



Minutes

Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Committee Members Present

Keith Linker, Vice Chair
Alex Waite, City of Tustin
Danny Kim, California State University, Fullerton
Dennis Wilberg, City of Mission Viejo
Erica Ryan, San Diego RWQCB
Grant Sharp, OC Public Works
Lorrie Lausten, Trabuco Canyon Water District
Matt Collings, Moulton Niguel Water District
Michael Jones, Santa Ana RWQCB
Tyler Holst, Rancho Mission Viejo

Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street, Conference Room 09
Orange, CA
Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 10:30 am

Member(s) Absent

Garry Brown, Chair
Hector Salas, Caltrans, District 12
Peter Grant, City of Cypress
Shohreh Dupuis, City of Laguna Beach

Teleconferencing:

Austin Orr, Geosyntec Technical Consultant

1. Welcome

Keith Linker called the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. He informed the committee that he must leave early, and Grant Sharp would assume the role of Chair.

2. Approval of January 12, 2023, Minutes

A motion was made by Dennis Wilberg, seconded by Grant Sharp to approve the January 12, 2023, ECAC meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Welcome New Committee Members

New committee members Michael Jones, Santa Ana RWQCB; Erica Ryan, San Diego RWQCB; and Tyler Holst, Rancho Mission Viejo, were introduced.

4. Tier 1 Programming Recommendations

Alison Army, OCTA, and Adrian Salazar, OCTA, presented an overview of the item.

Committee Member Comments:

Lorrie Lausten commented that she feels the evaluation and scoring processes are effective. Discussing the project applications with other panel members and hearing other's insights into the scoring of each questions was helpful.

Grant Sharp commented that it was his first time on the scoring committee and felt the overall quality of the applications was very high and was pleased to see applications for new project types that varied from the more typical Tier 1-type projects. Adrian Salazar agreed it was good to have diversity in projects as well as diversity in the scoring panelists.

A committee member asked if the City of Anaheim project is contingent on a revised City Council resolution. Adrian Salazar responded yes, the city had provided a draft resolution with their application, but an approved, project-specific city council resolution is required. The resolution is on the August 15th, 2023 council agenda and OCTA will not start drafting the letter agreement until the approved council resolution is received.

Action Recommendations:

Concur with the application review committee's recommendation and recommend approval to the Board of Directors to allocate \$3,374,083 in Tier 1 Environmental Cleanup Program funding for 10 projects.

Dennis Wilberg made a motion to approve, Tyler Holst seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Tier 2 Call for Projects Outlook

Alison Army, OCTA, presented an overview of the item and introduced Austin Orr, Geosyntec Technical Consultant.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented and asked if the SBPAT (Structural BMP Prioritization and Analysis Tool) analyzed pollutant load reduction and the newer scoring with OC Stormwater Tools (OCST) would analyzed both load and volume reduction. Austin Orr responded both the SBPAT and OCST calculate runoff volume and pollutant load reduction. Alison Army commented that although it may appear that the scoring method has undergone significant changes, the biggest change is the manner in which the project information is submitted by the applicant. The components that are scored remain unchanged from the earlier Tier 2 calls.

A committee member commented that it seems like it has been ten years since the last call, has there been continuous requests for a Tier 2 call to happen, and what

was the catalyst to bring it up at this time? Alison Army responded that over the last 10 years, OCTA has conducted formal and informal surveys on a bi-annual basis. Through the surveys and questionnaires, staff has gauged the interest in Tier 2 by inquiring about potential Tier 2 projects that eligible agencies may have in the works. The timing of the call on the was based on potential ready projects for Tier 2 as well as our cash flow. Early on, OCTA borrowed against future revenues for the Tier 2 calls, but it was the desire of the committee not to borrow against revenues moving forward.

A committee member commented that it looks like there are some pre-call workshops targeted for January 2024, will those workshops be targeting the cities in the county that are eligible? Alison Army responded all eligible agencies will be invited.

6. Farewell to Jeff Thompson

Grant Sharp thanked outgoing Jeff Thompson and commented on his six years of service. Jeff Thompson acknowledged and thanked the committee.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Committee Member Reports

Dennis Wilberg commented on an issue his city is experiencing in getting letter agreements executed through the OCTA contracts department. He expressed frustration that delays have increased and he asked if any other cities were having this issue.

Dan Phu, Planning Division, responded that the OCTA contracts department is understaffed which is a common occurrence in the industry currently. Dan suggested that he and Dennis talk after the meeting to determine if anything can be done quickly to remedy the situation. Dan Phu responded that delays have been experienced internally as well with our own procurement items. We share your frustration and will work with the city to see if there is something we can do to help.

9. Next Meeting – November 9, 2023

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.