



June 1, 2020

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, 2020). Twelve of the existing committee members have expressed their desire to continue to serve, and replacements are recommended for two open seats.

Recommendations

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

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. Two current members have chosen not to seek reappointment for the ECAC and candidates have been recommended. Terms of service are three years, with no term limits.

Applications were reviewed by OCTA staff and the ECAC Chair, as has been the case for all past recruitments. Current ECAC Chair Garry Brown, President of Orange County Coastkeeper, has recommended two applicants for Board approval.

One of the vacant seats includes a representative from a water or wastewater public entity. Marilyn Thoms from the East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) has been recommended as the water or wastewater member (Attachment B). Ms. Thoms, EOCWD's Water Resource consultant, serves as the Project Manager for the proposed Foothill Runoff Environmentally Sustainable Habitat Stormwater Management Project and manages the preparation of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Before consulting, Ms. Thoms was a Manager of the Watershed Management Division for the Orange County Environmental Resources Service Area.

For the second vacant seat, Danny H. Kim, Ph.D. has been recommended as the scientific/academic representative (Attachment C). Dr. Kim, Associate Professor, California State University, Fullerton Department of Public Health, teaches various courses in environmental health, which include water quality protection and cleanup.

A total of 12 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 D).

Summary

The three-year term for members of the M2 Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee will end on June 30, 2020. There are no term limits. Twelve existing committee members have expressed interest in serving another term and are being recommended for reappointment, and replacements are recommended for two open seats.

Attachments

- A. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3 July 24, 2006. Pages B-17 and B-18
- B. Marilyn Thoms Recommendation Letter and Resume
- C. Danny H. Kim, Ph.D. Curriculum Vitae
- D. Recommended Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee 2020 Roster

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