

COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO AGENCIES (CASA)

Thursday, October 23, 2014

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Works HQ Building
Conference Room B
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 22 people: See attached sign-in sheet

ARROYO SECO ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Priyanka Wadhawan from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provided an update on the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (Study):

- NEPA Public Scoping Meeting to be held on October 29, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at LA County DPW HQ Building

DEVIL'S GATE SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Tom Budinger from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) provided an update on the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project:

- LACDPW released the Final EIR on Monday, October 20, 2014
- FEIR will go to County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for certification on November 12, 2014
- Selected Alternative is presented in the summary handout
- Three informational meetings will be held in November prior to the Board meeting

CITY OF PASADENA – ARROYO SECO CANYON PROJECT PRESENTATION

Brad Boman from the City of Pasadena provided a presentation on the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project:

- Joint project between Pasadena Water and Power Department and the Arroyo Seco Foundation
- Project information: http://cityofpasadena.net/Arroyo_Seco_Canyon_Project/
- Public hearing November 19, 2014
- 30-day public review closes Nov 8, 2014

Power point presentation attached

CITY OF PASADENA – OAK GROVE PROJECT PRESENTATION

Tim Brick from the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF) provided a presentation on the Oak Grove Area Improvements Project:

- Overview of the funded projects and project area
- Overview of Berkshire Creek improvements
- Overview of Disc golf course improvements

Power point presentation attached

OTHER ITEMS

- Charles Peretz from the City of Pasadena also mentioned that the **Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer** (PSHB) severity of infestation in the Arroyo is being evaluated to with an App and a partnership with ASF. You can find more information about these pests at the following site: https://civr.ucr.edu/polyphagous_shot_hole_borer.html. Additional discussion was provided on how infected material is planned to be disposed of.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2015

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PROPOSITION **P**
SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS MEASURE

INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PROPOSITION P

October 23, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Pacific Community Center
501 S. Pacific Ave.
Glendale, CA 91204**

Los Angeles County voters approved the Safe Neighborhood Parks tax measure in 1992. It provides about \$54 million a year for neighborhood and regional parks and recreation. That measure is about to expire—Proposition P is designed to preserve park and open space funding, through a \$23 annual parcel tax. **Proposition P will be on the November ballot.**

Come to the workshop to see the legacy of the previous measure and how Proposition P is structured to fund projects for:

- Parks and recreational facilities in park-poor areas
- Increasing park visits and physical activity
- Upgrading and maintaining neighborhood parks
- Employing and training local youth
- Water quality in rivers, creeks, lakes, and beaches
- Open space, hiking, biking and equestrian trails
- Cultural and arts facilities, museums and zoos
- Gang prevention

We will provide materials in multiple languages that you can use to provide information to the community. Refreshments will be served.

Twitter: #LACountyPropP @lacountyparks Facebook: www.facebook.com/parks.lacounty.gov

Space is limited; please RSVP: PropP11@migcom.com

For more information about Prop P, including the text of Prop P and the ballot arguments in favor and against, please [click here](#); or see our informational fact sheet, available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Chinese](#).

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For more information about the workshop: call 323-397-1554

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Los Angeles District

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
FOR THE
ARROYO SECO ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
INTEGRATED FEASIBILITY STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District will hold a Public Scoping Meeting in support of the Arroyo Seco Environmental Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report on Wednesday October 29, 2014, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the lead agency (Corps) to invite the participation of affected Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested persons to determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify issues or concerns in advance of preparing an EIS as well as solicit input from the public. The public, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies are encouraged to actively participate in the scoping process by attending the meeting and/or submitting data, information, and comments pertaining to environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. Useful information includes other environmental studies within the watershed, published and unpublished data that may be relevant to this study area, issues and alternatives which could be addressed in the analysis, and potential constraints associated with any proposed action.

Over its 22-mile course, the Arroyo Seco drops from an elevation of nearly 6,100-feet at its head in the San Gabriel Mountains to 320-feet at its confluence with the Los Angeles River. As the Arroyo descends from the San Gabriel Mountains, it passes by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and enters the 250-acre basin within Hahamongna Watershed Park and Devil's Gate Dam. Below the dam, the Arroyo is highly impacted by urbanization and is channelized as it runs through Brookside Park and the Rose Bowl area. From here the Arroyo meets the Arroyo Seco Historic Parkway (Pasadena Freeway), a Federal Scenic Byway and the first freeway in the west. Between 1934 and 1947 most of the Arroyo Seco below the dam was lined with concrete.

The Integrated feasibility report will identify and evaluate an array of restoration measures including: (1) restoration of channel sinuosity; (2) removal of concrete invert; (3) restoration of aquatic habitat; and (4) eradication of invasive, non-native species and restoration of native taxa.

The EIS will also evaluate the impacts on environmental resources initially identified as potentially significant without implementation of mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: water quality, noise and vibration, air quality, socioeconomics and environmental justice, land use, recreation, visual and aesthetic resources, traffic and transportation, historical and cultural resources, vegetation and wildlife, and special status species.

For questions and additional information, please contact Ms. Debbie Lamb, Environmental Coordinator, at (213) 452-3798 or by email to Deborah.L.Lamb@usace.army.mil.

*******All visitors must sign-in at the LACDPW front desk*******

*******BE SURE TO BRING IDENTIFICATION*******

*******Parking is available in LACDPW Parking Lot*******

Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project



Subject: Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Project Title: Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project (SCH #2011091084)

Lead Agency: Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD)

LACFCD has prepared a Final EIR that describes the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The Final EIR also contains response to comments received on the Draft EIR during the public review period, October 23, 2013 to January 21, 2014. Responses to all comments received have been incorporated in to the Final EIR. This Final EIR can be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate>.

Hardcopies of the Final EIR are also available until December 11, 2014 for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Pasadena Central Library, 285 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA
- Altadena Library District, 600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA
- La Cañada Flintridge Library, 4545 North Oakwood Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge, CA
- County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA
 - Available at the Water Resources Division's 2nd Floor Public Counter

Public Hearing: The Final EIR will be presented to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to certify its adequacy in complying with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Board will consider the information contained in the Final EIR in making a decision to approve or deny the Recommended Project Alternative to carry out the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project. The Board will hold a public hearing concerning this matter on:

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: 500 West Temple Street, Room 381 B

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Los Angeles, CA 90012

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Visit our website:
www.lasedimentmanagement.com/devilsgate

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or Write to:
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Attn: Water Resources Division - Reservoir Cleanouts
P.O. Box 1460
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Save the Date



Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, is pleased to announce that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project is anticipated to be released on October 20, 2014. Three community Informational Meetings will be held to present the findings and results of the FEIR. Additionally, the project alternative that Public Works recommends to implement will be presented at the meeting. The recommended project alternative includes features to lessen Air Quality, Traffic, and Biological impacts.

Please join us at one of our three Informational Meetings on this important flood risk reduction project.

Sat, November 1, 2014

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

John Muir High School
Auditorium

1905 Lincoln Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91104

Mon, November 3, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jackson Elementary School
Auditorium

593 West Woodbury Road
Altadena, CA 91001

Thu, November 6, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Descanso Gardens
Maple Room

1418 Descanso Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

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Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project



The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) is pleased to announce the release of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project. The Final EIR can be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate>.

Alternative 3, Configuration D was found to be the Environmentally Superior Alternative in the Final EIR. The District will be recommending Alternative 3, Configuration D, Option 2 (See Next Page) in conjunction with Alternative 5 (optional haul routes) as the Recommended Project to be implemented.

The Recommended Project will remove approximately 2.4 million cubic yards (cy) of current excess sediment in the reservoir in addition to any additional sediment received during the project. Additionally, this alternative will include removal of sediment stockpiled at Johnson Field as part of the annual Interim Measures Project. Excavation will not involve the Oak Grove area of Hahamongna Park or areas of the reservoir outside the excavation limits shown.

The Recommended Project is based on the City of Pasadena's approved Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan (HWPMP) and drastically reduces the project's footprint of 120 acres to 71 acres. Additionally, the limited maintenance area for Alternative 3, shown in blue on the next page, further reduces the permanent habitat impacts to approximately 52 acres by including site replanting and mitigation outside the management area.

Other project features have also been included in the Final EIR in order to reduce impacts to air quality. Mitigation Measure MM AQ-1 has been revised to require the use of low emission sediment removal dump trucks. These trucks must meet or exceed EPA's 2007 emission standards. With implementation of this Mitigation Measure, impacts to air quality will be reduced to less than significant.

Alternative 5 has added phasing of haul routes to reduce traffic impacts and balance truck traffic between the cities of La Cañada Flintridge and Pasadena. During the school year, trucks will enter and exit the freeway using the Windsor Avenue during the morning peak hours. The proposed route using Windsor Avenue to exit the freeway and Berkshire Avenue to enter the freeway will be used the rest of the day. During the summer months, traffic will enter and exit the freeway using Berkshire Avenue. Any of these haul routes may be used to avoid traffic.

For removal of the 2.4 million cy of sediment, the Recommended Project specifications will limit hauling to a maximum of 800,000 cy per year and establish hauling hours as 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday excluding holidays and major Rose Bowl events, and will only occur during the dry season from April 15th through December depending on storm events. Trucks will be prohibited from staging on city streets.

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