

Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations



September 28th 2011

The regular meeting of the Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations took place at the Flintridge Center at 236 West Mountain Street, Pasadena, CA 91103. The representatives of CASO groups started gathering at 6:30 pm to partake of light refreshments and network about Arroyo Seco issues and activities.

Tim Brick chaired the event and began the formal business meeting at 7:00 pm.

Paul Ayers gave the first presentation on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The purpose of the presentation was to explain CEQA from a legal standpoint. The importance of participating in the public comment stage of CEQA was stressed. Making comments on the environmental review sets a precedent for a law suit. Stakeholders must show their involvement in an issue to be part of a law suit.

Jonathan Frame gave a presentation on the initial study for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project. The goal of project is to restore flood control capacity to the facility and establish a reservoir configuration more suitable for routine maintenance activities including sediment management. Primary project objectives include: reducing flood risk, supporting sustainability, removing sediment in front of the dam, supporting dam safety by removing sediment accumulated in the reservoir in a timely manner.

Following the official adjournment of the meeting many CASO members stayed around to discuss art, fish, Hahamongna, volunteer events and the CEQA process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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