

Environmental Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2010

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Veronica Chan, US Army Corps of Engineers
Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager
Ken Smart, OCTA General Counsel
Monte Ward, Measure M Consultant

1. Welcome

Chair Patricia Bates opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She asked everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of July 2010 Minutes

Chair Patricia Bates asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 7, 2010 Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting minutes. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck and seconded by Nancy Jimeno to approve the July 7, 2010 EOC meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Restoration Proposals Update

Dan Phu gave an update on the Restoration Guidelines. He said the purpose of the Restoration Guidelines is to make sure the project applicants and project sponsors understand what the parameters and requirements are for the funding of the restoration projects. The EOC Working Group has met and given their input on the Restoration Guidelines. The Guidelines are now with the wildlife agencies (CA Department of Fish and Game and US Fish and Wildlife Services) for their review. The wildlife agencies need to be comfortable with the reporting requirements as well

as make sure the requirements are not too stringent and are flexible. In September the Guidelines will be brought to the EOC for approval and then to the T2020 Committee and OCTA Board for their approval. The hope is to fund approximately six of the proposed restoration properties.

Monte Ward added M2 has a definition of an eligible jurisdiction for funding purposes. Generally, in order for a local jurisdiction to receive funding from OCTA, it must be determined to be an eligible jurisdiction. Under the Mitigation Program, OCTA could provide funding to Restoration project sponsors who may not be a city, county, or some form of government entity. When developing the Guidelines, one of the factors considered were expectations of the reporting criteria including accountability for receiving M2 funds. Some of the project applicants and project sponsors will not be familiar with some of the requirements and there is a need to make sure these are made clear to the recipients and they know there is accountability beyond what is done to the restoration project; it has to do with how the money is handled.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Committee Member Reports

There were no reports from Committee Members.

6. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 1, 2010

The next meeting of the EOC will be Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

7. Closed Session

Ken Smart said the properties under discussion in closed session are listed on the agenda. Negotiators for OCTA are Monte Ward and Dan Phu and the negotiators for the properties are identified on the agenda. Ken said he does not anticipate the EOC will be reporting publically at the end of the closed session.

Ken Smart asked if any of the public in attendance wished to speak about any of the listed properties. No one wished to speak.

Chair Patricia Bates said, as no one wished to speak, the meeting is adjourned to closed session.

Adjournment to closed session was at 10:15 a.m. Closed session adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with no public reports.