



AGENDA

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

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Service
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Orange County Transportation Authority
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, CA

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Guidance for Public Access to the Environmental Oversight Committee Meeting

On March 12, 2020 and March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom enacted Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or electronically to all members of the public to promote social distancing due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, and in order to ensure the safety of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) Members and staff and for the purposes of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at public meetings of the OCTA will not be allowed during the time period covered by the above-referenced Executive Orders.

Instead, members of the public can listen to AUDIO live streaming of the EOC meeting by clicking the below link:

<http://www.octa.net/About-OCTA/Who-We-Are/Board-of-Directors/Live-and-Archived-Audio/>

Public comments may be submitted by emailing them to publiccomments@octa.net.

If you wish to comment on a specific agenda Item, please identify the Item number in your email. All public comments that are timely received will be part of the public record and distributed to the EOC. Public comments will be made available to the public upon request.

In order to ensure that staff has the ability to provide comments to the EOC Members in a timely manner, **please submit your public comments 30 minutes prior to the start time of the EOC meeting date.**



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1. Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of November 6, 2019 Minutes

4. Aliso Creek Restoration Project

Dan Phu, OCTA

Lesley Hill, OCTA

Hallie Jones, Laguna Canyon Foundation

Recommendation

- Endorse staff's recommendation to increase the Laguna Canyon Foundation Aliso Creek restoration project budget by \$275,000 as outlined herein.

Measure M2 includes an Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) to deliver comprehensive mitigation for the environmental impacts of freeway projects in exchange for streamlined project approvals from the state and federal resource and regulatory agencies. To date, the EMP has acquired a number of conservation properties and provided funding for habitat restoration projects. Laguna Canyon Foundation will provide a summary of the Aliso Creek restoration project, including why additional funds are being requested to complete this project. They will be available to answer questions. Additional information, including specific to the Aliso Creek restoration project is attached.

5. OCTA Preserves' Fire Management Plans Update

Lesley Hill, OCTA

As required by the OCTA M2 Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan, OCTA began developing fire management plans (Plans) for the Preserves in 2018. Each Preserve will have its own separate Plan. The Plans will provide guidelines for decision-making at all stages, including fire prevention, pre-fire vegetation management, suppression activities, and post-fire responses that are compatible with conservation and stewardship responsibilities. It is anticipated that these Plans will be completed as scheduled in 2020. Once completed, these Plans will be shared with the EOC as well as interested stakeholders. Additional information is attached.

6. OCTA Pacific Horizon Preserve Habitat Impacts

Lesley Hill, OCTA

In March 2020, an unauthorized trail and cut fencing was discovered at the OCTA owned Pacific Horizon Preserve. The Pacific Horizon Preserve is approximately 151 acres and is located within Laguna Beach. Southern California Edison (SCE) has confirmed that the impacts were caused by one of their contractors in response to California Public Resources Code 4292. The damage to the Preserve exceeds the required work for the



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utility line. Additional information is attached, and an update pertaining to this issue will be provided.

7. Hikes and Equestrian Rides

Marissa Espino, OCTA

In compliance with Gov. Gavin Newsom's order to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, OCTA is postponing all scheduled hikes and equestrian rides until further notice. OCTA will release the revised 2020 Wilderness Preserve Hiking and Equestrian Riding Tour calendar once the order has been lifted.

8. 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.

9. Committee Member Reports

10. Next Meeting – Aug. 5, 2020

11. Adjournment
