



## ***Minutes***

### ***Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee***

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#### **Committee Members**

*Lisa Bartlett, Chairman  
Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chair  
Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12*

*Orange County Transportation Authority  
600 South Main Street, Room 154  
Orange, California  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 2:30  
p.m.*

*Dr. David Chapel, Grand Jury Assoc. of O.C.  
Lori Donchak, Board of Directors  
David Mayer, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering  
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League  
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish & Wildlife  
Anthony Villa, Taxpayers Oversight Comm.  
John Walsh, CA Wildlife Conserv. Board*

#### **Member(s) Absent**

*Veronica Li, US Army Corp of Engineers*

#### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Lisa Bartlett called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Melanie Schlotterbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. Approval of February 3, 2016 Minutes**

Chairman Lisa Bartlett asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 3, 2016 EOC minutes. A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by Derek McGregor, and passed unanimously to approve the February 3, 2016 EOC meeting minutes as presented.

#### **4. Harriett Wieder Restoration Projects Update**

Lesley Hill gave a brief review on where OCTA stands with the Harriett Wieder Restoration Project.

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

The California Department of Parks and Recreation are sponsoring two habitat restoration projects: North Coal Canyon and Chino Hills State Park. Lesley Hill introduced the Department of Parks and Recreation staff Senior Environmental Scientist Ken Keitzer. Ken Keitzer gave an overview and status update on these projects.

Lori Donchak asked how the money works for these projects. Are bills submitted to OCTA and the money disbursed, and are these estimates and awards on target? Dan Phu said all of these restoration projects have “project sponsors” that act as a contractor on behalf of OCTA. Contractually these projects are set up with a certain budget, an implementation schedule, and a habitat restoration plan that goes with the contracts and are approved by the Wildlife Agencies. Once the contract is executed and work has begun they will invoice OCTA on a monthly or quarterly basis for work done in the previous month or period.

Dan Silver said the two sights proposed for restoration have a very different cost per acre. Why is this? Ken Keitzer explained that site access, need for site preparation, and the complexity of the type of work to be done on the habitat are some of the components that are factored in to the cost estimate. These variables can cause one project’s cost per acre to be more or less than another.

## **6. Endowment Scope of Work**

Dan Phu gave an overview of the history involved in establishing the Endowments. He outlined the information found in the Endowment Scope of Work packet.

Monte Ward gave an overview on who can hold an endowment.

Rodney Johnson, OCTA Deputy Treasurer, reported on the financial aspect of the draft Scope of Work.

Lori Donchak liked the wording in the draft Endowment Creation Objectives where it states the endowment creation manager may also become a permanent endowment manager through a separate selection process.

### **Public Comment**

Dave Erikson (Center for Natural Lands Management) asked if there will be one large endowment or pool of money doled out to endowment managers individually or will there be a pool of money for each endowment for each preserve.

Dan Phu said this question will be pretty complicated in terms of how it will be set-up. The short answer is this is the endowment creation phase so for the time being OCTA is looking at one endowment but they do have a pretty good idea in terms of costs for each one of the seven preserves. This will roll up into the \$34.5 million, the principal needed for the ten to twelve year period. After the endowment creation phase this will be looked upon a little differently.

Monte Ward added that during the period that the endowment is being created (about 10 to 12 years) OCTA will not be paying for any of the property management or maintenance out of the endowment. The M2 revenue stream will pay for these costs. Also during this period OCTA will be settling who the permanent managers are for the preserves. It is being structured this way so it can be flexible to adjust. It could also be possible to have one or two managers and a consolidated endowment. They are trying to keep it as open as possible in order to get the best fit for the preserves.

**Recommendation:** A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by Dr. David Chapel, and carried unanimously to endorse the scope of work for the endowment creation manager.

**7. Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC Offer to Sell Residential Parcels**

Dan Phu gave a brief background on the proposed transactions. Staff is looking for direction on whether OCTA would be interested in discussions/negotiations to acquire the two residual parcels.

The EOC members discussed their options on potentially acquiring these parcels.

A decision was made to have OCTA Staff gather further information and bring back the options to the EOC committee for consideration.

**Public Comment**

Gloria Sefton spoke in support of the acquisition of at least the 17.3 acre parcel on Rose Canyon Rd.

**8. Public Comments**

Delma Johnson - Trabuco Canyon Community: spoke on the peripheral trail access and staging areas to the acquired properties.

**9. Committee Member Reports**

There were no further committee reports.

**10. Next Meeting – April 6, 2016**

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.