

## COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)

Thursday, October 22, 2015

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works HQ Building  
Conference Room D  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803

### MEETING SUMMARY

*Objective: To provide an update on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study and other issues, efforts, and activities impacting the Arroyo Seco Watershed.*

*Attended by: see table below*

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### ARROYO SECO ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Priyanka Wadhawan (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) provided an update
- Kathleen Anderson (see sign-in sheet) was introduced as the new PM for the Study
- Alternatives were introduced to the Corps vertical team
- Corps conducting analysis and evaluation, including modeling habitat units and cost-benefits, to narrow down different measures

- As results of analysis and evaluations completed, Corps will provide further details on potential alternatives at upcoming CASA meetings (January and April 2016) for stakeholders' review and input/information
- Tentative Selected Plan (TSP), draft document, is scheduled for completion in late June/ early July 2016
- Arroyo Seco Foundation is interested in providing public outreach/support for the Study

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PREPAREDNESS FOR EL NIÑO**

- Mark Lombos (LACFCD) provided information on the County-wide efforts
  - On September 15, 2015, the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reported back to the Board of Supervisors, the following are key points from the report...
    1. The County Departments remain committed to carry out an effective unity of effort during the coming wildfire and storm season, including the use a unified command structure that includes various Departments
    2. The County's Flood Control District is well position to capture storm water for the purpose of replenishing local water supplies and prior to the onset of the winter storms will have completed all necessary debris control preparedness actions
    3. Multi-lingual One Voice Messaging initiative is underway to improve the delivery of timely, accurate, and reliable information to the public on what they can do before, during and after this year's wildfire and storm season
  - CEO's report to the Board of Supervisors can be accessed [here](#) (see Attachment #1)
- Keith Lilley (LACDPW) provided an update on efforts specific to the Arroyo Seco Watershed & Devil's Gate Dam:
  - The dam is in good shape to handle storms this season
    1. Maintenance activities to remove some of the accumulated sediment are completed
    2. Protective measures implemented include installing additional steel trashracks, maintenance platforms, and floating debris barriers
  - LACDPW has been working with the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Los Angeles, and Caltrans on an Emergency Response Plan
  - Elected officials will be contacted and receive a copy of the Emergency Response Plan
  - Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project update can be accessed [here](#)
  - Devil's Gate Dam community notice can be accessed [here](#)
  - Arroyo Seco Channel 50-year frequency rainfall potential overtopping map can be accessed [here](#) (see Attachment #2)

## **PRESENTATION: ARROYO SECO LOAD REDUCTION STRATEGY (LRS)**

- Thuan Nguyen (LACDPW) provided a presentation on a study related to the MS4 permit
- Objective of the report is to identify priority outfalls within the Arroyo Seco tributary area and implement BMPs in order to comply with the MS4 permit (dry weather bacteria TMDL)
- Draft of the Arroyo Seco LRS should be ready by the December 2015
- Copy of the presentation is available [here](#) (see Attachment #3)
- Rosa Laveaga recommended that the stakeholders for the Arroyo Seco LRS should look into prior studies such as the Arroyo Seco Watershed Management & Restoration Plan (2006) before planning for future compliance projects. Copy of the 2006 Plan is available [here](#) (see Attachment #4)
- Raymond Basin requested to be added to the EWMP stakeholders' list and to be involved in the planning process
- Tim Brick encourages local agencies to take an active role in identifying sources of pollutants and don't wait until the plan is finalized to take actions

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- Arroyo Seco Foundation is seeking a \$100,000 grant from [LA2050](#) for their campaign to "Bring Back the River."
  - You may help the Arroyo Seco Foundation to secure this funding by voting between October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 3, 2015.
    - You may submit your vote by accessing this website: <http://www.arroyoseco.org/la2050.htm>
- Arroyo Seco Foundation introduced the Arroyo Seco Foundation's native plant nursery in Hahamongna Watershed Park and invites everyone to their event on November 1, 2015. Copy of the invitation is available [here](#) (see Attachment #5)
- Rosa Laveaga briefly shared information about the City of Pasadena's upcoming project, the [Oak Grove Area Improvements \(OGAI\)](#). Rosa will provide more details (maybe a presentation) in the next CASA meeting.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2016**