

CASO Meeting Notes 9-27-04

Watershed Coordinator Position – Presented by Tim Brick and Jeff Chapman, Arroyo Seco Foundation

- To reduce local reliance on imported water through conservation and improved water management
- To improve water quality in watershed
- To increase financial, governmental and community support for watershed improvement efforts through stakeholder outreach and education and the development of strong CASO

October Surprise – Presented by Marc Herbst, October Surprise

- Arts and culture event taking place in Highland Park in the month of October
- Pieces focused on grassroots political action
- Opening event at Avenue 50 Gallery, October 8

Arroyo Seco Water Quality Findings – Presented by Jason Pelletier, Arroyo Seco Foundation

- The Arroyo is high in several pollutants; fecal coliform, enterococcus, total coliform, diazanon, zinc and aluminum
- Analysis of storm drains points to areas where water quality improvement activities could reduce pollutants

Southwest Museum – Presented by Nicole Possert, Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition

- Feasibility Study underway, and will be available on ArroyoSeco.org
- Join the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition

Proposition O – Presented by Oscar Amaro, Stormwater Protection Division, LA

- \$500,000,000 for water quality improvement projects
- Possible projects: River, Lakes, Beaches, Bays and Ocean Water Quality Protection Projects; Water Conservation, Drinking Water and Source Protection Projects ; Flood Water Reduction, River and Neighborhood Parks That Prevent Polluted Runoff and Improve Water Quality Projects; Storm Water Capture, Clean-Up and Re-Use Projects

Organizational Updates:

TPL/NELA-OS

- More information on Prop. O can be found at www.yesono.org (need to recheck this-Jeff will distribute more information with the meeting notes on web site)
- There is no organized opposition to Prop. O at this point in time.

- There will be a public process to get input on how the bond monies will be distributed. Will likely include both “hard” engineered solutions as well as softer, more open-space oriented approaches
- Not sure how upstream communities will be affected by consent decree that is driving the Prop. O efforts
- Can find more detail on settlement at DOJ web site if you plug in the case number.

West Pasadena Residents Asso./Equestrian Community

- San Pascual stables will remain an equestrian facility...many who supported this were non-equestrian users

Tender Land

- October 9-Kick off day for wide array of cultural, educational, etc. organizations focusing on one theme. Pasadena Symphony, Norton, Huntington, Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena History Museum (Flowing Water, Fruitful Valley water history exhibit), Kidspace, etc. Lots of programming associated with this exhibit.

Audubon Center

- Fundraising event coming up...“Bosque encantado”, enchanted forest, October 31

Kidspace

- Reopening December 16....outdoor exhibits, located down in the Arroyo in Pasadena. Vision to be an educational destination. Many events during the first few months

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

- Healthy Watersheds event. More information is on the Arroyo Seco Foundation web site calendar (www.arroyoseco.org). Anyone is welcome to add their events to this calendar.

Suggestions on CASO for future:

Always welcome!

- Want to encourage sustainable practices so will try to locate meetings near Gold line stations, public transit etc. carpool!

Next meeting: within the first few weeks of December...want to get back to a Saturday schedule...

