

**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**DATE:** September 17, 2014

**TO:** HWPAC

**FROM:** Rosa Laveaga  
HWPAC Liaison

**RE: Oak Grove Area Improvement (OGAI) Project Update**

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You may remember a City project in Hahamongna called the “Multi-Benefit/Multi-Use Project (MBMU)”. In the summer of 2012, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study were prepared and Community and Scoping Meetings took place on this project.

In response to comments received, the City elected to not move forward with two of the MBMU projects. These were the Sycamore Grove Field project and the Habitat Restoration project in the Devil’s Gate Basin. The removal of these two projects changed the scope of work for the MBMU project and as a result, the environmental process for the MBMU project was stopped. The community was informed that a new environmental process would resume once the scope of work for the remaining projects was better known.

That time has come. The City is ready to develop a revised scope of work for the Oak Grove area of the park. The MBMU project title has been replaced with a new overall project title: ***The Oak Grove Area Improvement Project***. The Oak Grove Area Improvements Project geographically includes the western portion of Hahamongna Watershed Park from the Flint Wash Bridge, north, to the southern edge of the Hahamongna Annex area.

The City has formed a Stakeholder Group for the Oak Grove Area Improvements Project. The purpose of the group will be to develop the components of the Oak Grove Improvements Project and provide feedback that will help shape the design and implementation of the project. The attached Preamble, Exhibit A, lists the overarching assumptions under which the Stakeholder Group will operate.

**Composition of the Stakeholder Group**

Stakeholder Group members who have agreed to offer their time to serve on this important committee include:

- Elizabeth “Betsy” Bour, *Friends of Hahamongna (FOH)*
- Sarah Horner Fish, *Tom Sawyer Camps*
- Joy Rittenhouse, *MACH1*

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- Sue Lafferty, *Rose Bowl Riders (RBR)*
- Howard Tan, *Oak Grove Disc Golf*
- Tecumseh Shackelford, *Arroyo-Windsor Neighborhood Association*
- Patricia Keane, *HWP Advisory Committee*
- Don Bremner, *Sierra Club*
- Porfirio Frausto, *City of Pasadena, Council District 1*
- Charles Thomas, *City of Pasadena, Council District 1*

The City, in partnership with the Arroyo Seco Foundation (ASF), successfully applied for grant funds for the Berkshire Creek Restoration project, located within the OGAI project area. ASF will be an important partner on this project and will also be involved in the Community Stakeholder Group meetings.

**Funded Projects within the OGAI Project Area**

There are six projects in the current CIP (Capital Improvement Program) with funding and that are located within the OGAI project area. These are:

1. Oak Grove Area Improvements
2. Trail Development
3. Berkshire Creek Area Improvements
4. Habitat Restoration
5. Oak Grove Disc Golf Course Improvements

Within the above list of CIP projects are sub-projects or components of the CIP. These sub-projects match up with projects proposed in the adopted HWP Master Plan. Information about these funded sub-projects has been distributed to the Stakeholder Group. See attached map indicating the location of the funded sub-project. The Stakeholder Group will have the opportunity to recommend proceeding with any of these sub-projects, modifying the scope of work on a sub-project or suggesting an alternate sub-project:

- Berkshire Creek
- New Restroom in Lower Oak Grove area
- Foothill Drain
- Park Road improvements
- Westside Perimeter Trail
- Trail Improvements within the Lower Oak Grove area
- Upgrades to existing parking area
- Habitat restoration
- Oak Grove Disc Golf Course improvements

At this time it is anticipated that the Stakeholder Group will have 4 to 5 meetings between the first meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> and its last meeting in mid-November. See attached Exhibit B. This timing will allow the City to utilize the final recommendations from the Stakeholder Group for the OGAI project's required environmental document.

For more information on the Oak Grove Area Improvement Project, please contact Rosa Laveaga at (626) 744-3883, or email Rosa at [rlaveaga@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:rlaveaga@cityofpasadena.net)