



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present:

Gary Brown, Chair.

Gene Estrada, Vice Chair.

William Hunt, Orange County Water District

Keith Linker, City of Anaheim

Hector B. Salas, Caltrans

Grant Sharp, County of Orange

Jeff Thompson, Rancho Mission Viejo

Laurie Walsh, San Diego RWQCB

Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster

Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo

Orange County Transportation Authority

550 South Main Street, Conf. Room 09

Orange, California

January 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Marc Brown, Santa Ana RWQCB

Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach

Jeff Kuo, Cal State Fullerton

Mark Tettemer, Irvine Ranch Water District

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Alison Army, Sr. Transportation Analyst

Marissa Espino, Community Relations Officer

Brianna Martinez, Transportation Funding

Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Mgr.

Ken Susilo, Consultant to OCTA, Geosyntec

1. Welcome

Chair Garry Brown welcomed everyone to the quarterly Measure M Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting. Chairman Brown announced the retirement of Gene Estrada and thus the ECAC. He said Gene will be missed – he has been on the committee since its inception. Chairman Brown thanked Gene for his service on the committee.

2. Approval of July 13, 2017 Minutes

Chair Garry Brown asked if there are any additions or corrections to the July 13, 2017 or the October 12, 2017 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by a Keith Linker, seconded by Jeff Thompson, and carried unanimously to approve the July 13, 2017 and October 12, 2017 ECAC minutes.

3. December 2017 Board of Directors Environmental Cleanup Program Update

Dan Phu provided a recap of the update provided to the OCTA Board of Directors on December 2017 regarding the Environmental Cleanup Program Activities.

The committee was happy to hear the OCTA Board received the report and they did not have any questions. Alison Army said the item first went to the Regional Planning and Highways subcommittee and it was well received. They requested to see the maps by supervisorial districts and requested more specific dates for calls for projects. Alison said those were then provided in the item that went to the full Board.

4. Tier 1 Guidelines Revisions and Calls for Projects

Alison Army presented revisions for the Tier 1 Guidelines and Calls for Projects. She summarized the revisions previously discussed at meetings. She provided revisions to Questions 2 and 3 regarding Cost/Benefit and Pollutant Reduction Benefits. Ken Susilo went through the specific details and rationale for Questions 2 and 3. Ken showed the committee examples of how different devices/treatments would score using the new guidelines.

The committee discussed how points are awarded. They also tried to think of every possible project that would not get points fairly, but were able to see the benefits of the new guidelines. Chairman Brown was concerned cities who have started down a road of putting up trash screens will have less advantage to get funding to continue their program. The city representatives on the committee said they are comfortable with the way points are awarded regarding these types of projects. Keith Linker said this program is designed for projects with a broader scope and the scoring reflects this approach.

The committee discussed several options on weighting and the way points are awarded. William Hunt said this program should really focus on getting the best project for the lowest cost and he believes the scoring reflects this way of thinking. He said if trash is under control, then we may not need the other projects.

Chairman Brown said this will be very different for the evaluators, but with the sophistication of new systems, evaluating needs to be more sophisticated. He said he can see the overall benefit of the way points are awarded under the guidelines. The committee agreed to endorse the recommendations and see how it works during the next call. They agreed changes can be made in subsequent calls if evaluators see a better way of doing calculations.

Grant Sharp suggested OCTA do a workshop outlining the revisions to the guidelines at "their" regular meetings. Alison Army said OCTA previously did pre-application meetings, but many cities stopped attending because they knew the process. She said OCTA could make this meeting more of a workshop and will convey to agencies the importance of attending the workshop due to the revisions to the guidelines.

Recommendations

A motion was made by Chairman Garry Brown, seconded by Marwan Youssef and carried unanimously to endorse the approval of the revised Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines, to issue the fiscal year 2018-19 call for projects for the Tier 1 Grant Program and reinstate a pre application workshop.

5. Tier 2 Project Tours

Marissa Espino said the ECAC will not have a need to meet in April and proposed a tour of the Wagon Wheel Creek Restoration Project in the Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park in Coto de Caza. Marissa will send out a poll on proposed dates and times.

Committee members suggested the ECAC see a few projects while on the tour. Alison Army said the Wagon Wheel tour will be about 2-2 ½ hours long, but staff will look into other projects in the area. Chair Garry Brown suggested the Tier 2 projects in Laguna Niguel that are completed.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Committee Member Reports

Grant Sharp talked about a pilot project the County of Orange is doing with e-cubes. Currently they put sensors into trash dumpsters to determine when dumpsters are full. E-cubes suggested putting these devices in catch basins to determine trash generation rates. Currently the County has four devices in the Orange-Olive area. He said the data generated by the devices has been really interesting and it was great to see how they worked during the storm last week. He will share the fact sheet with the committee.

8. Next Meeting – January 11, 2018