

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

**February 12, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, Orange County Watersheds
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Stephen Mayville, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Regional Board – Region 8
Mark Tettermer, Irvine Ranch Water District
Laurie Walsh, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Vice Chair Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
Scott Carroll, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Doug Houston, University of California, Irvine
Keith Linker, City of Anaheim
Hector Salas, Caltrans
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Staff Present:

Alison Army, Senior Transportation Analyst
Marissa Espino, Senior Strategic Communications Officer
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Charlie Larwood, Manager of Planning and Analysis
Roger Lopez, Senior Transportation Funding Analyst
Dan Phu, Project Development Strategic Planning Section Manager

1. Welcome

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich welcomed everyone to the February 12, 2015 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting. She asked the people present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the December 11, 2014 ECAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by an ECAC member and seconded by Gene Estrada, and passed unanimously to approve the December 11, 2014 ECAC meeting minutes as presented.

3. Tier 1 Call for Projects

Dan Phu gave a background report on the Tier 1 Call for Projects. OCTA is not recommending any major changes for this call for projects.

For the benefit of the new ECAC members Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich gave a brief history of the Tier 1 call for projects.

Marwan Youssef said since the money for these projects is bonded money, it makes sense not to make it mandatory to have a call for projects every year.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said she had a note to ask the OCTA Treasurer to make a presentation at the next ECAC meeting to discuss bonded money.

At the request of Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, Dan Phu discussed the similarities and differences between the Road Program and the Water Quality Program.

Roger Lopez said in the Streets and Roads Program if a project becomes infeasible you can cut your losses and get out of the project with just having to leave behind the money spent. Charlie Larwood asked how many OCTA projects have had to be stopped. Roger Lopez said none.

Marwan Youssef said the reason the program is going so well and there have been no cancelations is because there has been a tremendous need for this funding source. From the city of Westminster's standpoint he can take millions of dollars and put them to work immediately, especially in the absence of redevelopment funds.

A motion was made by Gene Estrada, seconded by Marwan Youssef, and passed unanimously to: endorse the recommendation to issue the fiscal year 2015-16 call for projects for the Tier 1 Grant Program with minor changes to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.

Gene Estrada said at the last ECAC they talked about the County having some type of agreement with the vendors. Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said this is going to the Board on March 10, 2015.

Stephen Mayville said OCTA is raising the project cost for Tier 1 to \$200,000. How many facilities will this build? Dan Phu said it depends on which facility is used. An automatic retractable screen unit ranges from \$1,000 to several thousand. Gene Estrada said the first two Tier 1 projects his city did were to retrofit 96 catch basins (ranging from three feet to 22 feet). The next project was a CDS unit. They did one area for \$150,000.

Stephen Mayville asked if they got the same coverage with the CDS Unit. Gene Estrada said no, but the CDS units are much more efficient.

4. Committee Member Reports

There were no public comments.

5. Committee Member Reports

There were no Committee Member reports

6. Next Meeting – TBD

The next meeting of the ECAC will be determined at a later date.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.