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The Honorable David Dreier  
House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Dreier:

### **FISCAL YEAR 2010 FUNDING REQUEST**

The County of Los Angeles respectfully requests your support in seeking a Federal appropriation of \$500,000 within the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Budget (Investigations), for the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study.

Since this project is also located in the 29th and 31st Congressional Districts, the County has also submitted funding requests to the offices of Representatives Schiff and Becerra.

Your leadership and support for this significant project are sincerely appreciated by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. If you need any additional information, please call me or your staff may contact Ms. Kathi Delegal of our Programs Development Division, Grants Management Section, at (626) 458-3912 or [kdelegal@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:kdelegal@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER  
Chief Engineer  
Los Angeles County Flood Control District

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cc: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas,  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Don Knabe,  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Chief Executive Office

**FUNDING REQUEST FOR  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS BUDGET**

Requesting Entity: Los Angeles County Flood Control District  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803

Requested Amount: \$500,000

Project: Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study

There is Federal interest in the Arroyo Seco Watershed to complete a Feasibility Study consistent with a report completed by major stakeholders within the watershed. The study has laid a framework for future restoration efforts that would benefit the community and focus on (1) restoration of the natural hydrologic functioning of the watershed, (2) management of water resources and water quality improvement, (3) habitat restoration, and (4) improved recreational opportunities and open space. The requested funds would be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for an assessment of the feasibility of these restoration efforts with Federal funding matched by local sponsors. The total project cost is \$2.7 million over the duration of the study with 50 percent of the cost coming from local sources and 50 percent from Federal appropriations.

Funding for this project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds since the project will provide multiple benefits for the region's residents, visitors, and wildlife by restoring ecosystem and native habitat, increasing recreational opportunities and open space, and improving management of water resources. Taxpayers will experience and enjoy the many improvements realized through the implementation of this project.

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