

COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)

**Wednesday January 29, 2014
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, Los Angeles County Flood Control District Sediment Removal and Management (Hahamonga/Devil's Gate) Project, and other issues, efforts, and activities impacting the Arroyo Seco Watershed.

Attended by: See Attached Sign-In Sheet



ARROYO SECO WATERSHED FEASIBILITY STUDY

Brian Whelan of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provided an update of the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study (Study).

The Corps recently held a charrette/IPR (in-progress review) in November 2013 to obtain vertical team (COE Division and HQ) concurrence that the Study is SMART Planning compliant. The remaining Federal funding for the Study for FY 2013-14 was saved for the purpose of holding the charrette, so the study is essentially now out of funding. The Study is one of a handful of studies in the Los Angeles District that is expected to receive FY14 work plan funding. The Corps will officially know their funding allocation by March 3, 2014, when the proposed Corps budget is sent to Congress. If the Study does receive Federal funding, the Corps would also seek the local matching funds this fiscal year, per the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement.

DEVIL'S GATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Tom Budinger of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) provided an update of the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project.

The extended 90-day review period ended on January 21, 2014. The next step for the LACFCD is to prepare the Response to Comments log that will go in the final EIR. While developing the Response to Comments, LACFCD will post the answers to common questions on www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate and will send out emails

to interested parties. LACFCD will present the final version to the community prior to submitting the final EIR to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Nina Jazmadarian from Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) provided a presentation on “2014 Drought Planning”

FMWD continues to do public outreach classes to educate the public in water conservation, offers rebates for water conservation upgrade, and implements voluntary water conservation programs within their service area.

An electronic copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the following link: www.fmwd.com/resources/documents/presentations/FMWD_2014_Drought_Presentation.pptx

Eric Linker from Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) provided a presentation on ‘Water Use, Supply, and Conservation Update’

PWP has increased incentives to install both indoor and outdoor programs to save water, has an ongoing public outreach program and sponsored events to promote water conservation, initiated permanent water waste prohibitions, and enhanced local water supplies.

See attached copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Evelyn Cortez-Davis from Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) provided a presentation on “LA’s Proactive Planning for a Dry 2014 and the Future”

Since 2009 LADWP continues to implement water conservation programs such as providing rebates for turf removal, high efficiency toilets, washer, and sprinkler systems, enforcing tiered rates, educating the public, and the reuse of recycled water. More information on the above programs is available on the following link www.ladwp.com/wc

See attached copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014