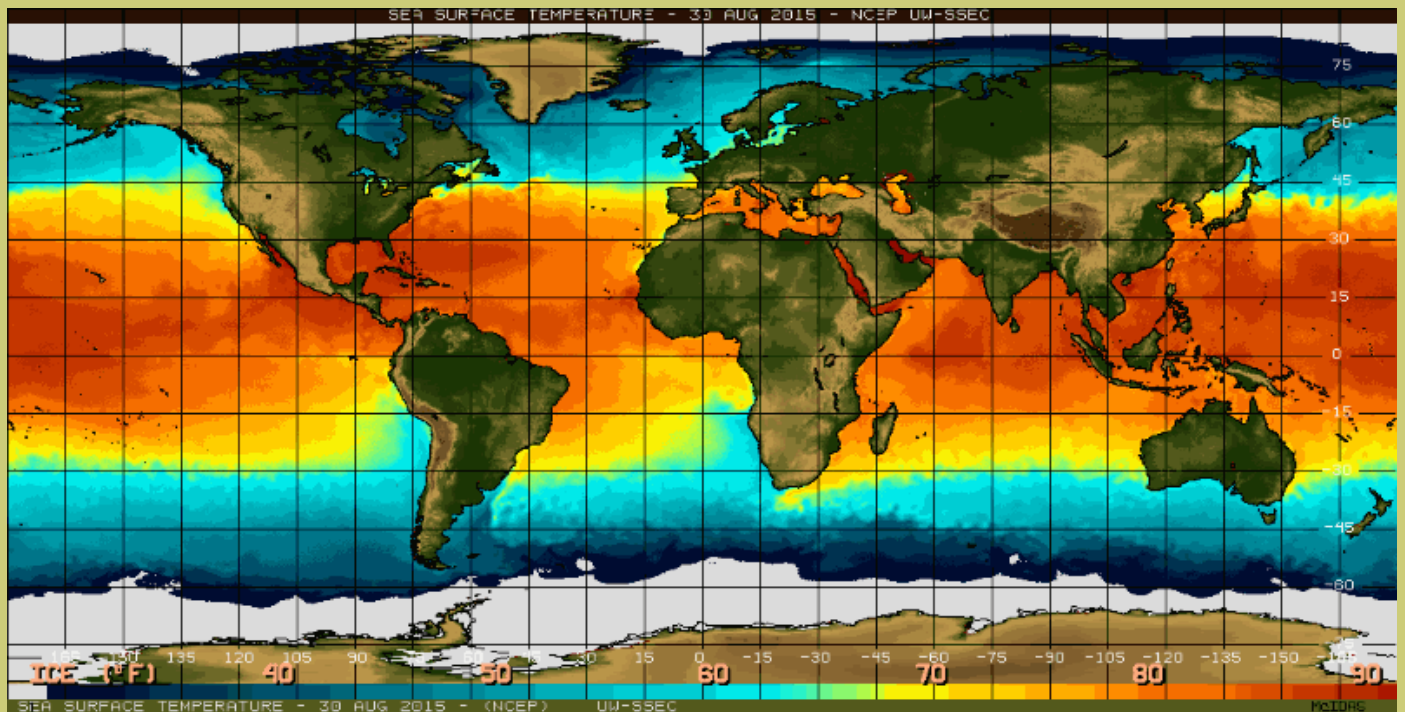
Glen Summer Road - Landmark District #22

On Monday September 21, 2015 The Pasadena City Council voted to approve a staff recommendation to change the zoning for most of Glen Summer Road. This will be Pasadena's 22nd landmark district overlay.

The designation of a landmark district will allow protections for any proposed modifications to existing structures. The landmark district will have a representative on the Historic Preservation Commission and the commission will review proposed permit applications within the district. The new overlay district is Glen Summer Road from Melrose Avenue to Nithsdale Road.

http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/2015%20Agendas/Sep_21_15/AR%2018.pdf

El Nino Winter?



Picture courtesy of NOAA

What exactly is an El Nino Winter? An El Nino is a band of warm ocean water that develops in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific including the Pacific coast of South America. This area is basically from south of the Bay Area to the West of Chile. An El Niño Southern Oscillation

refers to the cycle of warm and cold temperatures, as measured by sea surface temperature. El Niño is accompanied by high air pressure in the western Pacific and low air pressure in the eastern Pacific.

Surface temperatures have been warming, so far about 3.6 degrees warmer which is consistent with 1997-1998. In 1998, Los Angeles received over 13 inches of rain in February. An El Nino may not end the drought unless we receive up to three times the yearly rainfall. Here are some tips to prepare for an El Nino:

1. Check your roof's condition: flashing, skylights, etc, and other potential issues.
2. Clean the gutters and downspouts.
3. Direct water flow away from the structure
4. Eliminate any pooling areas near structures
5. Plant drought tolerant plants now that will hold slopes and hillsides
6. Prepare sand bags for areas prone to flood

For more information:

www.elnino.noaa.gov/

www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-el-nino-20150813-story.html

www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-godzilla-el-nino-winter-california-20150821-htmlstory.html

Purple Pipes for Pasadena?



If you've ever called for Dig Alert before trenching you learned they leave behind a spray of colored codes to identify piping networks underground.

The code:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| ► Blue Pipes | Potable Water |
| ► Green Pipes | Sewer |
| ► Yellow Pipes | Gas-Oil-Petroleum (flammable) |
| ► Orange Pipes | Telecommunications |
| ► Red Pipes | Power Line |

► Purple Pipes Recycled (non-potable) Water

► PURPLE is the newest pipe color for the City of Pasadena.

The thinking behind the "purple pipe project" is to diversify city water sources so that purple (recycled/non-potable) water delivered for irrigation, commercial/industrial uses will conserve blue (drinking) water for a growing population (Pasadena population projected at 199,562 by 2035), a population dependent upon sporadic rainfall, snow pack and judicial whim.

Pasadena's "purple pipe project," providing the city with another water source, is worthy of support with one caveat: PWP ratepayers must be involved in the process of structuring both financial and distribution plans for this project.

Background

California now has spent more than \$350 million in turf removal rebates. At an estimated cost of \$4,073 per acre-foot, turf removal is the state's most expensive and least reliable water supply source, and twice the cost of seawater desalination (\$2,500 per acre foot).

The state's residential landscapes account for approximately 7 percent of total state water use. Another 2 percent irrigates public landscapes, parks, sports fields and golf courses - where children and adults play and recreate. Environmental horticulturists have advised against ripping out green landscapes. ***Grass and trees play a public benefit role in the urban environment***, whether in public or private places, by preventing heat islands, sequestering carbon, producing oxygen and reducing dust and particle pollution.

China, today, is changing course on a 1960's national proclamation ruling the removal of green landscapes and trees as capitalist symbolism. Recognizing now that the absence of green landscapes escalated environmental problems year-by-year (urban heat islands, dust storms carrying microscopic organisms and disease, soil erosion and air and noise pollution), China has embarked on a 10-year program to reverse environmental damage. Such repair is costly and the Chinese government plans to spend \$2.4 billion to plant 170,000 square miles of trees and greenery.

In this context consider Pasadena's proposed purple pipe network, intended to deliver non-potable water from the Los Angeles/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant through Scholl Canyon and into the City of Pasadena for ***Phase I connections to four high-water use customers***: Art Center College of Design, Brookside Golf Course, Rose Bowl Stadium and Brookside Park.

Whether the Pasadena Non-Potable Water Project becomes an award-winning purple pipe system depends upon how senior staff and city council work with PWP ratepayers in addressing a checklist of critical questions:

1) Who has options to connect to non-potable water pipes?

Based on a 2005 PWP feasibility study, the city's Urban Water Management Plan identified 86 potential customers for the proposed 25-mile purple piping network. PWP's service area covers approximately 23 square miles, larger than the legal boundary of the City of Pasadena to include unincorporated areas in Altadena, East Pasadena and San Gabriel.

Phase 1 customers have been mentioned above.

Phase 2 customers include the Pasadena Power Plant, Huntington Library and Gardens, Caltech, Pasadena City College, Caltrans, city parks and high schools.

Phase 3 would connect north of the 210 freeway to Mountain View Cemetery, Caltrans, Altadena Golf Course, schools and city parks.

2) Who pays for the project?

In 1993 Pasadena contracted with the City of Glendale to purchase 6,000 acre-feet of recycled water per year from the Los Angeles/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant. Under the agreement

Pasadena funded the expansion of Glendale's distribution system.

Pasadena's total financial obligation to Glendale is \$6.3 million, which includes 6.25 percent interest. With a payable balance of \$200,000 per year, the Pasadena/Glendale contract expires in December 2017 and is expected to be extended for another 25 years.

It is important to keep in mind that with the city's Urban Water Management Plan there is a requirement that **cost fairness** must be considered when setting rates, incentives and "stewardship" charges attached to water usage.

The first and **primary stewardship must come from city leadership and staff**, working carefully and transparently with the practicalities and cost-effectiveness of the proposed purple pipe route and a variety of budget scenarios. Construction costs are expected to be covered by municipal bonds funded by the Capital Improvement Charge component in the water rate and supplemented, when possible, through federal and state grants and MWD subsidies. Competing Capital Improvement Program projects may have to be scaled-back to meet purple pipe cash flow needs.

Estimated costs for implementing Pasadena's full non-potable water system, in 2010 dollars, range from \$17.55 million to \$68.65 million. The broad range is attributable to unknowns related to needed levels of treatment.

3) Who will be impacted by the purple pipes projects?

In a brick-and-mortar way, those adjacent to the proposed pipe network will endure construction impacts (see map) as will those near reservoirs and pumps. Staff and city council must be prepared to **evaluate and mitigate these impacts**.

Developers will be required to comply with CA Model Landscape specifications, and to install individual meters in all new multi-family development. Plumbing retrofits will be required upon resale of both residential and commercial properties. Anyone building, buying, selling or renting will be affected by these costs. City reports indicate certain implementations already.

PWP customers "hooking up" to the purple pipe system will have permit and conversion costs.

In developing and using non-potable water sources, compulsory compliance with marginal and/or unproven methods (fads) must be avoided, something policy-makers need to keep in mind. The City's own feasibility study affirms there are "relatively small supply yields from implementation of on-site storm water projects" (residential rain barrels, rain gardens, bio-swales, parking lot swales, permeable parking lots, etc.) These methods might imply be optional, for the fun and satisfaction of individual property owners.

Please stay in touch with your city council representative for continuing information on this most important "purple pipe" non-potable water project.

RIM of the Valley Update

Your Home, Part of Congressman Schiff's Rim of the Valley National Recreation Area?

Congressman Adam Schiff's proposed Rim of the Valley National Recreation Area (NRA) has morphed into a gargantuan land mass of approximately 350,000 acres. It includes the Arroyo Seco, private property, certain Pasadena neighborhoods and local cultural resources.

Despite repeated requests over the past ten months, no public hearings on the RIM matter have been held in Pasadena, either for the benefit of residents or the city council.

In passing-off the plan to Pasadena constituents city officials so far have publicly relied upon staff bromides such as "the implications are effectively none" or, "nothing will change."

It is not a good thing when legitimate inquiry is silenced by poorly placed diffidence to staff and turning a deaf ear to the public. It is past time for this official comfort zone to change.

For a sampling of Pasadena sites/neighborhoods identified for inclusion in the Rim of the Valley NRA (where nothing will change), see below: From pages 371-379:

*****[Pasadena Properties](#)*****

[Full RIM NPS Report](#)

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=422&projectID=31945&documentID=65351>

It is Congressman Schiff's intent that the RIM-NRA be managed by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. (SMM-NRA.)

For a sampling of the Santa Monica Mountains management plan, reference the nearly 700 pages of management regulations at the below two links:

www.nps.gov/samo/learn/management/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=383979

www.nps.gov/samo/learn/management/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=383981

For detailed clarification addressing regulatory and administrative action by the National Park Service within a designated National Recreation Area, see:

<http://www.nps.gov/policy/MP2006.pdf>

Pasadena General Plan Update



On August 18, 2015 the City Council adopted new Land Use and Mobility Elements of the City's General Plan Update. Pasadena will continue to grow most notably in the downtown areas and near lite rail stations. Approving the General Plan is the first step with Specific Plan amendments and writing rules associated with both. The latter will take up to two years to complete.

The city capped growth limits by specific areas:

	Residential Units	Non-Residential Sq Footage
Central District	4,885	3,379,000
South Fair Oaks	915	1,421,000
East Pasadena	1050	1,095,000
East Colorado	300	930,000
Fair Oaks/Orange Grove	325	300,000
Lincoln Ave	180	300,000
North Lake	250	250,000
West Gateway	340	200,000

The approved General Plan and Specific Plan amendments would allow a maximum of 12,312 net-new housing units plus 10,988,959 net-new square feet of nonresidential development. This is an increase of 27,473 residents, and 40,323 employees in the City, beyond current conditions.

Several people spoke at council in support, citing needed limits to the approved plan while others including the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce spoke in opposition stating the caps are unrealistic and would mean the city would need to address the general plan in ten years versus the 20 year standard.

For more information:

<http://cityofpasadena.net/GeneralPlan/>

www.pasadenastarnews.com/government-and-politics/20150823/pasadenas-general-plan-focuses-on-new-downtown-housing-development

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:	
Member	\$ 20.00
Household	\$ 35.00
Sustaining	\$ 100.00
Patron	\$ 250.00
Benefactor	\$ 500.00

You may send your check by mail to:

**San Rafael Neighborhoods Association
PO Box 92617
Pasadena, CA 91109**

[CLICK HERE: 2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

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<http://srnapasadena.org/join-us/>



The mission of the San Rafael Neighborhoods Association is to enhance and maintain the character and quality of all San Rafael neighborhoods through advocacy and an activated community.

SRNA is a California exempt non-profit 501 c 4 corporation and registered with the City of Pasadena/Neighborhood Connections office.

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