

# **AGENDA** Environmental Oversight Committee

#### **Committee Members**

Lori Donchak, Chairman Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chairman Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12 Lisa Bartlett, OCTA Board of Directors Veronica Li, US Army Corps of Engineers Dr. David Chapel, Brandman University David Mayer, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League Jonathan Snyder, US Fish & Wildlife Service Anthony Villa, Taxpayers Oversight Committee Representative John Walsh, CA Wildlife Conservation Board Orange County Transportation Authority 600 South Main Street, Room 154 Orange, California September 2, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of August 5, 2015 Minutes
- 4. M2 10-Year Review Discussion Tamara Warren, OCTA

It's been almost 10 years since the passage of Measure M2, a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements, by nearly 70 percent of Orange County voters in 2006. The M2 Ordinance No. 3 requires that a review of the program take place at least every ten years. The Ten-Year Review is currently underway and OCTA would like to share the progress of M2 and seek the committees input on the overall M2 program.

## 4. Restoration Projects Update

Lesley Hill, OCTA

University of California, Irvine Ecological Reserve Restoration Project Milan Mitrovich, Science Coordinator, Nature Reserve of Orange County Margot Griswold, Senior Restoration Ecologist, Land IQ

The University of California, Irvine Ecological Reserve Restoration Project was funded through the Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program in 2010. A total of

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\$325,000 was funded to the Nature Reserve of Orange County to restore cactus scrub. The Nature Reserve of Orange County will present a status update.

#### 5. Interim Land Management Status Lesley Hill, OCTA

It is anticipated the upcoming rainy season may result in an El Nino year. OCTA is taking a proactive approach to address land maintenance issues that may require immediate attention. OCTA contracted with various interim land managers who are no longer under contract. OCTA recently retained a property maintenance contractor and a patrol firm to maintain the Ferber Ranch Preserve for a two-year period. These contracts can be utilized on the other OCTA Preserves but the primary focus will be on Ferber Ranch. Potential land maintenance issues that may occur include clearing or repairing internal roads to maintain access for emergency services or adjacent property evacuation. OCTA's contractor is on-call, and has crews and equipment that can be quickly mobilized.

If major storm events were to occur during the upcoming rainy season which will require the services of the maintenance contractor beyond the anticipated frequency, the maintenance contract budget may not be sufficient to address next year's rainy season. Accordingly, OCTA is in the process of procuring a new interim land management contract to accommodate the upcoming two and possibly three years. It is anticipated that the new contract will be procured by late 2015.

## 6. Public Comments

## 7. Committee Member Reports

8. Next Meeting – October 7, 2015

## 9. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of the Aliso Canyon property.

The negotiator for OCTA is Dan Phu. The negotiator for the Aliso Canyon property is specified below.

• Aliso Canyon (APN – 056-240-66), Mr. Lanny Winberry

# 10. Adjournment

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