



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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		The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
2.		Favor	Tim Brick	<p>Stewards of the Arroyo Seco is very pleased that the County will reinitiate the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. As a major tributary of the Los Angeles River, the Arroyo Seco is the connecting link from the San Gabriel Mountains to the LA River in downtown LA. The Arroyo Seco offers unparalleled opportunities for restoring more natural hydrology, fish, and wildlife in the LA River system. We need to restore a living river that makes it possible to bring back the endangered Southern Steelhead to the LA River watershed. Thousands of native Rainbow Trout are now swimming in the mountain watershed of the Arroyo Seco and can become Steelhead if they can reach the Pacific Ocean again as they did one hundred years ago. This Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study will deal with the urbanized, channelized stretch of the Arroyo Seco that is vital for fish passage. We urge the County Flood District and the partners in this study to expand their vision of the Arroyo Seco to restore more natural conditions from the headwaters in the San Gabriel Mountains to the Confluence with the Los Angeles River and eventually all the way to the Pacific Ocean. This will promote better water management, resilience and biodiversity. Thank you, Supervisor Barger and all Supervisors, for supporting this vital study.</p> <p>Tim Brick, Executive Director, Stewards of the Arroyo Seco, arroyoseco.org, stewards@arroyoseco.org</p>
			Yadi -	SUPPORT 2. Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>The Arroyo Seco in Los Angeles County has seen several efforts towards improving its ecosystem through restoration projects. Here are some ways to potentially improve the feasibility of these endeavors:</p> <p>1. Leverage Existing Studies and Partnerships: The Arroyo Seco Watershed Restoration Feasibility Study (ASWRFS) conducted in 2001-2002 provides a valuable foundation. Building upon its data and recommendations by incorporating them into current plans can save time and resources.</p> <p>The ongoing collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study should be further strengthened. This combined expertise and resources can lead to more robust solutions.</p> <p>2. Prioritize and Phase Projects:</p>

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			<p>Identify critical restoration areas based on ecological significance, potential impact, and feasibility of implementation. This allows for focused efforts with the highest potential for success.</p> <p>Implement restoration projects in phases, starting with smaller, more achievable goals. This demonstrates progress, builds public confidence, and provides valuable data for informing subsequent phases.</p> <p>3. Secure Funding and Community Support:</p> <p>Explore diverse funding sources, including grants, public-private partnerships, and community fundraising.</p> <p>Proactively engage with the local community through informative outreach and education. This fosters public understanding, encourages volunteer participation, and broadens the support base for securing funding.</p> <p>4. Address Potential Challenges:</p> <p>Water availability is a critical concern in Southern California. Explore sustainable water management solutions like rainwater harvesting and greywater reuse to support the restored ecosystem.</p> <p>Balancing ecological restoration with existing infrastructure and development requires careful planning and collaboration with stakeholders, including property owners, engineers, and public agencies.</p> <p>5. Monitor and Adapt:</p> <p>Establish clear and measurable monitoring goals to track the effectiveness of restoration efforts. This allows for adjustments and improvements based on data-driven insights.</p> <p>Foster a culture of adaptive management, where lessons learned from ongoing monitoring are used to refine and improve restoration strategies over time.</p> <p>By implementing these suggestions, the feasibility of restoring the Arroyo Seco ecosystem can be significantly enhanced, leading to a healthier environment and a more vibrant community in Los Angeles County.</p>
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