

I'd like to speak up in support of the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery. The Arroyo Seco Foundation has built a great community of volunteers doing wonderful work growing native plants for the Canyon project just upstream of Hahamongna Watershed Park. Although the Canyon project has been delayed, the native plant propagation work is still needed. In fact, the work the nursery is doing is valuable to the wider community, both as individuals and business renovate their landscaping to be more sustainable, and as other landscape restoration projects further down the Arroyo Seco watershed will need local native plants.

The space occupied by the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery is really only useful for a nursery operation. If that space were to be useful to anyone else, they would have to demolish the planting beds that are currently there.

I am sad to hear the City is not being particularly helpful to the development and continued operation of the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery, and has essentially given the Arroyo Seco Foundation a notice to vacate the premises by March of this year.

I would like to encourage this group to use their connections to educate people, particularly their councilmembers, about the value of the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery. This is exactly the kind of operation the City should be supporting, not evicting. If the City wants to call itself a "green" city, it needs to get behind efforts like the Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery and support them in transforming residential and commercial landscaping to sustainable landscapes using local native plants.

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