



AGENDA

Environmental Oversight Committee

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David Mayer, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish & Wildlife Service
John Walsh, CA Wildlife Conservation Board

Orange County Transportation Authority
600 South Main Street, Room 154
Orange, California
April 1, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

REVISED

1. Welcome

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of March 4, 2015 Minutes

4. New Irvine Ranch Conservancy Restoration Projects Update

Dan Phu, OCTA

Recommendations

1. Endorse staff's recommendation to adjust the New Irvine Ranch Conservancy's restoration projects as outlined herein.
2. Direct staff to reflect revisions as appropriate in the final Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report/Statement.

Measure M2 includes an Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) to deliver comprehensive mitigation for the environmental impacts of freeway projects in exchange for streamlined project approvals from the state and federal resource and regulatory agencies. To date, the EMP has acquired a number of conservation properties and provided funding for habitat restoration projects. A status report, including an overview of the restoration projects selected for M2 funding as well as specific project revisions, is presented.

5. Public Access Focus Group Meetings Update

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Marissa Espino, OCTA
Monte Ward, OCTA Consultant

In preparation for the release of the Resource Management Plans (RMPs), the EOC will discuss the next steps in addressing the public access concerns and questions that were submitted during the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) public comment period. RMPs are being developed for each OCTA preserve and will guide the stewardship and operations of each preserve.

Focus group meetings are being planned in advance of the RMP release in order to review the NCCP/HCP and RMP goals and requirements and discuss and help develop potential options for public access. Future public meetings will also be scheduled so the public can comment on the plans, which will identify how sensitive plants and animals are protected and also what, where, and when public access will be allowed for each preserve.

RMPs for Ferber Ranch, O'Neill Oaks, Saddle Creek South, and Hafen are expected to be available for public review in the summer.

6. Committee Member Follow-Up

Dan Phu, OCTA
Monte Ward, OCTA Consultant

Questions related to property improvements adjacent to Aliso Canyon.

7. Public Comments

8. Committee Member Reports

9. Next Meeting – May 6, 2015

10. Adjournment

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