

# **AGENDA** Environmental Oversight Committee

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Orange County Transportation Authority Board Room - Conference Room 07-08 550 South Main Street Orange, California

Monday, November 21, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

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- 1. Welcome
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of October 26, 2016 Minutes
- 4. West Loma Restoration Project Update Lesley Hill, OCTA Matthew Major, Irvine Ranch Conservancy

In 2012, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) funded two habitat restoration projects during the second round of funding under the Measure M2 (M2) Environmental Mitigation Program's, which were sponsored by the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC). These included the West Loma and Lower Silverado Canyon restoration projects. The West Loma restoration project proposal consisted of approximately 62 acres of coastal sage scrub and riparian habitat, with a project budget of \$1,322,800. This project included the realignment of existing fencing along State Route 241. IRC had earmarked approximately \$80,000 to complete this component of the project. As the project progressed further, it was determined the originally proposed fence realignment was not feasible. IRC staff has recommended an alternative to improving wildlife connectivity to replace this component in the West Loma project. IRC staff will present an update to the West Loma project and will include a description of this proposed project revision. The budget will remain the same as the original Board allocation amount.



Recommendation

A. Endorse the Irvine Ranch Conservancy's revised scope of work as described herein for the West Loma Restoration Project.

## 5. M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Funds Update

Dan Phu, OCTA Jun Onaka, OCTA Consultant

The Environmental Mitigation Program allocates at least 5% of the anticipated freeway program revenues from the Measure M2 sales tax. The freeway program is comprised of 43% of the M2 revenues. Staff will present an update to the availability of funds for the Mitigation Program.

## 6. Ferber Ranch Preserve Family Event

Marissa Espino, OCTA

On Saturday, November 19th, OCTA will host a guided hike and family event at the Ferber Ranch Preserve in Trabuco Canyon. This will be our first event focused on families in which children younger than 12 are invited to attend. Staff is planning on having some activities focused on children in addition to a family hike. The event will help educate attendees on the importance of habitat preservation and OCTA's Environmental Mitigation Program. Staff will provide a brief summary about this public event.

### 7. Public Comments

Members of the public may address the EOC regarding any item. Please complete a speaker's card and submit it to the EOC or notify the EOC the item number on which you wish to speak. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair at the time the agenda item is to be considered. A speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

### 8. Committee Member Reports

### 9. Next Meeting – TBD

### 10. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of the following real properties:

Ferber Ranch Residual Parcel (17.3+/- acres), located at 19912 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA. The negotiator for the Trabuco Canyon Company, LLC is Mr. Tim Jones. The negotiator for OCTA is Dan Phu.

## 11. Adjournment