

Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

September 11, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich, Orange County Watersheds
Vice Chair Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
Scott Carroll, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Gene Estrada, City of Orange
Keith Linker, City of Anaheim
Stephan Mayville, Regional Board – Region 8
Hector Salas, Caltrans
Sat Tamaribuchi, Environmental Consultant
Marwan Youssef, City of Westminster

Committee Member(s) Absent:

Doug Houston, University of California, Irvine
Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach
Mark Tettermer, Irvine Ranch Water District
Laurie Walsh, San Diego Water Quality Control Board
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
Kia Mortazavi, Executive Director, Planning
Dan Phu, Project Development Strategic Planning Section Manager

Guests:

Amanda Carr, City of Irvine
Alex Waite, City of Tustin

1. Welcome

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich welcomed everyone to the September 11, 2014 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting. She asked the people present at the meeting to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the July 10, 2014 ECAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Gene Estrada, seconded by Garry Brown and passed unanimously to approve the July 10, 2014 ECAC meeting minutes as presented.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich abstained from voting because she did not attend the July 10, 2014 meeting.

3. Tier 2 Projects Status Presentations

Dan Phu and Alison Army provided a Tier 2 Status update and introduced presenters for Tier 2 projects.

- i. Peters Canyon Wash Water Capture and Reuse Pipeline: Amanda Carr from the city of Irvine presented this project.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if it took nine months to have all parties agree to the division of responsibilities. Amanda Carr said she was correct, it took nine months of pushing hard to get all parties in place.

Keith Linker said in terms of flow the project has ground waters and surface waters. He asked if she knew the percentage split of each of these waters. Amanda Carr said she did not. It is very hard to determine how much is ground water and how much is surface water because the ground water is close to the surface in this part of Irvine. Also, with the drought, they are seeing constant change.

- ii. Tustin Legacy Detention Basin and Wetlands: Alex Waite from the city of Tustin presented this project.

Keith Linker asked if they receive credit for a portion of the project by the development area. Alex Waite said no.

Scott Carroll asked if the project area was ever used for anything. Alex Waite said a portion of the property was once used for agriculture.

Gene Estrada asked if the access road was owned by the Flood Control District or owned by the City of Tustin. Alex Waite said the road was owned by the City of Tustin but it will be maintained by the Flood Control District.

Gene Estrada asked what the cause of the delay was in the project's design phase. Alex Waite said they had initially planned on awarding the contract in June 2014, but they had issues with potential developers and had to modify the design slightly. Also there were other design issues on another portion of the property which delayed the project further.

Stephen Mayville asked why a certain area in the south portion of the basin does not drain into the basin. Alex Waite said the land drains away from the basin in this area.

Keith Linker asked whether, in terms of flood control, they are getting any credit for taking the top off the storm. Alex Waite said this was part of how they were allowed to develop.

Gene Estrada asked if the changes being proposed in any way change some of the features of the project. Alex Waite said not on the major features – they

cannot change the catch basin. The changes were made in the surrounding areas of the catch basin.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked if the habitat areas remained the same. Alex Waite said yes and the treatment was the same.

Garry Brown said there was once a walkway around the basin. He asked if by shrinking the project size there is any beneficial usage lost. Alex Wait said no.

Stephen Mayville said the project is described as wetlands but there is not a constant source of water. Alex Waite said the urban runoff will be the source of water and there is some ground water as well.

Garry Brown asked if the people who designed the project measured the future flow as accurately as they could. Alex Waite said yes.

Stephen Mayville asked if the \$800,000 from OCTA and the \$400,000 from the City of Tustin project cost figures had changed. Alex Waite said it has not changed and the city will pay for the initial costs.

Sat Tamaribuchi asked if the project area was serving the developer. Alex Waite said it would be serving the entire area as a park.

Garry Brown said the original plan for this area was an outdoor park which would go to the commercial areas and outdoor restaurants. He asked if this is still the plan. Alex Waite said yes, this was a future plan for the area.

4. Tier 1 Consolidated Vendors Agreement Update

Alison Army gave an update of the Tier 1 Consolidated Vendors Agreement. Dan Phu gave a background report on this program for the new ECAC members. Charlie Larwood gave further information.

Gene Estrada asked when the vendor selection would take place. Gene Estrada asked when the actual contract award would take place. Alison Army said the contract award date has not been determined. Gene Estrada asked if it will be before the next call for projects. Alison Army said yes.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich asked when the next call for projects would be. Dan Phu said it would be in the spring of 2015 between February and April.

Gene Estrada said it is important to look at timeframes because it takes such a long time to get it through the Board of Supervisors.

5. ECAC New Members

Marissa Espino gave an ECAC membership update. There are five new members. Along with Keith Linker and Stephen Mayville, who were in attendance, three additional members joined the committee:

Doug Houston, UCI

Jill Ingram, City of Seal Beach

Laurie Walsh, San Diego Water Quality Control Board

6. Public Comments

Amanda Carr asked, regarding the Tier 1 trash concept, if OCTA has been trying to work with the State of California and dove-tail into their trash amendment process. Dan Phu said this was brought up at the ECAC a long time ago. One of the things determined was to carefully monitor and make sure any changes in legislation do not affect the integrity of the Tier 1 Grant. OCTA has been keeping an eye on it and so far they have come to the conclusion the legislation will not change the integrity of the Grant Program.

Amanda Carr asked if, when trash regulations are adopted, they are going to change what cities are looking for. This process is a very good idea but will not offer the things cities need to install to comply with the new regulations. She recommends taking this into consideration, especially since screens and baskets, which the majority of the cities are putting in, are not full capture devices.

Dan Phu said they did change the scope of work in the Master Agreement to expand rather than limit the technology to what is known. The scope says to include but not limit and then lists the traditional technology. There are vendors who can go above and beyond the traditional technology.

Garry Brown said the Ordinance was a one-shot deal in 2006 to last for thirty years. How it is finessed or changed is up to the committee and that is what the ECAC is about.

Sat Tamaribuchi said it was a requirement that the cities maintain the screens and baskets for "X" amount of time. This might prove to be awkward if the legislation goes through. Amanda Carr said these comments were made to the State Board during their development process. They hope it will be taken under consideration for those cities that have been proactive and have installed what were state-of-the-art trash-catchers using grant funds.

Gene Estrada said in May or April of 2014 it was suggested that Geosyntec talk to the cities about some of the new projects out there and asked if this was ever done. Dan Phu said when this was suggested OCTA was already working on developing a day plan/scope for this because in the Ordinance there is a requirement to show some type of benefit from the program. Geosyntec was able

to come up with a model to estimate, based on the type of technology, what type of device would generally yield a determined amount. They gathered information from the cities in the first two rounds of funding and have a spread sheet started. They still need to get information from the funding recipients but are trying not to burden them. They will come back to the ECAC with a report on their findings.

Garry Brown said he recently talked to two individual members of the State Water Board about the Measure M Program and, in both cases, they asked where they could go to find out how effective it had been.

Sat Tamaribuchi said a lot depends on how good a job has been done on source control. Some areas did not have a lot of sweeping and other areas, such as those around a school or shopping center, are swept very frequently. He suggested using some of OCTA's resources combined with the County's to take a look at how trash really works and what would be the best way to deal with trash.

Chair Mary Anne Skorpanich said she would be pleased to make a presentation on the study the County is doing. It is hard to do a good assessment because of the widely variant forms of trash. They are starting out determining how to do measurements and assessments of a watershed to evaluate the sources of refuse. Then they can set up a model or a plan for the watershed.

7. Committee Member Reports

There were no committee member reports.

8. Next Meeting – October 9, 2014

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.