

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

Committee Members Present:

Vice-Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, County of Orange-Watershed & Coastal Resources Program
Mark Adelson, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
John Bahorski, City of Cypress
Tim Casey, City of Laguna Niguel
William Cooper, UCI
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Joe Parco, City of Santa Ana
Hector B. Salas, Caltrans
Dick Wilson, City of Anaheim

Committee Members Absent:

Chairperson, Garry Brown, Orange County Coast Keeper
Karen I. Baroldi, Orange County Sanitation District
Paul D. Jones, Irvine Ranch Water District
James Smith, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant

Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:

Marissa Espino, Senior Community Relations Specialist
Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter
Charlie Larwood, Planning and Analysis Manager
Hal McCutchan, Environmental Programs Manager
Ken Phipps, Director of Finance and Administration & Human Resources
Monte Ward, OCTA Consultant

Guests:

David Hunt, Willdan Engineering,
Katie Wilson, Willdan Engineering
Dr. Wallace Walrod, Orange County Business Council

Guests via Teleconference:

Dr. Joe Dauchy, Willdan Engineering

Members of the Public

Jessica O'Hare, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

1. Welcome

Vice Chairperson Mary Anne Skorpanich welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 10 a.m.

2. Approval of the April 2009 Minutes

Vice Chairperson Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if there were any corrections to the April 9, 2009 meeting minutes. There being no corrections, a motion was made by Bill Cooper and seconded by Hector Salas to approve the April 9, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Renewal Measure M/Commercial Paper Financial Update

Ken Phipps, OCTA presented an update on the Measure M financial forecast, indicating that the original forecasted allocation for the Environmental Cleanup Program was \$486 million. The current forecast has reduced this amount to \$303 million. He went over the funding options and the use of the commercial paper program.

Monte Ward, OCTA said the options for the program is to either wait until 2011 to fund or to pay in advance through debt financing, which the latter is available, however; the premiums are extremely high right now. Committee member John Bahorski suggested rolling out the Tier 1 program and start very modestly using Commercial Paper.

The Committee discussed accessing the Commercial Paper program and the outlook for the economy. They also discussed the timing of the Tier 1 program.

4. Program Prerequisites & Requirements – Funding Guidelines

Willdan Engineering asked for final comments from the Committee on the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Program Requirements and Prerequisites.

Along with minor changes to wording, the Committee discussed the following Program Prerequisites.

- 25% Matching funds requirements
- Definition of 8% administrative cost
- Removal of the first sentence of the Maintenance of Effort section
- Different prerequisite checklists for Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects

The Committee discussed the Maximum Project Funding portion of the program requirements, where an agreement was made not to have a fixed dollar amount until further specifics are known. Emphasis was placed on an approach to differentiate funding related to individual versus regional types of projects with the expectation that regional projects would be more expensive.

Committee member John Bahorski also suggested removing the last sentence dealing with cost/benefit analysis of the performance metrics. Any additional comments on the program requirements for consideration were to be forward to Hal McCutchan, OCTA by May 28, 2009.

5. Update on MS4 Permits, Santa Ana/San Diego RWQCBs

Vice Chairperson Mary Anne Skorpanich gave the committee members a press release on the new drafts of the MS4 permits.

6. Public Comments

No one from the public spoke.

7. Next Meeting – June 11, 2009

At the next meeting, there will be a presentation by The Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF). The committee decided to extend the June 11, 2009 meeting one hour and end at 1:00 p.m. instead of the usual 12:00 p.m.

8. Committee Member Reports

No Committee Members made reports.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.