

**COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)
Quarterly Meeting**

**Thursday, April 26, 2018
09:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

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

SUMMARY

- I. Introductions – see attached sign-in sheet
- II. Oak Grove Area Improvements Project (City of Pasadena) – postponed to the next meeting
- III. Senate Bill No. 1126: Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group
 - The MRCA is leading the effort to develop a watershed-based plan by March 2019. They will be engaging the agencies that have jurisdiction over the tributaries to the LA River, to the extent possible.
 - Mr. Tim Brick voiced his concern over the overlap of functions in planning efforts for the LA River and tributaries, especially the Arroyo Seco. He indicated that the County's LA River Master Plan Update should include the Arroyo Seco as discussed in the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting in late 2016, where the Board approved the motion for the Master Plan update.
 - Public Works will look into the motion in relation to the Arroyo Seco and report back at future CASA meetings.
- IV. Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study
 - Updates:
 - i. The Study was announced inactive in December 2016.
 - ii. LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion for the LACFCD to fund the remainder of the Study. The Corps' LA District has submitted the reactivation memo to their headquarters in March 2018, requesting acceptance of Contributed Funds from the LACFCD. The request is pending approval.

- iii. The process to amend the funding agreement may take 9-12 months.
- iv. LACFCD has \$500K under the previous authorization to continue the Study in the meantime. The plan for the next few months is to refine the measures in collaboration with the stakeholders and ultimately propose a plan that is supported by the local sponsors.
- Plan Discussion – Use the link for presentation and handouts: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0afzsbbl9vfvfum/AABD50itbxC7j3Qff06-7an8a?dl=0>
 - i. The group reviewed the measures and provided preliminary feedback for further consideration. Public Works will work with the Corps to reflect these ideas moving forward.
 - ii. Public Works will coordinate Water Quality efforts by the County and City of Los Angeles to minimize impacts to the Study.
 - iii. Similar workshops will be held at future CASA meetings to narrow down preferred options.

V. Stakeholders open forum

- Public Works announced the two informational open house events for the Devil's Gate and the Arroyo Seco Feasibility Study on April 30th and May 1st.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 26, 2018
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