

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I called in during the Public Comment Period on September 2, 2021 at 11:00 am and was asked to speak, but could not unmute my phone. Therefore, I ask that this comment on item 2 be admitted. I support the motion to seek funding from Governor's drought resistance package. However, the leveraging of funds should not be limited to DWP's effort and must be extended to the range of projects seeking funding from Measure W for stormwater capture. Also, the motion should not be limited to groundwater replenishment only and should include local water storage schemes i.e. cisterns at community and neighborhood level. This is the approach that has been used for centuries in arid regions of the world with great success. Groundwater replenishment requires pumping to access the water and should commence only when local storage is completed i.e. when local city cisterns are full. This is easily achievable and must be prioritized. Please note the County Safe, Clean, Water Program has already granted full funding for DWP projects David M. Gonzalez and Valley Plaza Park. So, these projects do not need additional funding and any funds leveraged should be used for other projects. Furthermore, DWP has been presented with alternative gravity schemes for their Stormwater Capture Parks Program that have much lower cost and significantly higher stormwater capture benefits. These alternatives are described in detail at <https://www.stormtunnel.us/index.php/projects/>, which DWP must be required to consider. The challenge of draught resiliency can only be successfully overcome by building resiliency at community level using sustainable solutions and not be focusing on groundwater replenishment alone.