



# AGENDA

## Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

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

**Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.**

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of February 6, 2019 Minutes**
- 4. OCTA Conservation Plan Annual Report**  
Lesley Hill, OCTA

*The Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (Conservation Plan) permit was issued by the Wildlife Agencies in mid-2017. As a result, the M2 environmental process has been streamlined allowing OCTA to expedite the M2 freeway projects. OCTA has developed the first Conservation Plan Annual Report. This report includes the tracking of impacts associated with covered freeway improvement projects and other management and monitoring activities on Preserves, status and activities on the Preserves, progress of the restoration projects, and Conservation Plan administration and public outreach activities. In summary, the Annual Report documents that through 2018, OCTA is complying and on target with the Conservation Plan commitments. OCTA will continue with its efforts to complete the required objectives in a timely manner. This Annual Report has been reviewed and approved by the Wildlife Agencies and will be available to the public on OCTA's website in August. Additional information pertaining to this item is attached. Staff will present an overview of the Annual Report content.*

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### 5. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report

Sean Murdock, OCTA

*The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan; acquired conservation properties; and funded habitat restoration projects to mitigate the impacts of Measure M2 freeway projects. California Community Foundation manages the non-wasting endowment required to pay for the long-term management of the conservation properties. Each quarter, the California Community Foundation publishes a comprehensive report detailing the composition of the pool and the performance. Attached is the latest quarterly investment report for the Endowment Pool. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the pool objectives.*

### 6. Update of the OCTA Preserves Fire Management Plans

Lesley Hill, OCTA

*As required by the Conservation Plan, OCTA began developing fire management plans (Plans) for the Preserves in 2018. The Plans will provide guidelines for decision-making at all stages, including fire prevention, pre-fire vegetation management, suppression activities, and post-fire responses that are compatible with conservation and stewardship responsibilities. These Plans require approval by the Wildlife Agencies. The consultant preparing these plans attended the annual OCTA Family Hike in April at the Trabuco Rose Preserve to help educate the public on the importance of wildland fire safety. A technical report has been drafted and OCTA staff and the consultant are meeting and collaborating with the regulatory agencies to determine appropriate future management recommendations. These recommendations will be presented in the final Plan for each Preserve and will be shared with the EOC. Additional information is attached. A more detailed update on this development process will be shared with the EOC.*

### 7. Interstate - 5 Widening Project Overview

Lesley Hill, OCTA

*Unforeseen complications have developed for the Interstate-5 Widening Project (Conservation Plan Project C) segment 3. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has communicated that they cannot consider the Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification complete without a redesign of the project that allows for potential southern steelhead passage in Aliso Creek. A redesign of the project at Aliso Creek will result in unanticipated delays and increased costs. The steelhead passage request is a result of the implementation of Senate Bill 857. Staff would like to discuss this development with the EOC. Additional information is attached.*

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### 8. 2019 Hikes and Equestrian Rides

Marissa Espino, OCTA

*An equestrian ride is scheduled for this weekend at Trabuco Rose (Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>). Next month we will host a docent led hike at our Pacific Horizon Preserve in Laguna Beach.*

### 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 – TBD

### 12. Adjournment

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