

# **Environmental Oversight Committee**

**Nov. 13, 2007**  
**Meeting Minutes**

## **Committee Members Present:**

Cathy Green, OCTA Board of Directors  
Mark Cohen, US Army Corps of Engineers  
Merlin L. "Bud" Henry Jr., Taxpayers Oversight Committee  
Judy McKeehan, SWCA Environmental Consultants  
Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research  
Melanie Schlotterbeck, Measure M Support Groups  
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League  
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Debbie Townsend, California Wildlife Conservation Board  
Sylvia Vega, Caltrans

## **Committee Members Absent:**

Patricia Bates, OCTA Board of Directors  
Ed Pert, CA Department of Fish and Game

## **Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:**

Paul Taylor  
Monte Ward  
Ellen Burton  
Kia Mortazavi  
Ken Smart  
Kurt Brotke  
Anup Kulkarni  
Marissa Espino  
Kelly Hart  
Dan Phu

## **Members of the Public**

None

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

OCTA Director Cathy Green called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Both Director Green and Paul Taylor welcomed the committee and thanked them for their service.

### **2. Renewed M Early Action Plan Overview**

Monte Ward presented a brief overview of the Renewed Measure M Early Action Plan.

### **3. Committee Vice-Chair Appointment**

Melanie Schlotterbeck was nominated and unanimously voted vice chair of the EOC.

#### **4. Committee Charter**

Monte Ward presented a draft committee charter and discussed the purpose and responsibilities of the committee and that the EOC provides recommendations to the OCTA Board of Directors through the OCTA Transportation 2020 Committee, a subcommittee of the OCTA. Memberships guidelines, terms of office and the duration of the committee's existence was also reviewed.

Committee members discussed the meeting time and day. The consensus was that Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon were a good time to meet on a monthly basis.

#### **5. Work Plan Status**

Monte Ward presented the Freeway Mitigation Master Agreement draft work plan which outlines several primary tasks including: 1) Create Oversight Committee, 2) Work Plan Development, 3) Revenues and Funding, 4) Assessment of Freeway Program Impacts, 5) Assessment of Mitigation Opportunities, 6) Negotiate Master Agreement, and 7) Implement Mitigation Program.

#### **6. Public Meeting Guidelines**

Ken Smart, OCTA General Counsel, briefed the EOC on the Brown Act.

#### **7. Public Comments**

None

#### **8. Next Meeting**

The EOC members were told the next meeting would include: an overview of the revenue and funding process related to the freeway mitigation program, a detailed review of the draft work plan, and a discussion on when to have a representative from the San Diego Association of Governments give a presentation on the agency's Environmental Mitigation Program.

#### **9. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. was made and passed unanimously.