

COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)

Thursday, July 28, 2016
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

Summary

Attendees: see attached sign-in sheet

I. Introductions

II. Status update on the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

- a. Public Works provided an update on the study:
 - i. Corps has completed the existing conditions analysis
 - ii. Identified the following alternatives to be analyzed for each reach (see attached):
 1. Low-flow channels
 2. Notched side walls with parallel low-flow channels
 3. Reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) culverts with parallel low-flow channels
 4. Floodplain benching
 5. Sheetpile bank protection with floodplain benching
 - iii. Corps is looking at the footprints of these alternatives throughout the study area to identify constraints and practicality of each measure
 - iv. The next step in the study is to complete the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) which introduces a combination of measures that provide the most habitat restoration with the lowest implementation cost
 - v. The TSP milestone is currently scheduled for October 31, 2016
 - vi. Local sponsors will have the opportunity to review and provide input on the plan once the Corps releases the TSP
 - vii. Local sponsors will have the option to choose a locally preferred plan and cover the difference in cost
 - viii. Public Works will work with the local partners and other stakeholders to hold public meetings upon the release of the TSP

III. CASA's future

- a. CASA was formed in 2001 as a Technical Advisory Committee for the Corps' study
- b. Since then CASA has looked at different topics such as water resources, water quality, recreational programs, and transportation within the Arroyo Seco watershed
- c. Group discussed the future of CASA and agreed that:
 - i. As-needed focused meetings on different watershed topics would be more effective
 - ii. CASA should serve as a Technical Review Committee for projects within the watershed
 - iii. Other key organizations such as US Forest Service, Foothill Municipal Water District, Council of Watershed Health, and participating cities should be encouraged to attend CASA meetings

- iv. The group will meet on a quarterly basis until the Corps' TSP is released and then decide if meetings should be scheduled on an as-needed basis
- v. Future meetings will revisit the original vision of CASA and establish new goals for the future

IV. Action Item(s):

- a. Public Works to share the distribution list with the group and add any additional suggested members to the list
- b. Establish/revive the vision of CASA in future meetings

V. Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 27, 2016
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Conference Room B