



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present:

*Garry Brown, Chair
Keith Linker, Vice Chair.
Danny Kim, California State University, Fullerton
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
Grant Sharp, County of Orange
Mark Tettermer, Irvine Ranch Water District
Jeff Thompson, Rancho Mission Viejo
Marilyn Thoms, East OC Water District
Alex Waite, City of Tustin
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo
Maher Zaher, Santa Ana RWQCB
Vacant, San Diego RWQCB*

*Orange County Transportation
Authority
550 South Main Street, Orange, CA
Via Teleconference
February 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.*

Committee Member(s) Absent:

*Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach
Helen Yu, San Diego RWQCB*

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

*Alison Army, Principal Transportation Analyst Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Mgr.
Marissa Espino, Community Relations Officer*

1. Welcome

Chair Garry Brown welcomed everyone to the quarterly Measure M Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting and went over meeting protocols. Chair Brown said Marwan Youssef has retired and there will be a replacement to this committee. He asked Marissa Espino to take roll call attendance.

Marissa Espino, acting clerk, took roll call attendance and determined the committee had quorum.

Chair Garry Brown asked the committee to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of July 8, 2021 Minutes

Chair Garry Brown asked if there are any additions or corrections to the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Jeff Thompson, seconded by Mark Tettemer, and carried unanimously to approve the July 8, 2021 ECAC minutes.

3. Tier 1 Guidelines Revisions and Call for Projects

Alison Army presented the Tier 1 Programming Recommendations for the 2021 Call for Projects. Alison said staff is proposing some minor changes to the guidelines for the Tier 1 Projects. Other than changes to dates, deadlines, and contact information, there are two notable changes. The first change is an extension to the deadline construction contracts to be awarded from July 30 to December 31. The other notable change is the increase in funding availability to \$3 million. Alison said with the ECAC approval, staff anticipates OCTA Board of Directors approval and release of the call on March 14, 2022. The deadline will be June 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. OCTA staff will conduct a workshop during the call for project and staff will be available for any questions and meetings during the call.

A motion was made by a Dennis Wilberg, seconded by Mark Tettemer, and carried unanimously to endorse the approval of proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 program to recommend Board approval to issue the 2022 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Committee Comments:

Chair Garry Brown asked if OCTA has heard of interest for this call. Alison Army said OCTA expects a big turnout for this call.

4. OC Stormwater Tools Presentation

Dan Phu introduced Ken Susilo and Aaron Poresky from Geosyntec. Dan presented background on previous Tier 2 calls for projects and what needs to be done for a next all. The timing for the next Tier 2 call will depend the OC Stormwater Tools new features and guidelines updates. He said OCTA anticipates releasing the next Call for Projects in the coming fiscal year.

Ken Susilo provided background on Tier 2 funding program. He went over the scoring criteria and noted that there was a robust process for determining the scoring criteria. Ken talked about the Structural BMP Prioritization and Analysis Tool (SBPAT) that was originally developed in Los Angeles County in 2008 and adapted by OCTA in 2012. Ken talked about the formulization for guidelines for Strategically Effective Areas (SEAs) and Tier 2 project analysis.

Aaron Poresky provided background on the OC Stormwater Tools (OCST) and the components of the platform. Aaron talked about the objectives for Tier 2 tool modernization, which is to help applicants develop high-value projects, streamline project analysis/scoring process and provide continuity. He went over the approach for the modernization of the Tier 2 tool. Aaron talked about the Planning Module and how it will reduce the time needed to develop the planning of projects. He shared the vision for OCTA's Dashboard and the benefits of the tool. It is anticipated Geosyntec will present its progress at the next ECAC meeting in May. <The presentation is available upon request>

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Committee Member Comments:

Jeff Thompson asked if the timing of the Tier 2 program coincides with the Tier 1 calls. Dan Phu said the Tier 1 calls have a consistent pattern of a March release and August/September funding approval. The evaluation of Tier 2 projects takes much longer (about 6 months), so the Tier 1 and Tier 2 call would be a bit staggered. Jeff asked if there is a set schedule of Tier 2 calls. Dan said this committee agreed to only fund Tier 2 projects when funds are available versus bonding out the Measure M2 proceeds.

Chair Garry Brown asked about the visual survey under quantifying the collection of trash. Aaron Poresky said the Online Visual Trash Assessment (OVTA) surveys were developed and standardized in the Bay Area, because they experienced the trash requirements earlier than the rest of the state. A lot of work has been done to develop a standard approach to translate the visual survey into trash generation and capture. The purpose of OVTAs is to be able to look at a well-kept site repeatedly and be able to translate the visible trash to a similar level of performance.

Chair Garry Brown said in 2012 OCTA did not have these tools for scoring Tier 2 projects and the ECAC determined that a Tier 2 project had to benefit a specific area or greater. He asked if this tool would make the determination of the specific area for BMPs. Aaron Poresky said the tool will not specify the minimum size, but it supports delineations large and small. Load reduction will be a key factor and the larger the scale, the larger the load reduction.

5. Environmental Cleanup Program Survey Results

Alison Army provided background on the survey. She said this committee had expressed interest in finding out if agencies have projects coming up for either Tier 1 or 2. The surveys were sent out in October 2021 and OCTA received 20 responses. She said it appears that there are six viable Tier 2 projects from the cities for an upcoming call and went through the types, costs, and timelines of the projects from the cities. Alison said 16 of the 20 participants anticipate applying for the next Tier 1 call for projects. She reported the results of the survey question indicating how many

catch basins are still in need of trash capture devices. <The presentation is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

Chair Garry Brown asked if OCTA has determined an estimated amount of money for Tier 2 Projects and the timing. Dan Phu said OCTA is looking at \$8-\$12 million. He said the reason for the variation is the funds are dependent on the amount used for the Tier 1 projects. It is anticipated that the Tier 2 call will be in the next fiscal year during the second half of 2023, with the recommended funding six to nine months later.

Grant Sharp thanked staff for the survey results. He said the County has been having a lot of discussions with the south county cities recently. He said the timing of the next round of Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management funding is predicted to be in the spring. He said that, combined with other funding, this could benefit the cities. The County is working to have open discussions with the cities and other partners about regional water quality projects and there is a lot of talk about regional water structure projects. Dan Phu said as Geosyntec and the County work on this tool, OCTA expects to come back at the next meeting to give an update on the status and demonstration of the tool.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Committee Member Reports

Dennis Wilberg thanked staff for the detailed reports, especially the presentation on Tier 2. He asked if there is a summary report that quantifies the improvements that have been made to update councilmembers. Dan Phu said this information is in the Next 10 Plan report and previous staff reports as well as a program fact sheet that he can provide. Dan said staff is happy to meet with anyone that needs more information.

Dennis Wilberg commented that his staff has indicated that the costs of the catch basin screens and filters has escalated tremendously. He said the contractors are not able to honor the prices they quoted. Alison Army said OCTA is hearing this from several cities. She said if this is happening, contact OCTA and we will look over the changes to come up with a solution on a case-by-case basis.

Grant Sharp said that Helen Yu has taken a promotion, so she will no longer be able to serve on the ECAC.

8. Next Meeting – May 12, 2022

The meeting was adjourned.