



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

Committee Members

Lisa Bartlett, Chairman
Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chairman
Dr. David Chapel, Grand Jury Assoc. of OC
David Mayer, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish & Wildlife
Anthony Villa, Taxpayers Oversight Comm.

Orange County Transportation Authority
600 South Main Street, Room 154
Orange, California
February 3, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Members Absent

Chair Lori Donchak, OCTA Board of Directors
Charles Baker, Caltrans District 12
Veronica Li, US Army Corp of Engineers
John Walsh, CA Wildlife Conserv. Board.

1. Welcome

Chairman Lisa Bartlett called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Melanie Schlotterbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of November 4, 2015 and December 2, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Lisa Bartlett asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 4, 2015 and the December 2, 2015 EOC minutes. A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by David Chapel, and passed unanimously to approve the November 4, 2015 and the December 2, 2015 EOC meeting minutes as presented.

4. Harriett Wieder Restoration Projects Update

Dan Phu, OCTA, introduced David Pryor from the Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC). David Pryor gave a progress report and a status update on the Harriett Wieder Restoration Project. This included a recap of a meeting with the California Coastal Commission and the Coastal Development Permit process, which is needed for the project.

5. Resource Management Plans Update

Monte Ward gave an update on the Resource Management Plans (RMPs). The current RMPs are being released for a 90-day period in order to solicit public feedback on these documents. Public comments are being collected through February 8th and will be reviewed with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Wildlife Agencies).

Monte Ward said the public review is not a requirement but OCTA thought it would be good to go ahead with this because of the amount of community interest. By doing this early, it would also help OCTA understand what their real costs would be like in the long term.

6. 2016 Hike and Equestrian Ride Master Calendar

In an effort to increase public access on the OCTA Preserves, a 2016 Hike and Equestrian Ride Master Calendar was established. Access events will be taking place about every other month and include hikes on the Ferber Ranch, O'Neill Oaks, and Aliso Canyon Preserves as well as equestrian rides on Ferber Ranch.

Marissa Espino gave an overview of the calendar.

7. Public Comments

Delma Johnson - Trabuco Canyon Community: The Trabuco Canyon Community wants daily, preserve access, sunrise to sunset, to the network of local equestrian trails, which allows preserve trail access as depicted in the Foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan.

8. Committee Member Reports

Dan Phu said in the last year staff has been working on how to set up an endowment. In the upcoming months staff will be coming to the EOC to solicit feedback on this process. The first step in this process is to convene a Working Group meeting of the EOC. Anyone who would like to participate in the Working Group please call Dan Phu.

Melanie Schlotterbeck gave a report on some of her efforts in forming coalitions that relate to transportation projects and mitigation. She reported on her work with the six counties in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region.

Derek McGregor acknowledged OCTA staff for their dedication during the Resource Management Plan public comment period.

9. Next Meeting – March 2, 2016

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3.15 p.m.