



# Agenda Report

November 16, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT: UPDATE & PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ONE ARROYO FOUNDATION EFFORTS**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The following is for information only; no City Council action is required.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In August 2018, the City Council was presented the One Arroyo Final Report, a document prepared at the culmination of the Arroyo Advisory Group (AAG) effort. The AAG was formed in 2017 and was tasked with developing a cohesive vision for the Arroyo Seco, as well as examining ways to address significant deferred maintenance and fund improvements, despite limited funds. Following an 18 month process, the AAG's Final Report provided recommendations for two trail demonstration projects to enhance, connect and preserve the Arroyo, as well as funding strategies for said projects.

Members of the AAG returned to Council in June 2019 with an update on their fundraising feasibility study for the two trail demonstration projects. At that time, City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a contractual relationship through which the demonstration projects are funded and undertaken in the Arroyo. The MOU outlined responsibilities of the One Arroyo Foundation which include fundraising to support the engineering, design, construction and future maintenance of the projects; retaining, supervising and managing individuals and consultants in completing the engineering and design phase of the project; submitting and securing government approvals necessary for the completion of the projects; and consulting with the City regarding the activities of the Foundation and progress of the projects.

Subsequent to the negotiation and execution of the MOU between the Foundation and the City, the One Arroyo Foundation (OAF) began in earnest assembling its board of

directors. Through the Foundation's efforts, their initial fundraising efforts netted sufficient funds to begin the process of hiring a consultant to perform the design work related to the projects. The Foundation published a request for proposals for the design work in April 2020, conducted pre-bid meetings in May 2020, and interviewed finalists in August 2020. At its September 2020 board meeting, a unanimous decision was made to move forward with a consultant on the design work prescribed in the One Arroyo Trail Demonstration Projects. It is anticipated that the design firm will begin preliminary background work in the fourth quarter of 2020.

### **Future Project Fundraising & Opportunities for Community Input**

The project developed by the One Arroyo Foundation and its consultants will be consistent with the recommendations that came from the AAG's final report for the One Arroyo Trail demonstration projects. Once design work begins and the Foundation is ready to unveil a design for the One Arroyo Trail project, the Foundation will be responsible for conducting a robust community outreach process to gather input and feedback to inform the final project delivered to the City. The Foundation will work closely with City departments to ensure that outreach matches that required of City projects of a similar scope. Outreach for the projects will begin in January 2021. It is anticipated that much of the outreach will need to occur virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Should the Public Health Order allow for in-person events, the Foundation will be encouraged to modify its approach to community outreach. Those interested in the projects can sign up to be notified of future outreach plans at [onearroyo.org](http://onearroyo.org).

Similar to how the Foundation has privately raised funds to pay for the design of the project, it will continue to fundraise from both private and public (non-city) sources to fund the future construction of the projects. Through the Foundation's efforts, the City of Pasadena has been awarded \$500,000 in Proposition A Funds from the County of Los Angeles which will help to fund the future environmental review and eventual construction of the projects. The City may consider supplemental funding through its regular budgetary process.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

The information presented in this report does not constitute an approval of or commitment to a construction project. Therefore, no environmental review is required at this time. However, environmental review will be required prior to any construction of a project. Environmental review of the demonstration projects will take place as they move forward through preliminary design and study, and at a time when their potential environmental effects may be known and analyzed.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Costs associated with hiring of the design consultant for this project are the responsibility of the One Arroyo Foundation. Once a plan is ready to be submitted to the

city, there will be costs related to the environmental review process. The One Arroyo Project – Woodlands Loop and Streamside Walk – Design Phase (77381) currently has earmarked \$300,000 towards the environmental review process. In addition, the One Arroyo Project – Woodlands Loop and Streamside Walk- Construction Phase (77382) has an additional \$375,000 earmarked towards construction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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