**COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)**

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

**9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Works HQ Building**

**The Alhambra Room**

**900 South Fremont Avenue**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

*Objective: To provide an update on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study, Los Angeles County Flood Control District Sediment Removal and Management (Hahamonga/Devil’s Gate) Project, and other issues, efforts, and activities impacting the Arroyo Seco Watershed.*

Attended by 15 people: See attached sign-in sheet

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**ARROYO SECO WATERSHED FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Brian Whelan from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provided an update on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study (Study):

* Budgeted to receive $150,000 of work plan funds for FY13-14, expect to receive funds in the next few weeks
* Corps will need local share of about $125,000 to $150,000 for FY13-14
* Key Study Alternatives Milestone is late October, identify range of priorities towards design and construction
* Study is in President's budget for $450,000 for FY14-15; may not need "accelerated funding"
* Study getting budgetary/Federal support, possibly due to various reasons:
  + Expedited SMART planning reduced number of Corps studies and projects
  + Support from politicians
  + Arroyo Seco is tributary to nationally visible Los Angeles River

**THE ARROYO SECO RESTORING A LIVING RIVER – THE TIME IS NOW**

Tim Brick from the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF) provided a presentation: The Arroyo Seco Restoring a Living River – The Time Is Now:

* Overview of the Arroyo Seco and watershed
* Tie-in to Corps’ Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study
* Overview of the "Arroyo River Parks - framework for restoring the Arroyo Seco"; integration of parks with the river and the river with the parks
* ASF to conduct public outreach on restoration approach

[Attach PDF of presentation]

**DEVIL’S GATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Tom Budinger from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) provided an update of the Devil’s Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project.

* LACFCD has received all comments on DRAFT EIR, including comments from Fish & Widlife
* Revised EIR scheduled for completion by Fall 2014, including public meeting
* Construction scheduled by 2015

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 2014**