

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Chairperson, Garry Brown, Orange County Coast Keeper
Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange-Watershed & Coastal Resources Program
John Bahorski, City of Cypress
Bill Cooper, UCI
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Paul D. Jones, Irvine Ranch Water District
Chad Loffen, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
Joe Parco, City of Santa Ana
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
Sat Tamaribuchi, Consultant
Dick Wilson, City of Anaheim

Committee Members Absent:

Mark Adelson, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Karen I. Baroldi, Orange County Sanitation District
Tim Casey, City of Laguna Niguel

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Ellen Burton, Executive Director of External Affairs
Marissa Espino, Senior Community Relations Specialist
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Charlie Larwood, Strategic Planning Manager
Hal McCutchan, Environmental Programs Manager
Monte Ward, Director of Special Projects

Guests:

David Hunt, Willdan Engineering,
Katie Wilson, Willdan Engineering
Dr. Joe Dauchy, Willdan Engineering
Dr. Wallace Walrod, OCBC

Members of the Public

Jessica O'Hare, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

1. Welcome

Chairperson Garry Brown welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the March 2009 Minutes

Chairperson Garry Brown asked if there were any corrections to the March 12, 2009 meeting minutes. There being no corrections, a motion was made by Joe Parco and seconded by Dick Wilson to approve the March 12, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Revised Program Prerequisites – Funding Guidelines

Joe Dauchy, Willdan Engineering and Wallace Walrod, OCBC presented the revised Program Prerequisites for the Environmental Cleanup Program Guidelines. The Prerequisites were presented at the last ECAC meeting and changed according to committee member comments.

Committee member Dick Wilson suggested defining the requirements in section 2.6.2 into which program, Tier 1 or Tier 2 the requirements are referenced. The Committee discussed whether to put a dollar value on each program to help define what type of project would fall under the program.

Committee member Gene Estrada said it was unclear whether maintenance could be considered as the funding match for Tier 1 projects. The Committee agreed that maintenance of a project could be considered as the matching funds for Tier 1 projects.

Committee member Dick Wilson questioned the statement in section 2.1.2 that funding cannot “supplant” funding from other sources. He would like a clarification of this. The Committee discussed how to clarify this requirement. Committee member John Bahorski suggested leaving questions like this to the people who will be approving the projects.

Committee member Dick Wilson asked if the documents in the Program Prerequisite Checklist needed to be presented with the project submittals. The Committee agreed applicants need not supply a copy of the documents, just state whether they have the documents or the documents are not needed.

The Committee discussed other wording contained in the draft document that needed to be corrected, removed, or clarified. Chairman Garry Brown suggested the Committee receive another Draft Program Prerequisites document at their next meeting incorporating the changes discussed before finalizing the document and sending it to the Technical Advisory Committee.

4. Draft Program Requirements – Funding Guidelines

Willdan Engineering provided a presentation on the Draft Program Requirements for the Environmental Cleanup Program Guidelines.

The Committee discussed the following points:

- The definition of a Tier 1 versus Tier 2 Project
- Comprehensive Grant Process - Call period for projects and Frequency of Subprograms
- Matching Funds – Local Match and In-kind funding
- Maintenance of Effort - definition
- Annual Reporting – Compliance with Project Metrics
- Administrative Costs – 1% project funding? Tax revenue?

Further clarification on the foregoing points will be incorporated into the Program Requirements and will be discussed at the next ECAC meeting for further discussion and finalizing.

5. UCI Collaborative BMP Study/Demonstration Project

6. Update on MS4 Permit, Santa Ana RWQCB

Committee member Bill Cooper from the University of California, Irvine (UCI) made a presentation that combines both Agenda Item 5 and Item 6. The Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) is building a model that would link BMP performance to water quality objectives. The goal of the presentation was:

- To explore whether it makes sense to collaborate with WERF on storm water BMP's and model development
- To conduct field study – validation in Orange County (possibly Southern CA)
- To explore the idea of a conference/workshop at UCI in approximately two years highlighting storm water.

It was suggested if this program was something the ECAC would like to pursue, the next step would be to invite the project manager of WERF to give a more detailed presentation to the Committee.

Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if WERF had spent \$20 million just on BMP performance studies? It was indicated that the money was spent on BMP development and BMP performance; they are now trying to accumulate data. WERF is seeking funding to complete the development of the model and then test the BMP's in Orange County.

Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if WERF had done any work in arid climates. It was indicated that Los Angeles County is a member of WERF so he supposed they are familiar with arid climates.

Committee member Paul Jones asked what their annual expense was from their research program nationwide. It was indicated that WERF's portfolio is approximately \$3 million a year, which includes seven major research areas, this is just one of those areas.

Committee member Gene Estrada asked if the work being contemplated for Southern California is just a model validation or testing BMPs. It was indicated that WERF would be performing BMPs analysis.

Committee member Sat Tamaribuchi asked what was the earliest WERF could have results ready. WERF is expected to have the first results ready in two years. A discussion was held on whether this time frame would be of benefit to the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Program. Committee member Bill Cooper said no decision has to be made at this time whether to use the program – he just presented the information and the Committee would have to decide whether they were interested in learning more about the program at no cost.

Chairperson Garry Brown said he thought this could be incorporated into the MS4 Permit. There is an opportunity for a model to be developed in Orange County that could be of use for the entire country.

The Committee reached a general agreement that it would be worthwhile to invite WERF to make a more detailed presentation to the ECAC.

7. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

8. Next Meeting – May 14, 2009

No Comments were made.

9. Committee Member Reports

No Committee Members made reports.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.