



June 5, 2023

To: Executive Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Membership Appointments for the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee

Overview

As part of the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program, the Measure M2 Ordinance requires a 14-member Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee to make recommendations to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors on the allocation of revenues for transportation-related water quality programs. The current three-year terms for all members will expire on June 30, 2023. Eleven of the existing committee members have expressed their desire to continue to serve, and replacements are recommended for three open seats.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the reappointment of current committee members serving on the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee for an additional three-year term.
- B. Appoint three committee members to replace outgoing members on the Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee.

Background

The Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP), Project X, provides Measure M2 (M2) revenues to local jurisdictions to help improve overall water quality in Orange County from transportation-generated pollution. Funds are allocated on a countywide competitive basis and are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing transportation-generated water quality programs. These grants are awarded to priority projects improving water quality that have a nexus to transportation-related pollution, consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) M2 Ordinance No. 3 (M2 Ordinance).

The ECP was launched in fall 2007 with the creation of the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC). The ECAC is responsible for developing the program and making funding recommendations for consideration and approval by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board). The M2 Ordinance defines the role and composition of the ECAC, a 14-member committee that includes one representative from the County of Orange, the California Department of Transportation, the development industry, the scientific/academic community, and a private or non-profit organization involved in environmental and water quality protection/enforcement matters (Attachment A). The ECAC also includes a city representative from each of the five supervisorial districts and two representatives from a water or wastewater public entity. In addition, a representative from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board are designated to serve on the ECAC as non-voting members.

Discussion

The M2 Ordinance requires the Board to appoint ECAC members. Terms of service are three years, with no term limits. The committee members representing the development industry, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board have chosen not to seek reappointment for the ECAC and candidates for those seats have been recommended.

In March, OCTA staff initiated a recruitment process to fill the development industry seat and a total of three applications were submitted for consideration. A Board ad-hoc committee was established in May 2023 to review the development industry applicants and propose a recommendation to the full Board. This process is consistent with past recruitments. Chairman Gene Hernandez formed the Board ad-hoc committee, which included the Chairman, Director Steve Jones, and Director Brian Goodell, who also serves as chairman of OCTA's Environmental Oversight Committee.

A total of three candidates who work within the development industry and have backgrounds related to water quality protection and/or cleanup were considered for the development industry seat.

After reviewing the eligible applications, the Board ad-hoc committee is recommending Tyler Holst, Senior Vice President of Infrastructure Engineering (Attachment B), to fill the development industry position. Mr. Holst has experience in water quality program design and is responsible for supporting the Ranch Plan entitlements of 14,000 homes and five million square feet of retail

and commercial space through development and implementation of major infrastructure.

Both water quality control boards are required to each have a representative serving on the ECAC. As routinely done in the past when filling vacant agency seats, OCTA requested a recommendation from the specific agency. Both agencies made the following recommendations: Michael Jones, Water Resource Control Engineer for the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Attachment C) and Erica Ryan, Water Resource Control Engineer, Stormwater Management Unit for the San Diego Water Board (Attachment D). Mr. Jones has experience conducting audits, field inspections, and reviews stormwater sampling records and other technical documents to determine compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater permits. Ms. Ryan is responsible for developing and implementing water quality improvement plans to reduce pollutants from storm water into local waterways and served on the California Stormwater Quality Association Board of Directors.

The remaining 11 existing ECAC members have expressed a desire to continue to serve on the committee for an additional three-year term. The recommended ECAC roster is enclosed (Attachment E).

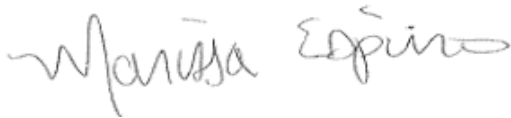
Summary

The three-year term for members of the M2 ECAC will end on June 30, 2023. There are no term limits. Eleven existing committee members have expressed interest in serving another term and are being recommended for reappointment, and replacements are recommended for the three open seats.

Attachments

- A. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3
July 24, 2006. Pages B-17 and B-18
- B. Tyler Holst Resume
- C. Michael Jones Resume
- D. Erica M. Ryan Resume
- E. Recommended Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee
2023 Roster

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