

May 11, 2009—Guest Presentation – Alice Sterling, Senior Project Manager, City of Pasadena Green City Program

Ms. Sterling discussed the City's 21-point Green City Action Plan that outlines the steps the City is undertaking to implement the United Nations' Urban Accords. The Action Plan is a comprehensive environmental action plan that will guide the City towards sustainability and that will accelerate the City's environmental commitment. Ms. Sterling stated that the City is working toward recognition as becoming a leader in sustainability matters. The City has achieved first tier status for implementing initiatives that implement the accords.

April 13, 2009—Meredith McKenzie, Watershed Sustainability Program Manager, Arroyo Seco Foundation, *Geography of the Arroyo Seco and How It Impacts the Open Space Network*

Meredith Mackenzie, from the Arroyo Seco Foundation, described the interrelationships of the Arroyo and Eaton Canyon to the larger geophysical context of the western San Gabriel Valley. Dynamic and positive interaction between the County and the City's Public Works Department/Parks and Natural Resources Division will be important to ensuring the long-term improvements in water quality.

March 9, 2009—Presentation by David Ford, Region Manager for Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison

Mr. Ford presented information about Southern California Edison's Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, which will deliver approximately 4,500 megawatts to an estimated 3.5 million homes of primarily wind-derived energy from the Tehachapi Wind Resources area. The proposed project will result in the construction of 250 miles of high voltage (500 kilovolt lines) over 250 miles. Mr. Ford stated that the project would use Edison's existing right-of-way in the Pasadena area, and that it would require one additional 220 kilovolt power line to be strung through existing towers. The project, according to Mr. Ford, is part of Edison's \$18 billion in upgrades planned over the next decade, and is in line with municipal and California dictates which call for a greater portion of energy to come from renewable sources. Mr. Ford also noted that the Draft Environmental Impact Report is currently taking public comments, and will be made available to the committee and the public.

February 9, 2009—Presentation by Elizabeth Pomeroy

Ms. Pomeroy presented photos of natural open space around Pasadena, Eagle Rock and Altadena. Included were historic photos of the recent and distant past from her book

January 12, 2009—Presentation by Richard Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Watershed Management Division

Provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the LA County Department of Public Works function. Fritz Puelicher asked Mr. Gomez if there are any plans to take the concrete out of the Eaton Wash and change it into a more natural system. Mr. Gomez stated that while working on a project at Tujunga Wash, LA County Public Works found after conducting a hydrology study that found in order to remove the concrete channel walls two rows of homes on either side of the wash would have to be removed in order to maintain the same level of flood protection. There are plans under consideration for naturalizing the Arroyo Seco.

December 8, 2008-- Presentation on the Cal Poly Pomona Golden Necklace Project by Julianna Delgado, Ph.D., AICP

Ms. Delgado summarized the work that Cal Poly Pomona's capstone classes have completed on the Golden Necklace. The purpose of the Golden Necklace is to facilitate a multi-use trail system from the San Gabriel Mountains to the ocean aligned to the rivers of Los Angeles County. She outlined the desire to create a university institute for the scholarly study of the golden necklace area.

November 3, 2008—No Speaker

October 13, 2008—Presentation by Nancy Steele, President Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Ms. Steele gave the Committee a presentation on the function of land trusts and specifically the role of the Altadena Foothills Conservancy. Ms. Steele highlighted the tools conservancies use, the names of local land trusts, and projects on which the Altadena Foothills Conservancy has worked and is working.

Nancy Steele, Executive Director of Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council

Ms. Steele also gave a presentation on the role of the Watershed Council. The mission of the Council is to facilitate an inclusive consensus process to preserve, restore, and enhance the economic, social, ecological health of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds through education, research, and planning.

September 8, 2008—Presentation on the Eagle Rock Canyon Trail

The Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful (CERB) provided a presentation on a 4.5 acre parcel in Pasadena that it owns and intends to further improve for passive open space. The site is in proximity to Alatorre Park in Los Angeles. Volunteers led by Peter Schaller fulfilled the vision of John Stillion by creating a 1.5 mile trail through the property. Signs and markers were created by a local Boy Scout Troop. The Pasadena Child Development Center's Teen Club planted California friendly landscaping. Additional drought resistant, California native landscaping will be planted. A dry creek bed and rock sculptures were also created.

August 11, 2008—Conservancies

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)

Committee member Faustinos briefly recounted RMC's jurisdictional boundaries, which include 1,600 sq. miles encompassing 68 cities from Orange County to Santa Clarita to Claremont, including all of the San Gabriel Valley and sections of East Los Angeles. Created in 1999, the conservancy has been in operation for almost nine years, primarily providing grants to local entities, organizations, and institutions. RMC has worked to leverage the strength of multi-agency operations to create more funding mechanisms for open space, especially in non-traditional funding sectors – such as water agencies and multi-purpose projects. Committee member Faustinos provided a summary of key documents that have guided the development and operational environment of RMC. *Common Ground* was RMC's original planning document that looked at the Los Angeles Region holistically, not just within jurisdictional boundaries. This view has encouraged problem solving strategies that accomplish mutual goals that reflect different and divergent interests of actors. Of much interest to RMC are joint-use projects between water ways and opportunities for park recreation. Examples of these projects include the Emerald Necklace Park Network, Encanto Park and Trail, Duck Farm, Gordon Mull, and El Canto.

Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Committee Member Edelman recommended the Committee focus most of their attention and energy on privately owned land, especially transitional land at the base of the mountains. He also expressed a hope that land could be defined by ecological characteristics so the community can understand how undeveloped land contributes to citywide ecological issues; and in turn, reduces the developability of land due to this knowledge. Mr. Edelman also suggested defining facilities districts or benefit assessment districts, especially districts that do not require an engineer's report. This will ensure higher odds to success if there is ample background work. Mr. Edelman lastly recommended Glendale, Pasadena, and South Pasadena (in addition to any other local jurisdiction) should create a joint assessment district to fund an open space corridor.

July 14, 2008—No Speaker

June 9, 2008—No Speaker