

Memorandum

To : The Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group

Date: August 16, 2018

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 9: Consideration of resolution in support of SB 1126 (Portantino).**

Staff Recommendation: That the Working Group support the attached resolution.

Legislative Authority: Section 33220 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The legislation establishing the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group, Assembly Bill 466 (AB 466), Chapter 347 of the Statutes of 2017, requires that the Revitalization Plan (Plan) includes "...the Upper Los Angeles River, the tributaries of the Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, and Verdugo Wash, and any additional tributary waterway that the working group determines to be necessary." Legislation has been introduced that adds the Arroyo Seco to the Plan (SB 1126). Staff recommends that the Working Group support SB 1126 which would add the Arroyo Seco tributary waterway to the Plan.

The Arroyo Seco drains an area of 47 square miles, beginning at Red Box in the San Gabriel Mountains of the Angeles National Forest and proceeding through Pasadena, South Pasadena and Northeast Los Angeles to join the Los Angeles River near Elysian Park. The upper Arroyo Seco and front range of the San Gabriel Mountains provide a portion of the domestic water supply for the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Alhambra and Arcadia.