

Los Angeles/Arroyo Seco Watershed - Upper

Promoting water conservation in the Upper Los Angeles River

Los Angeles and Ventura Counties; State Senate Districts 29, 21, 22, State Assembly Districts 44, 45, 59



ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION



The Arroyo Seco Watershed Coordinator grant has allowed the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF) to expand its education, outreach and coordination functions that promote better watershed management in the Arroyo Seco Watershed, a tributary watershed to the Los Angeles River. This funding was particularly helpful in supplementing ASF's Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program which restored native Arroyo chub to the stream, enhanced the trail network, and built model runoff/water quality islands in the Rose Bowl parking lot. A severe drought in the region led to important changes by local water agencies to eliminate water waste and reduce per capita water consumption. The ASF Watershed Coordinator participated actively in the discussions and meetings that led to improvements in conservation policies and programs in the four cities that are part of the Arroyo Seco Watershed.

The Coordinator helped the ASF to pursue Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) funding for the critical Hahamongna area, the flood basin in Arroyo Seco Watershed at the Devil's Gate Dam reservoir. The Coordinator, working closely with the City of Pasadena Public Works and Water and Power Department, led a success proposal for \$3.3 million to fund the Hahamongna Multiuse Project, which incorporates water supply, water quality, habitat and recreational activities.

For more information visit the Arroyo Seco Foundation website at <http://www.arroyoseco.org>

"This has been a very exciting and productive period for the Arroyo Seco Watershed and its inhabitants."

***Tim Brick, Managing Director,
Arroyo Seco Foundation***

- Participated in the development of an IRWMP for Pasadena
- Conducted 10 stream clean-up projects and installed 1,000 trash screens on storm drain inlets reducing the amount of trash and debris in the watershed by >50 %
- Conducted a publicity campaign to promote a ban on plastic bag usage
- Sponsored Family Water Festivals in 3 cities emphasizing water conservation and Bay-Delta awareness
- Participated in community water conservation efforts that resulted in reduction in per capita water consumption: 14% in Pasadena and 18% in Los Angeles
- Initiated a petition that collected 500 signatures leading the County to conduct a full environmental review of a project planned to remove sediment in the Devil's Gate Basin

PARTNERS INCLUDED: County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works Watershed Management Division • Pasadena Water & Power Dept. • Foothill Municipal Water District • Audubon Center at Debs Park • Camp Dresser McKee • Urban Semillas Sierra Club, Pasadena Group • Council of Arroyo Seco Organizations • Council of Arroyo Seco Agencies • Friends of the Los Angeles River • Scenic Arroyo • City of Los Angeles Planning Department • Raymond Basin Management Board Pasadena Dept. of Public Works • US Army Corps of Engineers