

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

November 5, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Patricia Bates, OCTA Board of Directors
Vice-Chair Melanie Schlotterbeck, Measure M Support Groups
Charles Baker for Sylvia Vega, Caltrans
Veronica Chan, US Army Corps of Engineers
Lori Donchak, OCTA Board of Directors
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 Services
John Walsh, California Wildlife Conservation Board

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Dr. David Chapel, Brandman University

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Marissa Espino, Senior Strategic Communications Specialist
Lesley Hill, Planning Department Project Manager
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager

Guest(s)

Phil Bentencort

1. Welcome

Chair Patricia Bates called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and asked Lori Donchak to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the August 6, 2014 Minutes

Chair Patricia Bates asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 2, 2014 EOC meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Lori Donchak, seconded by Melanie Schlotterbeck, and passed unanimously to approve the August 6, 2014 EOC meeting minutes as presented.

3. Ad-Hoc Working Group Meetings Recap

Dan Phu said the OCTA Board approved the establishment of the endowment framework setting aside \$34.5 million for an endowment that would ultimately be used

to pay for the management of the properties that have been acquired. The next step for the Ad Hoc Working Group is to decide what to do with the remaining funds for the program. The recommendations from the Ad Hoc Working Group will be brought to the EOC in the early part of 2015. Once the EOC approves the recommendations they will be brought to the Finance and Administration Committee and then to the OCTA Board for approval.

4. NCCP/HCP and DEIR/EIS

Marissa Espino gave an update on the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) referred to as the Conservation Plan. The Conservation Plan will be released for a 90-day public review period on Friday, November 7. Marissa Espino reviewed the outreach plans for the Conservation Plan documents.

Release of the Resource Management Plans for the public review is anticipated during the first quarter of 2015. The Resource Management Plans will address Preserve-specific management needs (including public access).

Chair Patricia Bates asked if all the cities will have the information about the virtual Open House. Marissa said yes, all cities will have this information. All the materials presented at the Open Houses will be online by next week. All city officials, elected and non-elected, and the Public Works Directors will receive notices on the Open Houses and the website. Chair Patricia Bates believed the broader the distribution of information the less public comments will happen.

Melanie Schlotterbeck congratulated the EOC members and OCTA staff for all the time and effort it took to bring the Conservation Plan about.

Dan Silver said this is one of the documents he is not worried about and that is a nice change of pace. Chair Patricia Bates said she agreed with him – it has been a great process.

5. Public Comments

Phil Bentencort congratulated Chair Patricia Bates on her victory.

6. Committee Member Reports

Lori Donchak said “thank you” to former county Supervisor Patricia Bates for her leadership and inspiration. She has been a great asset to Orange County.

Melanie Schlotterbeck echoed those comments. This will be Chair Patricia Bates’ last meeting. On behalf of the Environmental Coalition she works with she thanked Chair Bates for her leadership. Melanie Schlotterbeck said the Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks have a dinner each year and they give out an award to somebody who does great conservation work. This year the award goes to Supervisor Patricia Bates.

Chair Patricia Bates thanked everyone and said she would like to echo Jonathan Snyder's comments earlier in the year that one of the most enjoyable processes and activities he had been involved with over the course of his career has been working with the EOC.

Chair Patricia Bates said it took everyone working together to put together the document going forward. In the beginning there was a lot of distrust. Eventually everyone committed to an open and fair process. There have been bumps along the way but through discussion and transparency they have been able to get through challenges.

Chair Patricia Bates gave special congratulations to Melanie Schlotterbeck who brought 33 environmental groups together and convinced them to be part of this because the result would be an incredible product that everyone would be proud of.

In conclusion Chair Patricia Bates said it had been a great experience and it was her pleasure to be part of it.

7. Next Meeting – TBD

8. 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
Ferber Ranch	Trabuco	842-011-04, 842-041-04, 842-051-04	Tim Jones	399
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
St. Michael's Abbey	Cleveland Nat'l Forest	876-034-01, 876-041-01, 105-051-83, 105-051-84, 105-051-85, 105-070-93	Michael Recupero	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