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ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION AND PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY REACH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY ON RESERVOIR RESTORATION AT DEVIL'S GATE DAM

Project now underway to increase and sustain flood protection for downstream communities while restoring plant and wildlife habitat within the Hahamongna Watershed

LOS ANGELES COUNTY —Today, Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced approval by the Board of Supervisors for a settlement agreement with the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon Society on the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project in Pasadena.

"We're very pleased to reach this agreement with our environmental partners and key stakeholders," Supervisor Kathryn Barger said. "In collaboration with our communities and environmental leaders, we made significant progress to complete this critical work. Since the project was authorized, we actively engaged our community, increased environmental monitoring, and garnered input from the Community Advisory Committee. The resulting project delivers long-term flood protection for the communities in Pasadena, South Pasadena and northeast Los Angeles while improving recreational areas and protecting more than 70 acres of high-quality habitat."

Arroyo Seco Foundation Managing Director Tim Brick said, "This agreement requires the implementation of additional steps to ensure that the project's mitigation measures are implemented effectively addressing noise, dust, traffic and air pollution."

Pasadena Audubon Society President Laura Solomon said, "By adhering to the terms of this agreement, we hope that the County will seize this opportunity to demonstrate its spirit of partnership for environmental stewardship. We believe that this agreement will protect the land, the birds, and the people by shrinking the permanent footprint size of the project, verifying the use of the cleanest trucks possible moving the sediment and restoring additional habitat in the Hahamongna basin."

L.A. County began removing of 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir in May 2019. The settlement maintains the amount of material to be removed while reducing the size of the excavation footprint to preserve or enhance habitat areas around the sediment removal work area. It also stipulates additional air quality monitoring and ongoing maintenance requirements.

When the project is complete, there will be restored flood protection capacity behind the dam and a sustainable reservoir management system.

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