

Measure M 2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

**April 12, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, O. C. Watersheds
Vice Chair Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
John Bahorski, City of Cypress
Scott Carroll, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Tim Casey, City of Laguna Niguel
William Cooper, UCI
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant
Dick Wilson, City of Anaheim

Committee Members Absent:

Mark Adelson, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Chad Loflen, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
Tom Rosales, General Manager, South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Alison Army, Senior Transportation Analyst
Marissa Espino, Senior Community Relations Specialist
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Abbe McClenahan, Manager of Programming
Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager

Guests

Ken Susilo, Geosyntec

1. Welcome

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 10:10 a.m. She introduced a new member to the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC), Scott Carroll who is the General Manager of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District. Scott Carroll will be replacing former ECAC member Paul Jones. Each ECAC member at the table introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the February 9, 2012 and the March 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 9, 2012 ECAC meeting minutes. A motion was made by William Cooper, seconded by Tim Casey, and carried unanimously to approve the February 9, 2012

meeting minutes as presented. Scott Carroll abstained because he was not at the meeting.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 8, 2012 ECAC meeting minutes. A motion was made by Tim Casey, seconded by Dick Wilson, and carried unanimously to approve the March 8, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Scott Carroll abstained because he was not at the meeting.

3. New ECAC Member Scott Carroll and Recruitment of City Member (1st District)

Marissa Espino reported on the progress to recruit a new ECAC member from the 1st District to replace Joe Parco who has moved out of the district.

4. Tier 1 Status Update

Marissa Espino gave a status update on the Tier 1 call for projects. Marissa said she would be sending a reminder to all cities and the county about the April 20 deadline.

5. Tier 2 Status Update

Marissa Espino gave a status update on Tier 2 outreach efforts. OCTA staff met with Anaheim and Irvine and is scheduled to meet with Brea. Staff also presented to the NPDES committee. Dan Phu recapped the Tier 2 discussion at the March 2012 ECAC meeting.

Draft Application: Allison Army reviewed the revised Tier 2 project application which incorporated changes requested at the last ECAC meeting in March and comments sent via email from other ECAC members. She indicated where changes were made in the document.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if in Part Two, number 2, *Water Quality Analysis* came from the model. Allison Army said yes, all information in this section comes from the model. Dan Phu said this part will be covered in detail at the workshops.

Scott Carroll observed in the report that Newport Back Bay and Coyote Creek are both high priority watersheds. Hypothetically, if two projects came with the same score (for example Newport Back Bay and Aliso Creek), would the project for Newport Back Bay receive priority because it is a high priority watershed? Dan Phu said when projects come in the first priority, the evaluators will look at is the transportation nexus. Ken Susilo said it is possible Newport Back Bay may receive a higher priority but it would depend upon the project itself. If the Aliso Creek project was more targeted toward the pollutants of concern and had multiple benefits it could still score very well.

Tim Casey asked where in the application can the points for overmatch be found. Ken Susilo said it was in section 5b, *Ability to Leverage Funding*. Chair Mary Anne

Skorpanich suggested adding a right column in this section to show the points being scored.

Scott Carroll asked if the application would require some obligatory permits from the Department of Fish and Game or others. Dan Phu said this is possible in the larger scale projects. Scott Carroll said it would be helpful in the application to let it be known that the permits are in process. Dan Phu said this was talked about but they realized these permits will often not be issued until 95% of the design work has been done.

John Bahorski suggested the estimated costs on page nine be reworked to list them in chronological order. Allison Army said they can do this.

Sat Tamaribuchi questioned whether anyone would take advantage of 5b, *Ability to Leverage Funding*. The Committee discussed the reasons for this section. Abbe McClenahan said this section was an error. It should be five points over a 100 for a total of 105 points; this section is basically bonus points. This is how it was done in Tier 1 and there was a city that took advantage of it and was awarded a project due to the overmatch. She suggested they do away with this part of section five or make it into its own section of bonus points.

Planning Study: Ken Susilo reviewed the revised Tier 2 Planning Study which incorporated changes requested at the last ECAC meeting in March and comments sent via email from other ECAC members. Dan Phu said, if approved by the ECAC, the planning study, Tier 2 guidelines, and Tier 2 project application will be taken to the Board Executive Committee on May 7 and the Board of Directors on May 14, asking to authorize staff to release the Tier 2 call for projects for a 90-day period.

Dick Wilson noted Highway 73 needed to be changed on the map; it was going in two different directions.

Sat Tamaribuchi said the land use information seemed out of date. Ken Susilo said the source used was the 2005 Southern California Association of Governments information.

Tim Casey asked if there are impaired water bodies where the Regional Board has yet to adopt TMDL's versus areas where TMDLs have been adopted is the latter situation super weighted compared to the former. Ken Susilo said the areas where there are adopted TMDLs would be weighted higher.

A motion was made by Garry Brown, seconded by William Cooper, and carried unanimously to endorse the revised planning study and send it to the OCTA Board of Directors for approval.

Tim Casey asked staff to invite the ECAC members to view the completed sample applications when they are completed. Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said her group can give OCTA staff a couple of examples of water projects they can incorporate into an application.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Committee Member Reports

Marissa Espino said at the next ECAC meeting staff will be presenting the M2020 Plan. The plan outlines what OCTA plans to accomplish with the Measure M2 program over the next eight years. The primary focus will be on the ECAC Program. It will talk about the next steps and where the program will be in eight years.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if a scoring panel was going to be used for Tier 2 as it was for Tier 1. Dan Phu said yes, Garry Brown was on the Tier 1 scoring panel and he has agreed to do it again. Any other ECAC members may participate if they choose.

John Bahorski requested to have an item on the agenda after the second round of Tier 1 describing what has been funded and what cities have participated. He would like to be able to say they have really tried to encourage participation by the time the next round of NPDES permit renewals begins.

Tim Casey asked, since Tier 1 is supposed to be a "pay-as-you-go" program, is the \$19.5 million remaining firm and fixed or can it be modified up or down depending on sales tax receipts. Dan Phu said the \$19.5 million is a conservative estimate; he would need to check with the OCTA Treasurer to see how much leeway there would be.

8. Next Meeting – May 10, 2012

The next meeting of the ECAC will be May 10, 2012 in the OCTA offices.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.