



AGENDA

Environmental Oversight Committee

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

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of April 5, 2017 Minutes**
- 4. June 20, 2017 Commemoration Event**
Marissa Espino, OCTA

OCTA held the Measure M Environmental Mitigation Program commemoration event on June 20, 2017 at O'Neill Regional Park. This event marked the culmination of over a decade of collaboration between OCTA, state and federal wildlife agencies, Caltrans, and local environmental leaders. The major milestone achieved was the issuance of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan permits from the state and federal resources agencies. The event was well-attended by OCTA Board of Directors, Environmental Oversight Committee members, and various stakeholders.

- 5. Restoration Projects Tour Recap**
Lesley Hill, OCTA

OCTA hosted a tour of two OCTA M2 funded restoration projects for EOC members on May 3. Staff will provide an overview of that tour as well as share a video summarizing recent restoration efforts at Aliso Creek.



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6. United States Army Corps of Engineers Endowment Needs

Lesley Hill, OCTA

The construction of the M2 freeway projects are anticipated to result in impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States. These impacts will require that OCTA provide mitigation and obtain a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On a parallel process to the Conservation Plan, staff is finalizing a program-level permit with the Corps. This permit will authorize OCTA to maximize a subset of the mitigation included in the Conservation Plan as well as lay out an abbreviated time line for project level 404 permit issuance. An overview of this programmatic permit will be presented to the EOC.

7. Release of the Aliso Canyon and Hayashi Resource Management Plans

Lesley Hill, OCTA

OCTA will be releasing the Aliso Canyon and Hayashi Resource Management Plans (RMPs) within the next two months. Five other RMPs were previously released for the Trabuco and Silverado Canyon Preserves (Hafen, Ferber Ranch, MacPherson, O'Neill Oaks, and Saddle Creek South). The two new RMPs are modeled after the framework of the five previous RMPs, which were vetted with the EOC and public. These two RMPs would follow a similar public vetting process which include a 90-day public review period. Staff will be presenting an overview of the two remaining RMPs for discussion and endorsement by the EOC.

Recommendations

A. *Approve the release of the Aliso Canyon and Hayashi resource management plans for public review.*

8. Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC: Rose Canyon Residual Parcel Update

Dan Phu, OCTA

OCTA acquired the Ferber Ranch property from the Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC (TCC) in May 2011. During this transaction, two residual parcels were carved out 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. A status update of additional due diligence efforts will be provided to the EOC.

9. Additional Conservation Properties Consideration and Established Process

Dan Phu, OCTA

Over the last several years, property owners/representatives have approached OCTA regarding interest to acquire their property under the Environmental Mitigation Program.



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As the Conservation Plan (Plan) and related efforts are entering the implementation phase, OCTA will need to focus on the following efforts to satisfy the requirements of the Plan: funding/establishing an endowment; managing the OCTA Conservation Properties (Preserves) on an interim basis; implementing habitat restoration projects; and implementing the individual Measure M2 freeway projects in accordance to the provisions set forth in the Conservation Plan. Staff will be providing details of the aforementioned tasks.

10. Senate Bill 1 (Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017) Updates

Adriann Cardoso, OCTA

In 2017, Senate Bill 1 was passed to provide a revenue source for the State of California's aging road infrastructure. Existing law provides various sources of funding for transportation purposes, including funding for the state highway system and the local street and road system. These funding sources include, among others, fuel excise taxes, commercial vehicle weight fees, local transactions and use taxes, and federal funds. Existing law imposes certain registration fees on vehicles, with revenues from these fees deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account and used to fund the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol. Existing law provides for the monthly transfer of excess balances in the Motor Vehicle Account to the State Highway Account.

This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. This Bill contains an environmental mitigation component who would set aside approximately \$30 million on an annual basis to mitigate for impacts of the funded projects. Staff will provide an update on the environmental provision of the Bill.

11. 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.

12. Committee Member Reports

13. Next Meeting – TBD

14. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of the following real properties:



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Ferber Ranch Residual Parcel (17.3+/- acres), located at 19912 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA. The negotiator for the Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC is Mr. Tim Jones. The negotiator for OCTA is Dan Phu.

15. Adjournment