

## **Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations**

### **Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations took place at the Audubon Center at Debs Park, 4700 N. Griffin Avenue in Los Angeles. The representatives of CASO groups started gathering at 6:30 pm to partake of light refreshments and network about Arroyo Seco issues and activities.

Meredith McKenzie chaired the event and began the formal part of the meeting at 7:15 pm.

There were a series of reports on matters of interest. The first dealt with the ongoing construction work on the Arroyo Seco Parkway. Nicole Possert led the discussion which raised concerns about how the work might be detracting from the historical character of the Parkway.

Next the group discussed the upcoming Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council election which will be held on April 29, which featured a number of Arroyo activists.

Joy Serafian discussed the La Gran Limpieza, the LA River Cleanup, sponsored by Friends of the Los Angeles River, which will take place on May 8. The Arroyo Seco Foundation will host the site in the naturalized area of the Arroyo just south of Brookside Park beginning at 9:00 am.

Tim Brick discussed the Save Hahamongna campaign, which has collected more than 500 signatures from local residents requesting that the Pasadena City Council review its 2003 decision to site soccer fields in the environmentally sensitive riparian zone at Hahamongna at the mouth of the Arroyo Seco as it comes out of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Nicole Possert offered a brief update on status of the Southwest Museum.

The featured presentation was made by Wendy Katagi of CDM on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Assessment. She detailed the process the Arroyo Seco Foundation and CDM are taking to evaluate and prioritize restoration projects in the Arroyo. She solicited the input of attendees on the characteristics and priorities of projects. The work is intended to influence future planning efforts in the Arroyo including the Corps of Engineers ecosystem study now underway.

After announcements from CASO groups about their activities and events, Meredith raffled off a door prize that had been donated by Patagonia. Joe of CDM won a very attractive sweat shirt.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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