



Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Dear Mayor Faulconer,

We write in behalf of Bankers Hill's open space jewel, Maple Canyon. A group of stream restoration professionals, led by Friend of Maple Canyon Tershia d'Elgin, came forward with a stewardship plan to stop catastrophic erosion here. Via San Diego Canyonlands, the California State Coastal Conservancy has funded the project's engineering and permitting, which is presently moving through Development Services Department, as well as state and federal agencies, with the goal of implementation this coming summer.

This stream restoration project is critically needed now, Mayor Faulconer, and not just by our neighborhood. Downstream in Councilwoman Campbell's district, Maple Canyon's disappearing soil is causing much flooding, even blocking access to Lindbergh's cargo terminal during storms. Solar Turbines has many times complained to your staff and management team about property damage and work stoppages. These costly impacts and threats to San Diego's economy and job retention attracted federal "disaster funding" from the U. S. Economic Development Administration last summer.

Unfortunately, even despite the State Coastal Conservancy's support for the stream restoration, City staff has balked, and thus far been unwilling to create the funding application paperwork for San Diego Canyonlands to get the stream restoration underway. We have heard that Storm Water Division is hoping to take advantage of the same funding source for its storm-pipe project, which is presently in re-design, not even having begun its environmental process.

We ask you to intervene immediately, to mobilize the funding application paperwork in joint agreement with San Diego Canyonlands, such that its fully designed and permitted stream restoration moves forward this coming summer. From our perspective and looking at the widening chasm in the canyon -- now 17 feet deep and 25 feet wide in some places, we are very concerned that the City risks continued exposure to liability and water quality violations.

Thank you sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amie Hayes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amie" and last name "Hayes" clearly legible.

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