

**Big Tujunga Wash Mitigation Area Project
Community Advisory Committee
2018 Spring Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018**

I. Welcome and Introduction

Attendee sign-in

II. Review of Meeting Agenda

David Belicki with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) reviewed the meeting agenda.

III. Ongoing and New Discussion Items

1. Site and Security Issues

- The group discussed sending out an email blast when AUV/ATVs will be used for onsite maintenance so that residents know the difference between recreational rides and Chambers Group staff.
- The group discussed the need to replace two trashcans by the ponds near northwest Wheatland entrance, and to replace trashcans by the Cottonwood entrance.
- The group discussed the need to remove the fire-melted porta-potty at the Cottonwood entrance.

2. Public Concerns

- Residents asked for help with removing a bathtub that is present on site, possibly within the Caltrans right-of-way.
- Residents inquired about the possibility of replacing and extending the wooden barriers/rails at the Cottonwood Avenue trail entrance. Equestrian riders would like the barriers replaced and extended to keep horses on the designated trail and to prevent them from attempting to walk down the steep embankment. New barriers would also serve as a tie-off location for horses if needed.

3. Volunteer Opportunities

- Residents expressed interest in coordinating with LACDPW and Chambers Group on volunteer opportunities as they arise.
- Residents will help identify large bulky debris items to be removed and will contact Chambers Group/LACDPW for removal with AUV/ATV.

IV. Current Status of Programs

Chambers Group provided a power point presentation on the Big Tujunga Wash Mitigation Area current status of programs. A summary of the presentation is found below:

1. Creek Fire Assessment and Site Recovery

- Fire severity categories/areas map
- Post-fire invasive plant emergence
- Native plant recovery



2. Exotic Plant and Wildlife Eradication

- Methods for exotic plant and wildlife eradication
- Potential use of AUVs for more site coverage
- Targeted species and importance for eradication

3. Water Quality Analysis

- Reasons for analysis
- Sampling locations

4. Trails Restoration/Maintenance

- Damaged trees near trails
- New trails being made by hikers and equestrians due to debris blocking old trail alignments
- Methods to reestablish trails and remove burned/fallen debris
- October 2017 Trails Cleanup Day summary

5. Public Outreach

- Pamphlets in English/Spanish provided to public on summer weekends

After the presentation, Chambers Group discussed the sensitive species found at Big T, including:

- Santa Ana sucker and arroyo chub fish
- Crossing perpendicular to creek to minimize impacts to fish species
- Least Bell's vireo habitat emergence and future habitat suitability
- Post-fire effects on species
- Importance of informing the equestrian riders about the sensitivity of the creek and associated riparian habitat

V. Schedule Next CAC Meeting

The next CAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hansen Yard, 10179 Glen Oaks Boulevard, Sun Valley, California 91352.

