

ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION

Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery (HCN) Fact Sheet

- Developed to provide native plants for Arroyo Seco Canyon Project (ASCP), a partnership between the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF) and the Pasadena Water & Power Department.
- More than 5,000 plants of 80 distinct native species have been propagated in the last year.
- ASCP completion has been delayed, leaving the fate of the plants uncertain.
- ASF has demonstrated the ability to run a thriving native plant nursery on a site that was abandoned for twenty years.
- Nursery Manager Nick Hummingbird is uniquely trained and suited to run the nursery and the educational programs associated with it.
- Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan designates this one-third acre space for a native plant coop nursery.
- HCN is a tremendous educational program teaching the public about the value of native plants and habitat; twenty five workshops on native plant propagation have already been held.
- Several hundred volunteers have become actively involved in HCN.
- Local native plants are urgently needed for LA River and Arroyo Seco restoration programs.
- Native plants are better suited for drought cycles and climate change adaptation.
- HCN can provide plants for much-needed conservation and habitat restoration, while educating the public about water sustainability; it can also foster environmental stewardship programs to remove invasive vegetation, enhance habitat and provide drought-tolerant plants for conservation efforts.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers is now completing a program for ecosystem restoration in the Arroyo Seco that will require an immense amount of native plants.
- LA County's massive sediment program in Hahamongna Watershed Park will require substantial habitat restoration with locally derived native plants.
- On January 13, 2016 ASF received notice from Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck to cease operations at Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery by March 23, 2016 unless there is a new agreement with the City of Pasadena.
- Since then there has been no communication from city officials regarding the nursery beyond notifying us of a upcoming meeting of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee.

The Fate of Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery Is In Your Hands

Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery is a tremendous community-generated project that responds to urgent environmental priorities. It's already a treasure that we need to protect and preserve. We urge all concerned residents to inform the Pasadena City Council of the benefits of Hahamongna Cooperative Nursery and to support ASF's continued management of the nursery.

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