



# AGENDA

## Environmental Oversight Committee

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### **Committee Members**

*Lisa Bartlett, Chair*  
*Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chair*  
*Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12*  
*Dr. David Chapel, Grand Jury*  
*Association of OC*  
*Lori Donchak, OCTA Board of Directors*  
*David Mayer, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife*  
*Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering*  
*Veronica Li, US Army Corps of Engineers*  
*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  
Board Room - Conference Room 07-08  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, California

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.**

Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact the OCTA Clerk of the Board, telephone (714) 560-5676, no less than two (2) business days prior to this meeting to enable OCTA to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of June 1, 2016 Minutes**
- 4. Harriett Wieder Restoration Project Update**

Lesley Hill, OCTA

*The Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC) presented a status update to the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) in late 2015. The EOC requested that staff provide monthly status updates and that BCC return every three months with a progress report. A status report on the project will be provided, which includes updated information on the project footprint, cost, and schedule.*

- 5. M2 Revenue Forecast Update**

Dan Phu and Rodney Johnson, OCTA

*The Environmental Mitigation Program allocates at least 5% of the anticipated freeway program revenues from the Measure M2 sales tax. The freeway program is comprised of 43% of the overall M2 budget. Staff will present an updated forecast on the M2 sales tax.*

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**6. EMP Endowment Procurement Update**

Dan Phu, OCTA

Rodney Johnson, OCTA

*The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Measure M2 (M2) Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) provides comprehensive mitigation to offset the environmental impacts of OCTA's 13 M2 freeway improvement projects. This process is achieved through acquisition of vacant lands (Preserves) and funding of habitat restoration projects in Orange County. The Preserves are integrated into the Conservation Plan and will be protected as wild lands in perpetuity. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will approve the Conservation Plan, which fulfills OCTA's obligation to mitigate for biological impacts of M2 freeway improvements. The Conservation Plan will require establishment of one or more permanent endowments to fund the long-term management and monitoring of the OCTA Preserves in perpetuity. To date, OCTA has acquired seven Preserves, totaling approximately 1,300 acres in various parts of Orange County.*

*A preliminary estimate of endowment value needed for the seven Preserves is approximately \$46.2 million, to be achieved over an establishment period of 10 to 12 years. This is based on an estimated \$34.5 million in total deposits from the M2 EMP fund and \$11.7 million in investment returns, net of all management fees. It is proposed that an organization qualified to hold and manage the interim endowment under Government Code §§65965-65968 be selected through a process of Request for Proposal (RFP). The EOC endorsed the scope of work for the endowment creation manager at the March 2016 meeting. A status update will be provided on the procurement process.*

**7. Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC: Residual Parcels Sale**

Dan Phu, OCTA

*OCTA acquired the Ferber Ranch from the Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC (TCC) in May 2011. During this transaction, two residual parcels were set aside and retained by TCC. TCC has offered these two parcels to OCTA for purchase. During previous EOC meetings, OCTA staff provided a report of the re-evaluation of these parcels utilizing the Board-approved criteria developed for the OCTA M2 EMP acquisition property process. Since early July 2016, the parcel located on the west side (Hickey Canyon) has been sold. The parcel on the east side (Rose Canyon) is still available. Some members of the EOC toured the east side parcel in July. A status report will be provided on the tour. The EOC will be engaged in a discussion of next steps in the process.*

**8. Aliso Canyon Preserve Hike and Ferber Ranch Preserve Equestrian Ride**

Marissa Espino, OCTA

*On Saturday, August 13th, OCTA hosted a guided hike at the Aliso Canyon Preserve in Laguna Beach. On Saturday, August 27th, an equestrian ride will take place at the Ferber*

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*Ranch Preserve in Trabuco Canyon. Staff will provide a brief summary about these public events.*

### **9. 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.*

### **10. Committee Member Reports**

### **11. Next Meeting – Sept. 7, 2016**

### **12. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

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