

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

December 5, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Patricia Bates, OCTA Board of Directors
Vice-Chair Melanie Schlotterbeck, Measure M Support Groups
David Mayer, CA Department of Fish and Game
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Nancy Jimeno, California State University, Fullerton
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Services
Greg Winterbottom, OCTA Board of Directors

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Veronica Chan, US Army Corps of Engineers
Dave Means, California Wildlife Conservation Board
Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research
Philip La Puma, Measure M2 Taxpayers Oversight Committee
Sylvia Vega, Caltrans

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs
Marissa Espino, Senior Strategic Communications Specialist
Lesley Hill, Planning Department Project Manager
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager
Monte Ward, Measure M Consultant

1. Welcome

Chair Patricia Bates called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. She asked Director Greg Winterbottom to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the November 7, 2012 Minutes

A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by Nancy Jimeno, to approve the November 7, 2012 EOC meeting minutes as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Acquisition Properties

A. Appraisal Status Update

Dan Phu gave a brief status update on the appraisal process. There will be a closed session following the meeting to discuss offers on a subset of the Group 1 properties.

B. Ferber Ranch Memo/Response to Comments Update

Dan Phu said at the October 3 and November 7, 2012 EOC meetings members of the public expressed concerns regarding the management of the Ferber Ranch property. OCTA is in the process of procuring a contract with three different types of professional services – Maintenance Contractor, Patrol Contractor, and a Biological Monitoring Contractor.

Dan Phu directed attention to the Ferber Ranch Management/Maintenance Efforts to Date memo. This memo was also given to members of the public who commented on the property in the past. The memo captures what has been accomplished to date on the property but does not mean additional efforts will stop. Early in February, staff will be presenting to an equestrian group (Equestrian Trails, Inc.) regarding the ongoing management and maintenance efforts. The presentation will pertain not only to the Ferber Ranch property but to the entire Foothill/Trabuco area because OCTA has acquired several properties in the area.

Nancy Jimeno asked where the meeting will be taking place. Marissa Espino said the meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on February 7th at the Friends Sports Bar & Grill.

Nancy Jimeno asked who from OCTA will be attending. Dan Phu said he will be attending along with Monte Ward, Marissa Espino and Lesley Hill. Chair Patricia Bates said either she or Melanie Schlotterbeck will be attending the meeting as well.

Chair Patricia Bates asked for EOC members to let her know if they would like to attend the meeting. She cautioned that there could be Brown Act issues if too many committee members were at the meeting. Also staff would be taking the lead and responding to questions at the meeting.

4. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments. Chair Patricia Bates thanked the members of the public who attended the EOC meeting for coming and urged them to keep their email comments on the Ferber Ranch issues coming.

5. Committee Member Reports

Melanie Schlotterbeck reported she gave a PowerPoint presentation on recent accomplishments in the environmental movement at the Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks meeting the previous evening. She highlighted the work of the EOC and, looking back, was impressed at what had been accomplished. She gave her congratulations to OCTA and the wildlife resource agencies for working together and accomplishing so much.

6. Next Meeting – TBD

The next EOC meeting date has yet to be determined.

7. Closed Session

The regular EOC meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. and went into Closed Session. Closed session adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m. and there were no further actions reported in public session.