



AGENDA

Environmental Oversight Committee

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Orange County Transportation Authority
600 South Main Street, First Floor - Room 154
Orange, California

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of February 3, 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) at the November 4th EOC meeting. The EOC requested that staff provide monthly status updates and that BCC return every three months with a progress report. BCC staff presented an update during the February EOC meeting. A status update for the project will be provided by OCTA staff this month.

- 5. Chino Hills State Park Restoration Projects Update**

Lesley Hill, OCTA

The California Department of Parks and Recreation are sponsoring two habitat restoration projects: North Coal Canyon and Chino Hills State Park. The North Coal Canyon project consists of 5.5 acres of sage scrub restoration at a cost of \$247,500. The Chino Hills



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State Park project is comprised of two restoration areas and includes proposed restoration to riparian (15 acres) and cactus scrub (6 acres) habitats at a total cost of \$193,000. These projects were approved for funding by the OCTA Board of Directors in May of 2012. Department of Parks and Recreation staff (Ken Keitzer) will present an overview and status update to the EOC about these projects.

6. Endowment Scope of Work

Dan Phu, OCTA

Monte Ward, OCTA Consultant

Recommendation

- *Endorse the scope of work for the endowment creation manager*

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 is achieved through funding habitat restoration activities on existing conservation lands, as well as OCTA acquiring vacant lands (Preserves) in Orange County. These Preserves are integrated into the Conservation Plan and will be protected in perpetuity. The Conservation Plan has been prepared to enable OCTA to obtain permits from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) related to 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).

7. Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC offer to sell residual parcels

Dan Phu, OCTA

Monte Ward, OCTA Consultant

OCTA acquired the Ferber Ranch from the Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC (TCC) in 2013. During this transaction, two residual parcels were carved out and retained by TCC. TCC has retained ownership of the two parcels and have offered to them for sale to OCTA. Guidance and direction is needed from the EOC on OCTA's interest to potentially acquire these parcel(s).



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8. 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.

9. Committee Member Reports

10. Next Meeting – April 6, 2016

11. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, 600 South Main Street, First Floor – Conference Room 154, Orange, California.
