

Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

On Wednesday, August 27 the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations and the Arroyo Seco Foundation held a special meeting to celebrate the dedication of the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Project. The meeting occurred outdoors in the picnic grove at the south end of Brookside Park. Entertainment was provided by the Bluegrass Billionaires, a local band.

Wilson Lau of the Arroyo Seco Foundation emceed the event and began by welcoming the crowd of local residents and representatives of CASO groups. Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard was the featured speaker and gave a major address on the significance of the Arroyo Seco to Pasadena and the region. He outlined Pasadena's programs to manage and enhance the Arroyo Seco and saluted the residents and organizations that have contributed to that effort.

Tim Brick, Managing Director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, then gave a presentation on the Central Arroyo Seco Stream Restoration Project (CASRP). The project, which will soon be completed, includes significant stream restoration, water quality improvements, invasive species removal, and trash reduction within the Arroyo Seco stream. This \$2.5 million project has cleaned up the stream and upgraded habitat for the Arroyo Chub, a fish that once thrived in the Arroyo Seco. Tim Brick acknowledged the outstanding outreach and educational work done by Andrew Byrne, ASF's project director, and by CDM, the planner and construction firm that implemented the improvements.

CASRP is a partnership of the Arroyo Seco Foundation and the City of Pasadena. Design and construction has been provided by CDM, with funding provided by the California Water Resources Control Board and the City of Pasadena.

After the speeches, tours of the restoration area and the improvements were conducted by Meredith McKenzie of the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Wendy Katagi and other CDM personnel.
