



AGENDA

Environmental Oversight Committee

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of October 4, 2017 Minutes**
- 4. Environmental Mitigation Program Endowment Fund Investment Report**
Rodney Johnson, OCTA

The Orange County Transportation Authority has developed a Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan; acquired conservation properties; and funded habitat restoration projects to mitigate the impacts of Measure M2 freeway projects. California Community Foundation manages the non-wasting endowment required to pay for the long-term management of the conservation properties. Each quarter, the California Community Foundation publishes a comprehensive report detailing the composition of the pool and the performance. Attached is the second quarterly investment report for the Endowment Pool. The report has been reviewed and is consistent with the pool objectives.



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5. State Water Resources Control Board and Army Corps of Engineers Permits Update

Lesley Hill, OCTA

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Spencer MacNeil, Chief, Transportation and Special Projects Branch Regulatory Division

The construction of the M2 freeway projects are anticipated to result in impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States. These impacts will require that OCTA provide mitigation and obtain a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as well as a Section 401 Clean Water Act permit from the State Water Resources Control Board (Board). On a parallel process to the Conservation Plan, staff has obtained a program-level permit from the Corps and an assurance letter from the Board. This permit will authorize OCTA to maximize a subset of the mitigation included in the Conservation Plan as well as lay out an abbreviated time line for project level 404 permit issuance. The Army Corps of Engineers will provide an overview of this programmatic permit to the EOC.

6. Restoration Project Update

Lesley Hill, OCTA

Natural Communities Coalition, University of California Irvine Ecological Reserve Project
Milan Mitrovich, PhD, Science Coordinator, Natural Communities Coalition

The UCI Ecological Reserve Restoration Project was approved for funding through the Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program in 2010. A total of \$325,000 was approved for funding to the Natural Communities Coalition (formerly Nature Reserve of Orange County) to restore approximately 8.5 acres of coastal sage scrub habitat. The Natural Communities Coalition will present a status update.

7. Recap of Aliso Canyon and Hayashi Resource Management Plan Comments

Lesley Hill, OCTA

The Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Aliso Canyon Preserve and Hayashi Preserve were released for a 90-day public review period on August 30, 2017 and concluded on December 1, 2017. A total of 22 comment letters were received on the RMPs. The comments will be addressed in the final RMPs.

The draft RMPs outline the stewardship and operations of each Preserve. The RMPs are required in order to provide guidelines for the management and monitoring of the Preserves in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Conservation Plan. Key components of the RMPs include guidance for the ongoing protection, preservation, and adaptive management of the natural plants and wildlife found within the Preserve. The



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RMPs also address recreational use of the site by the general public where and when appropriate. Designated roads and trails (and their uses) will be identified in each RMP.

8. Preserve Naming Contest

Marissa Espino, OCTA

OCTA is in the process of renaming the seven open space Preserves to align with and highlight OCTA's goal of preserving invaluable biological resources. As a public engagement effort, OCTA launched a Preserve Naming Contest in January 2018 to ask the public to help rename the properties. Participants have three choices to choose from for each Preserve. The three options include a name that reflects the local region and specific wildlife and habitat that live on the Preserve. The new names will be unveiled at the first 2018 hike of the year on Saturday, Feb. 24. The survey can be accessed at www.octa.net/preservation.

9. 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.

10. Committee Member Reports

11. Next Meeting – May 2, 2018

12. Adjournment
