

II. Phase I Process

A. Public Process

Agency Technical Review Committee

The Agency Technical Review Committee (ATRC) is a working group of representatives from senior staff of agencies having a direct managerial responsibility in the Arroyo Seco watershed (Table 2: Participating Agencies & Representatives). Formed as a part of the ASWRFS project planning team, the ATRC meets monthly with that project team to provide strategic and technical guidance and review the scope, process, schedule, work plan, and deliverable products in preparation by the planning team. Committee members are provided drafts of documents in progress for review by their agencies' staff. Committee members facilitate liaison with their agencies, assist in obtaining information and coordinate provision of in-kind services from their agencies.

Table 2: Participating Agencies and Representatives		
Level	Agency	Representative
Federal	National Park Service Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance Program	Anne Dove
	US Army Corps of Engineers	Dan Young Brian Whelan
	US Forest Service Angeles National Forest	Bernice Bigelow
State	California Coastal Conservancy	Chris Kroll
	California Department of Fish and Game	Scott Harris
	California Department of Transportation Environmental Planning Division	Diane Kane
	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Kathleen Bullard Cara McLane
Regional	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority	Bob Joe Kathleen Bullard
	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Water Resources Division Watershed Management Division	Michael Bohlander Vik Bapna Maria Lopez Frank Wu
	City	City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Stormwater Program
City of Pasadena Public Works and Transportation Water and Power Department		Bob Baderian Gary Takara
City of South Pasadena		Veronica Dolleschel, Cesar Vega

Meetings

Each participating agency was requested by the project planning team to designate a representative to participate in the regular meetings of the ATRC, which have been occurring the second Thursday each month since November, 2000 and which will continue into the next phase of the project. Four meetings have been held to date. In general, agendas are distributed via email prior to each meeting, and meeting notes are distributed within a week following each meeting.

At the initial meeting (November 9, 2000), ATRC representatives received a project reference binder, with documents, maps, and aerial and eye level photos of the watershed. The planning team presented an overview of the project's scope, goals, objectives and process. At the second meeting (December 14, 2000), a draft of project assumptions and guidelines was distributed and discussed, the scope of project engineering studies was reviewed, and information was collected about various agencies' projects along the Arroyo. At the third meeting (January 11, 2001), each agency responded to two questions: which two issues in the watershed most concern the agency, and how can the current *ASWRFS* further the agency's goals. A list of projects and a draft timeline comparing them to the current study were distributed, along with a revised draft statement of project goals and objectives. Pasadena Water and Power gave a brief presentation on their operations. At the fourth meeting (February 8, 2001), presentations were given by NASA-JPL, City of Pasadena and City of Los Angeles Stormwater about their programs.

Agency Coordination

Several agencies, including the Forest Service, LA County Department of Public Works, City of Pasadena and City of Los Angeles, have provided information and documentation to the project, and additional information is anticipated from these and others. Individual agency meetings have been held with City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Watershed Management and Water Resources Divisions, and others are being scheduled. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has made a substantial commitment of in-kind services, and several other agencies are considering providing in-kind services.

Discussion of funding opportunities for additional studies and for implementation of projects has led to expressions of interest by several agencies in pursuing joint funding or using one agency's project as a match for a grant application by another. The ATRC process has also facilitated exchange of information among agencies.

Stakeholder and Community Process

An important component of the planning process has been the integration of input from a variety of stakeholders and members of the community. This input was gathered through a series of participatory meetings/workshops, which are continuing into the next phase of the project. Several objectives have driven the format of these meetings:

- To make people aware that this study is being undertaken,

- to keep stakeholders and community members informed of the project process,
- to bring interested parties together into one forum to express concerns, raise issues, and provide input to project,
- to build a common vision for the Arroyo Seco watershed,
- to empower communities to provide direction for the future of their watershed,
- to create a study that will provide opportunities to develop on-the-ground projects, and
- to promote stakeholders and community acceptance/ownership of the study's recommendations.

Stakeholder Meetings

During the first phase of the process, two stakeholder meetings were held, the first on November 16, 2000 and the second on January 18, 2001. Stakeholder groups were identified from existing North East Trees and Arroyo Seco Foundation outreach mailing lists, through identification of active non-profit groups in the watershed area (Appendix B: Stakeholder List), elected officials, and the City of Pasadena's list of Master Plan participants. Meeting notices were sent to approximately 150 individuals for the first meeting and approximately 230 individuals for the second meeting. Approximately 30 people attended each of the two meetings.

Based on a review of the mailing list, it appears that nearly half of the individuals on the mailing list had representatives of their organizations attend either the ATRC or stakeholder meetings. However, to ensure adequate input from stakeholders, the project team has been pursuing individual meetings with key stakeholders, including some that have not attended any of the meetings. Additionally, other key groups that have not been represented at either meeting are being contacted directly to assess the effectiveness of the outreach strategy and to encourage their future participation.

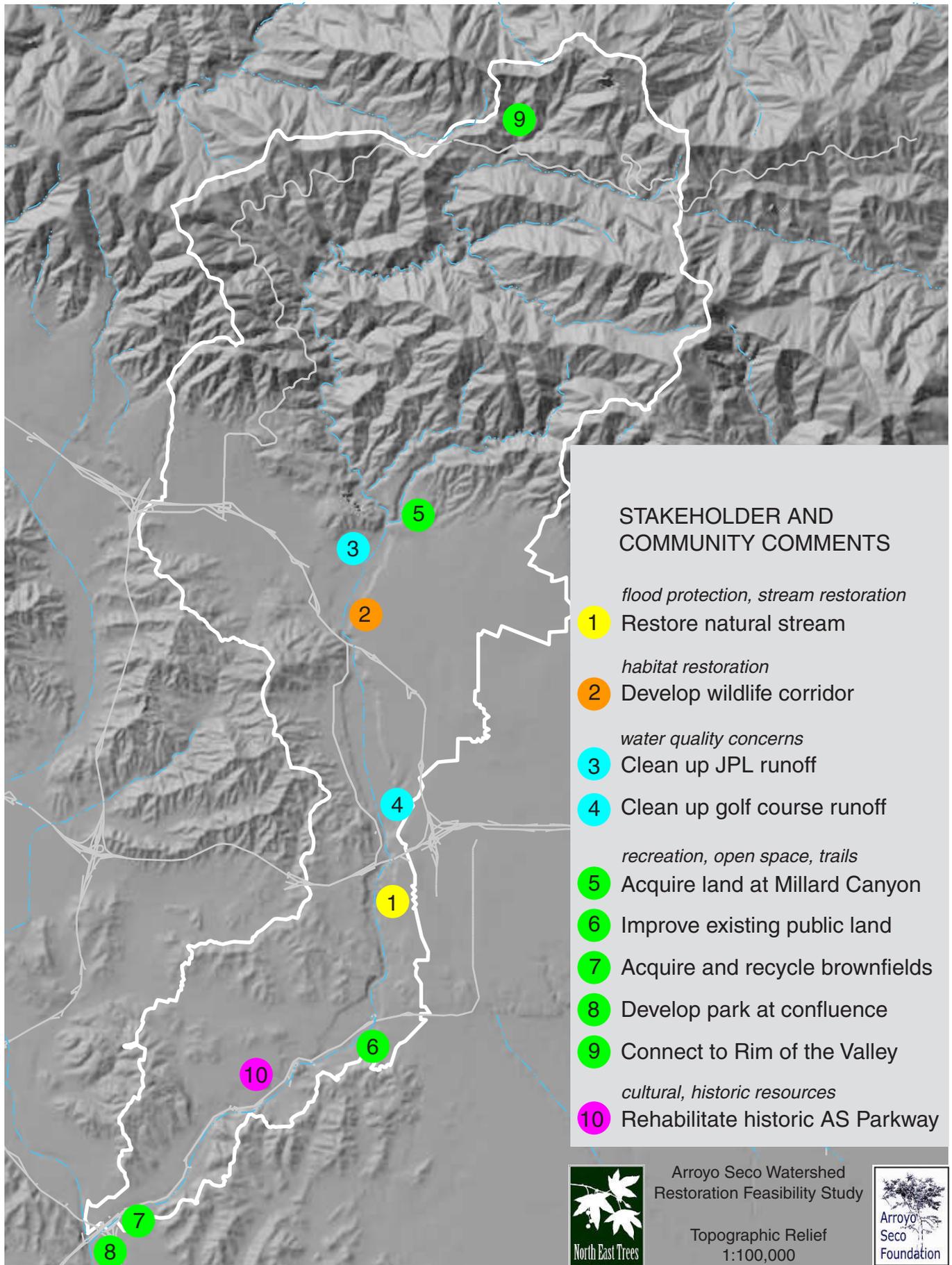
The purpose of the first meeting (November 16, 2000) was to introduce the stakeholders to the project and to obtain attendees' input on key issues and concerns regarding the watershed. The first half of the meeting was spent introducing the project and project team and providing an overview of the watershed itself. The second half of the meeting was spent in small groups of five to seven individuals in a workshop setting to obtain input on key issues and concerns (Appendix C: Stakeholder & Community Input, Figure 8: Stakeholder & Community Comments). The second meeting (January 18, 2001), which coincided with the analysis phase of the project, was focused on updating the participants on the project status, and on obtaining input to the opportunities and constraints modeling. In small groups, participants mapped sites that were special "hidden treasures" or resources in the watershed. They also represented on the map potential obstacles or constraints to those resources being fully utilized. The information from these two meetings is being integrated into the project goals and objectives, and suitability mapping.

Community Meetings

During the first phase of the process, two community meetings were held. The meetings were held on December 3 and 5, 2000. One of the meetings was sited in the upper watershed in the City of Pasadena, and the second meeting was held in the lower watershed, in the Cypress Park community of the City of Los Angeles. These meetings, which had the same agenda, were

scheduled for different evenings in different areas of the watershed to maximize the ability of people to attend. Approximately 1400 postcards were mailed to individuals on the North East Trees and Arroyo Seco Foundation mailing lists. In addition, bilingual (Spanish and English) flyers were posted at local community centers, churches and libraries. Approximately 40-50 people attended each of the two meetings. Though translators were present at each meeting to assist people for whom Spanish is their primary language, the services were not needed. In anticipation of the next two community meetings, more aggressive outreach will be undertaken in communities that were under-represented at the meetings. A brief article appeared in the *Pasadena Weekly* following these meetings.

The purpose of the first round of community meetings (December 6 & 7, 2000) was similar to that of the first stakeholder meeting, which was to introduce the communities to the project and to obtain attendees' input on key issues and concerns regarding the watershed. After an introduction to the project, project team and watershed, the participants divided into smaller groups for a short workshop on issues and goals (Appendix C: Stakeholder & Community Input, Figure 8: Stakeholder & Community Comments). The input from these meetings is being integrated into the project goals and objectives and the suitability mapping.



STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- flood protection, stream restoration*
- 1** Restore natural stream
- habitat restoration*
- 2** Develop wildlife corridor
- water quality concerns*
- 3** Clean up JPL runoff
- 4** Clean up golf course runoff
- recreation, open space, trails*
- 5** Acquire land at Millard Canyon
- 6** Improve existing public land
- 7** Acquire and recycle brownfields
- 8** Develop park at confluence
- 9** Connect to Rim of the Valley
- cultural, historic resources*
- 10** Rehabilitate historic AS Parkway



Arroyo Seco Watershed
Restoration Feasibility Study

Topographic Relief
1:100,000

