

Measure M 2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

May 9, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, O.C. Watersheds
John Bahorski, City of Cypress
Scott Carroll, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
Jean Daniel Saphores, UCI
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo
Dick Wilson, City of Anaheim
Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster

Committee Members Absent:

Vice Chair Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
Mark Adelson, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Chad Loflen, San Diego Water Quality Control Board

Orange County Transportation Authority 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 Analyst, Programming
Dan Phu, Project Development Strategic Planning Section Manager
Monte Ward, Measure M Consultant

1. Welcome

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich began the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of the March 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by John Bahorski, seconded by Marwan Youssef, and carried unanimously to approve the ECAC March 14, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

3. Tier 1 Status Update

Marissa Espino reported the deadline for Tier 1 applications is Friday, May 17. OCTA staff has met with 14 cities to review applications and discuss their projects. Five

cities have sent draft projects to OCTA for review. The three cities who have not submitted applications before – Placentia, Stanton, and Los Alamitos – are submitting projects this time. The cities of Rancho Santa Margarita and La Habra who have not had a project funded by Tier 1 before will be submitting projects again.

4. Tier 2 Status Update

Dan Phu presented the FY 2013-14 Guidelines Summary of Changes. An additional column has been added to the Summary of Changes indicating the input from the ECAC members given at the last meeting (April 11, 2013) and the resulting changes to the document.

Marwan Youssef asked if staff agreed with the suggested changes. Dan Phu said yes.

Dick Wilson asked if the statement regarding third party agreements needing to be “complete” before the project is awarded meant they needed to be signed. Dan Phu said this is correct.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if the award date was when the applicant is eligible to start spending money or when the Letter Agreements are signed. Dan Phu said in Tier 2 they must award by June 2014 or June 2015, depending on the funding cycle indicated in the application. The Letter Agreements would basically be OCTA’s contract with that particular applicant.

A motion was made by Marwan Youssef, seconded by John Bahorski, and passed unanimously to: 1) endorse the approval of the revised Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Tier 2 Guidelines and 2) endorse the recommendation to initiate the Tier 2 call for projects in the June/July time frame.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Committee Member Reports

Marwan Youssef asked if OCTA had any feelings on how many Tier 1 applications would be coming in. Dan Phu said the pattern for the first two years of the program were 45 applications for the first year and 50 applications for the second year. This year they expect something in the high 40’s to low 50’s. The only thing that may change this is there is a higher cap on the amount of funding that can be requested and this may result in fewer projects being funded.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said she had a scheduling conflict. She is a member of the California Storm Water Association and they meet quarterly at the same time as the ECAC. She asked the ECAC if they could change their meetings to the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. so as not to conflict with this meeting. John

Bahorski suggested OCTA Staff poll the ECAC members regarding this time change to see if it fits into their schedules.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich announced the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted a Regional MS4 Permit that will take effect right away for San Diego County. The Southwest Orange County permit expires in December of 2014 and the new MS4 permit application needs to start being drafted. They have put out the message they want the same permit for all so this may allow for some flexibility.

John Bahorski asked Mary Anne Skorpanich if she could put together a bullet point presentation on what is being looked at with the permit now. Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said the biggest innovation is how do they make this more outcome oriented and how can they make it where the permittees can prioritize what their biggest issues are. Then put the most resources where the biggest issues are.

7. Next Meeting – June 13, 2013

The next regular scheduled meeting of the ECAC will be June 13, 2013 in the OCTA offices.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.