

Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

The Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations held its Spring Meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at the Audubon Center at Debs Park, 4700 Griffin Street in Los Angeles.

The meeting began with refreshments and socializing at 6:30 pm. Andy Byrne of the Arroyo Seco Foundation was the emcee for the event and began the meeting at 7:00 pm with self-introductions. Meredith McKenzie then followed with a presentation on the progress of the Arroyo Seco Watershed Sustainability Campaign. She outlined the goals and objectives of the program and spoke about the conservation partnerships it is creating with local water agencies and community-based organizations.

Elaine Adams of the California Art Club then presented a dynamic slide show on the "Art of the Arroyo Seco," featuring the plein air impressionists who have immortalized the Arroyo.

Deborah Kahen of the LA Department of Planning will make a presentation on planning efforts directed at the Confluence of the Arroyo Seco and the Los Angeles River. Los Angeles is now in the midst of a broad-based community planning effort for the Cornfields and Arroyo Seco Confluence to develop plans for sustainable development in that area. The goal of the planning effort is to integrate the area into Los Angeles River Revitalization efforts and shape the first LEED-certified neighborhood in Southern California. Ms. Kahen presented maps and graphs illustrating the planning effort and then fielded many questions from a very interested audience.

Following that, there were a series of timely reports from all the groups active in the Arroyo from the foothills down to downtown LA and their programs and upcoming activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.
