

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Chairperson, Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange-Watershed and Coastal
Resources Program
Tim Casey, City of Laguna Niguel
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Paul D. Jones, Irvine Ranch Water District
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
James Smith, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
Dick Wilson, City of Anaheim

Committee Members Absent:

Mark Adelson, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
John Bahorski, City of Cypress
William Cooper, UCI
Joe Parco, City of Santa Ana
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Marissa Espino, Senior Community Relations Specialist
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Hal McCutchan, Environmental Programs Manager
Monte Ward, Consultant

Guests:

Tom Rosales, Southern California Waste Water Authority
Katie Wilson, Willdan Engineering

1. Welcome

Chairman Garry Brown began the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Introductions were given. Chairman Brown introduced Tom Rosales, General Manager of the Southern California Waste Water Authority, who was selected; pending approval by the OCTA Board Chairman, to fill the vacancy on the committee left when Karen Baroldi

resigned. Mr. Rosales introduced himself and gave information about his background.

2. Approval of the September 2009 Minutes

Chairman Garry Brown asked if there were any corrections to the September 10, 2009 meeting minutes. No corrections were suggested. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich and seconded by Committee member Gene Estrada to approve the September 10, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Committee member Tim Casey, who did not attend the September meeting.

3. 9.23.09 TAC Meeting – ECA Program Feedback

Hal McCutchan, OCTA staff, reported that a presentation on the draft program funding guidelines was given to OCTA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on September 23rd. The TAC provided verbal feedback on the following: 1) clarifying that the cooperative agreement within the draft is not to be confused with the Master Agreement, 2) that elements within the Santa Ana/San Diego Regional Water Quality Boards MS4 permit, 3) comments that pollutants, such as bacteria, are not necessary tied to transportation. A request was made to the TAC to follow-up in writing by October 21st to the draft funding guidelines. Monte Ward, OCTA's consultant, indicated that input from the TAC is needed as the public works administrators are implementers of their respective water quality programs and the ones who would be putting the funding submittals.

Hal McCutchan presented a matrix on the development of timeline for M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Program, discussing future milestone dates and goals for both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs.

4. BMP Implementation Modeling Discussion

Hal McCutchan presented the Tier 2 Program Planning Study outline for the committee to discuss. The outline and related discussions included objectives, scope of work components, and budget/timeframe.

Chair Garry Brown suggested adding to the objectives section "partnerships of multiple jurisdictions". Committee member Gene Estrada asked what modeling approach is being asked for. Hal said it is still open for discussion as there are several models available. Monte suggested it would be best to look at what is available and let the complete aspect play into it.

Committee member James Smith asked if the \$40,000 to \$50,000 proposed amount is per watershed or per project. Monte Ward indicated that this figure is based on the figure of 11 watershed areas in Orange County. The money available is between

\$400,000 to \$500,000, and it will be a combination of the County's storm water program and OCTA.

Committee member James Smith inquired about the timeframe for funding the projects. Monte Ward said the consensus of the ECAC was for the Tier 1 Program to be distributed on a "pay as you go" basis when the revenues become available in April 2011. The Tier 2 Program is more complex so there will be multi-year funding requirement. It would require either accumulating the funds or financing them.

A motion was made by committee member Tim Casey and seconded by committee member Gene Estrada to proceed with drafting the Scope of Work for the Tier 2 Program Planning Project. The motion passed unanimously

Chair Garry Brown said the ECAC program funds are tied to the definition of transportation related projects and the County is not tied to this. Is the gap between going to be an area of friction? Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said she does not anticipate this to happen – the nexus that was developed is broad.

5. Infrastructure Report Card for Surface Water Quality

Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich presented the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card on Surface Water Quality. Vice-Chair Skorpanich and Chair Garry Brown participated on the development of the Report Card. The development of the Report Card was part of an overall effort by the American Society of Civil Engineers to make an assessment at the national, state, and regional level on the correct state of infrastructure and costs associated with the infrastructure. In addition, the purpose of the Report Card was to highlight the importance of infrastructure and the need for additional investment in infrastructure.

Vice-Chair Skorpanich outlined the 2009 Standard Categories and scoring criteria, which resulted in a "D" rating for Orange County.

Committee member James Smith asked if the previous data had been reviewed to see what areas Orange County scored lower on than the previous assessment. Vice-Chair Skorpanich said they did not have any previous data. The previous assessment combined surface water quality and flood control. There is not much continuity from the 2005 report card.

Monte Ward asked how the M2 funds would factor into the dedicated funding picture. Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich indicated that funding would increase BMP planning and implementation.

6. Next Meeting – November 12, 2009

The next ECAC meeting will be November 12, 2009.

7. Committee Member Reports

Committee member Tim Casey reported that the Orange County division of New California Cities along with the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and several of the major stakeholders put together a model of a second-generation water conservation ordinance to be applied to new development. Committee member Casey indicated that he would ask the consultant to come to the ECAC and make a presentation.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.