



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

Committee Members

*Alben Phung, Caltrans
Jamey Federico, Chair
Dan Silver Endangered Habitats League
Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering
William Miller, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

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

***Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at
2:30 p.m.***

Member(s) Absent

*Bev Perry, Civic Engagement Consultant
Joe Navari, CA Wildlife Conservation Board
Melanie Burlaza, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chair
Michael Neben, Taxpayer Oversight Committee
Veronica Li, US Army Corp of Engineers*

Member(s) Teleconferencing

No members were teleconferencing

1. Welcome

Chair Jamey Federico called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jamey Federico lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of August 7, 2024, Minutes

No motion to approve was made due to lack of quorum. Minutes will be moved to next meeting.

4. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report

Dan Phu, OCTA Planning, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no committee comments.

5. Fairview Park Restoration Project Update

Lesley Hill, OCTA Planning, presented the update.

Committee Member Comments:

There were no committee comments.

6. OCTA Conservation Plan Annual Report

Lesley Hill, OCTA Planning, presented the report. <This presentation is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if they had experienced the invasive species Oak Borer. Lesley Hill responded yes, the Goldspotted Oak Borer was first documented on the Wren's View Preserve about four years ago. OCTA has been collaborating with the UC Extensions group and the Orange County Fire Authority (using a Cal Fire grant) and monitoring for that beetle as well as the Invasive Shot Hole Borer. The Goldspotted Oak Borer has expanded into O'Neill Regional Park and other areas in Orange County. Monitoring is ongoing, following protocol on treatment recommendations and removal of dead trees.

A committee member asked about the scope of work for the grant with Cal Fire. Lesley Hill responded she did not have the specifics of the grant, but it is tied to the beetle's effect on the trees and their removal.

A committee member asked if the recent fires got close or affected any of the Preserves located along Live Oak Road. Lesley Hill responded they did not.

A committee member asked if the wildlife cameras shoot still shots or video. Lesley Hill responded the cameras are changed out depending on what they are targeting, but most are set to still photos.

7. Hikes and Equestrian Rides

Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented the update.

The last events were held in August and October. In partnership with the Sea and Sage Audubon Society, an acorn planting event was held November 20, on the Trabuco Rose property.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Committee Member Reports

There were no member comments

10.Next Meeting—February 5, 2025.

11.Adjournment-- Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.