



**June 5, 2023**

**To:** Executive Committee   
**From:** Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** Membership Appointments for the Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

### **Overview**

The Measure M2 Ordinance requires, as part of the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program, that a 12-member Environmental Oversight Committee to make recommendations to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors on the allocation of revenues for programmatic mitigation and to monitor implementation. The three-year terms have expired for all members. All 12 existing committee members have expressed a desire to continue to serve on the committee.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the reappointment of the 12 current committee members serving on the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Environmental Oversight Committee for an additional three-year term beginning July 1, 2023.

### **Background**

Measure M2 (M2) includes a provision to provide comprehensive mitigation to offset environmental impacts of freeway improvement projects through the M2 Environmental Mitigation Program (Mitigation Program). In exchange, the state and federal resources agencies, consisting of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), agreed to fast-track the permitting process and entered into a master agreement for the M2 freeway projects. The goal of the Mitigation Program is to deliver more effective mitigation while supporting expedited delivery of M2 freeway improvements.

The Mitigation Program was launched in fall 2007 with the creation of the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC makes technical and policy recommendations to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Board of Directors (Board) related to the implementation of the Mitigation Program. The M2 Ordinance defines the role and composition of the EOC, a 12-member committee, that includes two representatives of the OCTA Board, Director Brian Goodell as Chair and Director Katrina Foley. The other members of the committee include one representative each from the California Department of Transportation, USFWS, CDFW, California Wildlife Conservation Board, Army Corps of Engineers, and the OCTA Taxpayer Oversight Committee. In addition, two public members and two members from a nongovernmental environmental organization serve on the committee (Attachment A). The M2 Ordinance further stipulates the terms of service are three years with no term limits.

***Discussion***

The M2 Ordinance established the EOC and requires that the Board appoint the committee members. All 12 of the current EOC members' terms are expiring and each member has expressed their desire to continue to serve on the committee for an additional three-year term. This term will begin on July 1, 2023. The proposed EOC roster is enclosed as Attachment B.

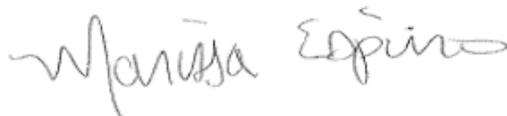
***Summary***

The three-year term for members of the M2 Environmental Oversight Committee has expired. All 12 existing committee members have expressed interest in serving another term and are being presented for reappointment.

***Attachments***

- A. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3 July 24, 2006 (pages B-5 through B-6)
- B. Recommended Environmental Oversight Committee 2023 Roster

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