



AGENDA

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

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Orange County Transportation Authority
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, CA

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of July 10, 2019 Minutes**
- 4. Interstate - 5 Widening Project Update**
Lesley Hill, OCTA

Unforeseen complications have been resolved for the Interstate-5 Widening Project (Conservation Plan Project C) segment 3. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife previously communicated that a redesign of the project to allow for potential southern steelhead passage in Aliso Creek would be required. A redesign of the project at Aliso Creek would have resulted in unanticipated delays and increased project costs. The steelhead passage request is a result of the implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 857. OCTA, Caltrans and CDFW have agreed upon another option to satisfy SB 857. CDFW has issued the Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) for this project. Staff will provide an update pertaining to the SAA with the EOC. Additional information is attached.

- 5. Overview of Preserve Management**
Dan Phu, OCTA
Lesley Hill, OCTA
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Since mid-2011, OCTA began acquiring properties (Preserves) as part of the commitment of the Environmental Mitigation Program. These Preserves were acquired prior to the completion of the Conservation Plan and establishment of the endowment to pay for the long-term management, therefore, OCTA retained various entities and consultants to oversee these Preserves. OCTA intends on transferring long term management responsibilities of the Preserves to an appropriate land manager in the near future. OCTA staff has been developing the best strategy to implement this process. A status update will be provided, including the steps in the process. Staff will present this topic to the EOC to obtain feedback.

6. Hobo Aliso Ridge Conservation Easement Acquisition

Lesley Hill, OCTA

Ms. Elia provided public comments during the July 10 EOC meeting recommending that OCTA consider the acquisition of a property that is adjacent to the Pacific Horizon Preserve to take advantage of the economy of scale for management purposes. The EOC chair requested that Ms. Elia submit the Hobo Aliso Ridge acquisition proposal in writing for the committee to consider at the next meeting. The EOC received a letter on October 2, 2019 from Ms. Penny Elia (representing Sierra Club and Save Hobo Aliso Task Force). Staff will provide an introduction of the item, followed by a brief presentation by Ms. Elia.

7. Hikes and Equestrian Rides

Marissa Espino, OCTA

Equestrian rides were offered in July, August, and November at the Trabuco Rose Preserve. A docent led hike occurred at the Pacific Horizon Preserve on Saturday, August 17th, on October 5th at the Wren's View Preserve, and on November 2nd at the Trabuco Rose Preserve in Trabuco Canyon. OCTA will be releasing the 2020 Wilderness Preserve Hiking and Equestrian Riding Tour calendar in January.

8. Public Comments

Members of the public may address the EOC regarding any item. Please complete a speaker's card and submit it to the EOC or notify the EOC the item number on which you wish to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair at the time the agenda item is to be considered. A speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

9. Committee Member Reports

10. Next Meeting – Feb. 5, 2020

11. Adjournment
