



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present:

*Garry Brown, Chair
Keith Linker, Vice Chair.
Danny Kim, California State University, Fullerton
Grant Sharp, County of Orange
Mark Tettemer, Irvine Ranch Water District
Jeff Thompson, Rancho Mission Viejo
Marilyn Thoms, East OC Water District
Alex Waite, City of Tustin
Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster
Helen Yu, San Diego RWQCB
Maher Zaher, Santa Ana RWQCB*

*Orange County Transportation
Authority
550 South Main Street, Orange, CA
Via Teleconference
July 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.*

Committee Members Absent:

*Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo*

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

*Joseph Alcock, M2 Local Programs Manager Marissa Espino, Community Relations Officer
Alison Army, Principal Transportation Analyst Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Mgr.*

1. Welcome

Chair Garry Brown welcomed everyone to the quarterly Measure M Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting. Chair Brown went over meeting protocols and asked Marissa Espino to take roll call attendance.

Chair Garry Brown asked the committee to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. New Committee Member

Chair Garry Brown welcomed new member Maher Zaher of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

3. Approval of January 14, 2021 Minutes

Chair Garry Brown asked if there are any additions or corrections to the January 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by a Jeff Thompson, seconded by Keith Linker, and carried unanimously to approve the January 14, 2021 ECAC minutes.

4. Tier 1 Programing Recommendations

Alison Army presented the Tier 1 Programming Recommendations for the 2021 call for projects. OCTA received 11 applications from 10 agencies with most applications for screen and filter devices including connector pipe screens and automatic retractable screens. The review committee consisted of Chair Garry Brown, ECAC member Marilyn Thoms and OCTA staff. Each committee member independently reviewed and the applications then met to discuss the scores. The recommendations brought to the ECAC today were the result of the review committee's efforts.

Committee Comments:

Marwan Youssef asked what the balance remaining would be in the program. Alison Army said she would have to get back to him on the specific number. She said OCTA has a running revenue stream, and it is constantly changing. Vice Chair Keith Linker said the amount would decide whether Tier 2 will be opened and when. Alison Army said that is correct. Tier 2 depends on the revenues for the program as well as what was going to be remaining in the account for the program. Dan said a rough number would be \$5-\$7 million for a Tier 2 call for projects. Dan said now that OCTA no longer bonds out on this program (and does pay-as-you-go per the ECAC) there will need to be an update of the guidelines for Tier 2. Vice Chair Linker said if the feds release a substantial amount of money for infrastructure, it would be nice to release a Tier 2 call.

Danny Kim asked if there are cities that have never applied for these grants and if so how OCTA can help them apply. Chair Garry Brown said that every city has participated and received grant funding. The level of participation is dependent upon each city's available staff and resources. He commended the OCTA staff because they are always willing to help. Chair Brown said this committee has always looked to cover the playing field.

Jeff Thompson asked if there is a way the County of Orange's project could be partially funded since the 10 projects will not use all the programmed money. Alison Army said these projects were competitively scored and the review committee did not discuss partial funding. Competitive projects are scored as a whole, as presented in the application, against others. Joseph Alcock said bifurcating a project would modify the scoring criteria as well by changing the terms of the scoring for that one project. Chair Garry Brown said the validity of the County project was good, but the point system that has been established for scoring is what it ultimately came down to. Chair Brown encourages the County to resubmit its application during the next round. He said the quality of the applications is what matters. Joseph said the scoring on the County's application was lower than the average for all the other agencies and the County would benefit from meeting with OCTA prior to the next call for projects.

A motion was made by Marwan Youssef, seconded by Mark Tettemer to unanimously endorse the application review committee's recommendation for Board of Directors

approval to program \$2,697,424, in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for 10 projects.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Committee Member Reports

Chair Garry Brown thanked the OCTA Staff for their hard work on the Tier 1 Call for Projects evaluations and recommendations.

Alison Army said OCTA would like to measure the successes so far with the Tier 1 Program. OCTA would like to find out what percentage of the catch basins currently have trash capture devices. If the catch basins do have these devices, are they reaching their life expectancies? Also, what percentage of their basins still need devices and could benefit from the Tier 1 Program? OCTA will send out a survey to all agencies.

Jeff Thompson talked about the tour of the Modjeska Park facility in the City of Anaheim and said he would love to hear an update from Vice Chair Keith Linker. Vice Chair said he would be happy to give a presentation at a future meeting.

7. Next Meeting – October 14, 2021

The meeting was adjourned.