

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

April 2, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Patricia Bates, OCTA Board of Directors
Vice-Chair Melanie Schlotterbeck, Measure M Support Groups
Veronica Chan, US Army Corps of Engineers
Lori Donchak, OCTA Board of Directors
Nancy Jimeno, California State University, Fullerton
Philip La Puma, Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee
David Mayer, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Derek McGregor, Public Member
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Service
John Walsh, California Wildlife Conservation Board

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Sylvia Vega, Caltrans

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs
Marissa Espino, Strategic Communications Officer
Lesley Hill, Planning Department Project Manager
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager
Monte Ward, Measure M Consultant

1. Welcome

Chair Patricia Bates called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She asked Derek McGregor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the January 15, 2014 Minutes

Chair Patricia Bates asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 15, 2014 EOC meeting minutes.

Melanie Schlotterbeck had the following correction on page 5, paragraph 3, last sentence: *Extending the north-south wildlife connection from ~~Irvine~~Costa Mesa to the Cleveland National Forest is very important.*

A motion was made by Lori Donchak, seconded by Melanie Schlotterbeck, and passed unanimously to approve the January 15, 2014 EOC meeting minutes as corrected.

3. NCCP/HCP and DEIR/EIS Status Update

Dan Phu gave a status update of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIR/DEIS). OCTA has been working with the wildlife agencies in refining the Conservation Plan and issues have come up during this process which will take a little longer to refine. Therefore, there will be a delay in issuing the Plan. The original target date to issue the Plan was late April 2014. The target date is now late summer 2014. Dan Phu said he believed the time being taken on the front end of the project will save time on the back end. This additional effort will help the wildlife agencies in making their findings on these documents as well as support the approval of the Implementing Agreement (IA). The IA along with permits issued out of the process from the wildlife agencies will serve as the permit for construction of the freeway projects.

4. Resource Management Plan Update

Lesley Hill gave an update on the Resource Management Plans (RMP's). The RMP's need the NCCP/HCP requirements to move forward. Once the NCCP/HCP requirements are finalized and approved they will be folded into the RMP and the RMP can be released.

Monte Ward said they will have a focus session for the EOC on the Conservation Plan and on another day a focus session for the EOC on the RMP's. This will include comments from the public.

Chair Patricia Bates asked if other focus sessions will be held. Monte Ward said yes, there will be other sessions in the evening at OCTA and also out in the field where the other properties are located.

5. Public Tours

Marissa Espino reported OCTA will be doing property tours during the spring and summer. Hike and ride tours will be offered on different days. The first two tours will be in late May or early June and then another in August.

Marissa Espino also brought examples of new branding for the mitigation program and passed them around the room.

6. Ad-Hoc Working Group Meetings Summary

Monte Ward gave a summary of the Ad-Hoc Working Group meetings. This group is looking closely into the endowment issues for the acquired properties and also the long term funding of the program. He was confident there would be a

recommendation on the endowment coming to the EOC in a couple of meetings, and a little further out on the long term funding plan.

Chair Patricia Bates asked if recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Working Group would be coming to the EOC in the third quarter of 2014. Monte Ward said he was fairly confident this would be the case.

7. Public Comments

There were no further public comments.

8. Committee Member Reports

Lori Donchak asked if Monte Ward was speaking at a public event soon. Monte Ward said yes, the event was in Aliso Viejo and he would be talking about the Environmental Mitigation Program, the Water Quality Program, and touch on Transportation but did not know the name of the group. He promised to get back to her. Lori Donchak said the name of the forum was ECO Strikes Sustainability Forum and it will be held on April 17 from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

Melanie Schlotterbeck reported she and Dan Phu spoke to the Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) at the request of Philip La Puma. The TOC had great questions and seemed to know a lot about the programs. Philip La Puma said their presentation was excellent and thanked them for giving it.

Melanie Schlotterbeck reported she, Lesley Hill, Dan Phu and Jonathan Snyder sat on a panel along with the consultant from ICF and presented on March 24 for the Association of Environmental Professionals. It was well received with lots of good feedback.

9. Next Meeting – TBD

The date and time of the next EOC meeting will be determined at a later date.

10. Adjournment to Closed Session

The EOC adjourned to Closed Session at 10:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 the EOC adjourned to discuss the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of the following real properties.

The negotiator for OCTA is Dan Phu. The negotiators for the real properties are as specified.

Real Property	Geographic Area	Assessor's Parcel Number	Owner's Negotiator	Acreage
Aliso Canyon	Coastal	056-240-66	John Mansour	150
Irvine Mesa Corridor	Cleveland Nat'l	105-060-02, 105-060-09, 105-060-19, 105-051-36, 876-011-02, 876-011-03, 876-011-19, 876-011-07, 876-011-08, 876-011-11, 876-011-18, 105-051-18, 876-021-15, 876-021-04, 876-021-05, 105-051-33, 105-051-21, 105-051-57, 105-201-12, 105-201-11	David Meyers	670
Holtz Ranch (CCRC Farms LLC)	Cleveland Nat'l Forest	876-034-01, 876-041-01, 105-051-83, 105-051-84, 105-051-85, 105-070-93	Brad Schnepf	327.9
MacPherson	Cleveland Nat'l Forest	105-051-06, 105-051-08	Craig MacPherson	216.7
Mitchell Properties West	Trabuco	842-081-12	Steven U. Parker	101.7
Saddleback Meadows	Trabuco	856-071-01/09, 856-072-01/51, 856-073-01/58, 856-074-01/45; 856-075-01/57, 856-081-01/11, 856-082-01/44, 856-083-01/46, 856-084-01/37, 856-085-01/41, 856-086-01/37, 856-091-02/11, 856-092-01/42, 856-093-01/25, 856-094-01/34, 856-095-01/62, 856-096-01/57, 856-097-01/34, 856-098-01/37	William Fleissig	222
Sky Ranch	Trabuco	842-021-4, 05, 07, 08 and 842-031-04, 05, 08, 09	Dave and Michael Eadie	526.9
Takahashi (Baker Square LLC)	Cleveland Nat'l Forest	105-051-12	Carl Reinhart	643
Watson	Trabuco	858-021-10, 11	Dave and Michael Eadie	98.3