



Minutes

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present

Garry Brown, Chair
Keith Linker, Vice Chair
Peter Grant, City of Cypress
Shohreh Dupuis, City of Laguna Beach
Lorrie Lausten, Trabuco Canyon Water District
Grant Sharp, OC Public Works
Jeff Thompson, Rancho Mission Viejo
Alex Waite, City of Tustin
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo
Kyle Fructuoso, Santa Ana RWQCB
Matt Collings, Moulton Niguel Water District

Orange County Transportation Authority
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, CA
**Thursday, January 12, 2023 at
11:00 am**

Member(s) Absent

Danny Kim, California State University, Fullerton
Hector Salas, Caltrans, District 12
Laurie Walsh, San Diego RWQCB

1. Welcome

Garry Brown called the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting to order.

2. Approval of October 6, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Keith Linker, seconded by Grant Sharp and passed by those present to approve the October 6, 2022 ECAC minutes. Abstentions from Shohreh Dupuis and Garry Brown.

3. Welcome New Committee Members

New committee members Matt Collings, Moulton Niguel Water District; Kyle Fructuoso, Santa Ana RWQCB; and Shohreh Dupuis, City of Laguna Beach were introduced.

4. Opportunities & Considerations for Stormwater Project Funding

Jenna Voss, Orange County Public Works, provided an overview on this item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented that many state and federal grants are targeted to disadvantaged communities and is there a way to know how many or which ones are focused on the disadvantaged communities.

A committee member commented about the prioritization of stormwater and clean water projects through Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). He suggested that other projects were not being caught in that collection and that brainstorming with other agencies, other innovative ideas were being missed and asked how that could be facilitated.

5. Tier 1 Guidelines Revisions and Call for Projects

Alison Army and Adrian Salazar of OCTA presented an overview of the action items.

Action Recommendations:

A. Endorse the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X) Tier 1 program.

B. Recommend the Board of Directors approval to issue the 2023 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

A motion to approve was made by Dennis Wilberg. Jeff Thompson seconded, and the vote was approved unanimously.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Committee Member Reports

A committee member asked, with the schedule going back to the way it was for Tier 1 this year, is that setting the stage for Tier 2 in the second half of the calendar year. Alison Army responded there was no set date for Tier 2, but perhaps in the latter part of the year.

A committee member asked if there was an idea of the amount of Tier 2 funding per project this year. Alison Army responded that about \$10 million is anticipated for the project call. Per project funding has yet to be determined. Dan Phu responded it will be significantly less than what it was back in 2013. They will come back to this committee with what are imagined to be significant changes to the 2013 guidelines under the Tier 2 program.

A committee member asked if the OCTA Board is provided information on how many or what cities have been funded, what grants they have received over the years, any type of recap. Alison Army responded they have done updates in the past. Dan Phu responded they could provide an update when they go to the OCTA Board with the Tier 1 funding recommendations.

A committee member asked Jenna Voss if the IRWM program was politically safe. Jenna Voss responded that after Proposition 1, there is currently not another voter-approved bond allocating funds directly to IRWM. There is ongoing legislative work to get IRWM featured again in upcoming bills.

8. Next Meeting – April 13, 2023

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.