

## Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Fall meeting of the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations (CASO) took place in the Atrium of the Los Angeles River Center and began with refreshments and networking at 6:30 pm.

At 7:00 pm Jeff Chapman of the Arroyo Seco Foundation called the group to order and introduced Nicole Possert of Scenic Arroyo Seco. She discussed the Arroyo Seco National Scenic Byway grant program, which is now funding the creation of a new byway non-profit organization to promote and celebrate the Arroyo Seco Parkway. She invited comments on the formation of the group and the scope and goals it should have.

Charles Chen, an engineer with the Design Division of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works then made a presentation on upcoming improvements to the Arroyo Seco concrete channel. The modifications consist of repairs needed to maintain the functionality of the channel and will no way impede future restoration efforts.

Another highlight of the meeting was the talk by Alfredo Gonzalez of the Nature Conservancy, who discussed the ramifications of the Proposition 84 bond measure on the November ballot. Prop 84 is designed to improve access to clean, safe drinking water, to protect of our rivers and ocean, and to expand our access to parks, beaches, rivers and lakes.

Representatives of CASO groups then offered updates and their activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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