

Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

This quarterly CASO meeting, which was held at the Ebell Club in Highland Park, took a new format as a potluck and post-election analysis.

Participants were glad to gather together to share food and celebrate the end of the election season! Each participant was encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share while CASO provided beverages, plates, and utensils.

The meeting was emceed by Eileen Alduenda, the Arroyo Seco Foundation's new watershed coordinator. The session featured post-election analysis and reports and updates on CASO organization's current projects. A second purpose of the event was to help plan the December 2008 Arroyo Verde Awards.

Meredith Mckenzie presented an update on the recently completed Central Arroyo Seco Stream Restoration Project.

A discussion about CASO's mission, goals, and organizational structure was also featured, as well as news about upcoming Arroyo Seco projects for collaboration related to the Hahamongna and the Confluence.

After all this discussion, there was a screening of Jim Thebaut's new documentary, "The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?" Attendees were treated to the the twenty minute Call to Action version of the longer documentary..

Thanks to the Ebell Club and the Arroyo Seco Parkway Scenic Byways for their in-kind contribution toward hosting this meeting.

CASO's Mission

The purpose of the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations (CASO) is to promote communication and cooperation between community-based organizations working to improve and enhance the Arroyo Seco region from the San Gabriel Mountains to the confluence with the Los Angeles River. CASO aspires to cultivate a sense of place that defines this unique region by addressing such issues as environmental, transportation, historic, recreational, cultural, and economic resources.