



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present:

*Mary Anne Skorpanich Chair
Garry Brown, Vice-Chair
Scott Carroll, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Hector Salas, Caltrans District 12
Mark Tettemer, Irvine Ranch Water District
Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster*

*Orange County Transportation
Authority
600 South Main Street, Room 154
Orange, California
February 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.*

Committee Member(s) Absent:

*Doug Houston, University of California, Irvine
Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach
Keith Linker, City of Anaheim
Sat Tamarbuchi, Environmental Consultant
Laurie Walsh, San Diego RWQCB
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo
Vacant Santa Ana, RWQCB*

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Alison Army, Senior Transportation Analyst
Marissa Espino, Community Relations Officer
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Charlie Larwood, Transportation Planning Manager
Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Manager

1. Welcome

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich welcomed everyone to the Measure M Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting.

2. Approval of the December 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 10, 2015 meeting minutes. A motion was made by a committee member, seconded by another committee member, and carried unanimously to approve the December 10, 2015 ECAC minutes as presented.

3. Tier 1 Call for Projects Update/Board Committee Remarks

Dan Phu gave an update on the Tier 1 call for projects and the comments from the Regional Planning and Highways Committee and OCTA Board of Directors (Board) meetings on February 1 and February 8, 2016, respectively. The Board approved the recommendation to release the Tier 1 call for projects which is scheduled for release on February 15, 2016.

Board member Lori Donchak asked if projects using reclaimed water or water from purple pipes can receive funding from the ECAC Measure M Program (Project X). Dan Phu said the simple answer is no if the project in question is seeking Project X funding for piping reclaimed water for irrigation or other uses. The Ordinance says 2% of the gross revenue from Measure M shall be used to clean up water from the transportation system. Board member Lori Donchak asked OCTA staff to take this discussion to the ECAC and then come back to the Board with recommendations. Projects must comply with the Ordinance and meet the transportation nexus within Chapter 12 of the CTFP Guidelines in order to be eligible for funding under this program.

4. Tier 2 Status Update

Alison Army gave a Tier 2 status report. She sent out an email to all the cities and the County asking if they had any “shovel ready” Tier 2 projects and if they do where they are in the project development process. Six cities responded and the overall response was that they are not ready to submit projects for Tier 2 funding at this time. Tustin and Laguna Niguel responded that they may have Tier 2-type projects in the works, but require at least a year before they are ready to apply for funding.

Keith Linker suggested that with upcoming Proposition 1 funding (anticipated in 2017), there may be more projects in the works that could apply for Tier 2 funding in the next few years. Mary Anne Skorpanich suggested that the ECAC take into consideration the Proposition 1 schedule when planning the next Tier 2 call for projects.

Garry Brown asked about the status of the approved Tier 2 projects. Alison Army said:

Laguna Niguel – complete

Irvine – will be complete in May

Aliso Viejo – ground breaking in late February

Fletcher Basin – close to completion

Santa Ana – planning to award construction contracts in June 2016

Newport Beach – close, but held up by the California Coastal Commission permitting process

Dan Phu explained that the delay in the next Tier 2 call for projects is beneficial from a financial standpoint since OCTA will be less likely to bond against future revenues the longer the calls are delayed. Up to this point, both Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects have been funded on a “pay-as-you-go” basis.

Mary Anne Skorpanich: In response to a bill approved by the legislature about 18 months ago, which requires agencies applying for Proposition 1 have their stormwater projects listed in a Stormwater Resource Plan, the County is heading up an effort with several other organizations to put together a “functionally equivalent” Stormwater Resource Plan as there are a number of applicant interested in applying for Proposition 1 money in 2017. The timeline for this effort is accelerated and would need to be completed in about six to nine months. Keith Linker will be part of the working group charged with developing this plan. Mary Anne Skorpanich offered an invitation to any other ECAC members interested in taking part in the working group.

5. ECAC Meeting Schedule

Marissa Espino said, since inception of the ECAC, the committee has been meeting monthly. Now that the committee is well established, the meetings will be scheduled on a quarterly basis instead. The next meeting will be in June and Marissa Espino will be sending an updated schedule to all the members.

6 ECAC Member Recruitments

Marissa Espino reported there are four openings on the committee:

County of Orange Representative
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative
Scientific/Academic Community Representative
Development Industry Representative

If you know anyone who would like to fill one of the vacancies please call Marissa Espino.

7. Outgoing Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich

Charlie Larwood spoke for the OCTA staff and thanked Mary Anne Skorpanich for her service and commitment.

Mary Anne Skorpanich thanked the OCTA staff and said it was a pleasure to work with them. She thanked her fellow committee members for their time and commitment.

8. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke

9. Committee Member Reports

No committee member reports

10. Next Meeting - TBD