



Minutes

Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee

Committee Members

*Jamey Federico, Chair
Alben Phung, Caltrans
Dan Silver Endangered Habitats League
Derek McGregor, DMc Engineering
Jennifer Turner, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Mark Tetteimer, OCTA Board of Directors
Michael Neben, Taxpayer Oversight Committee*

*Orange County Transportation Authority
Conference Room 07
550 South Main Street
Orange, CA*

***Wednesday, November 5, 2025,
at 2:30PM***

Member(s) Absent

*Jeniffer Aleman-Zometa, US Army Corps of Engineers
Joe Navari, CA Wildlife Conservation Board
William Miller, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

Member(s) Teleconferencing

*Bev Perry, Civic Engagement Consultant
Melanie Schlotterbeck, Vice Chair*

Teleconference Location:

*Brea City Sports Park
3333 E. Birch Street
Brea, CA 92821*

*California Natural Resources Headquarters
715 P Street
Conference Room 17-310
Sacramento, CA 95814*

1. Welcome

Chair Jamey Federico called the Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jamey Federico led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of August 7, 2024 and May 7, 2025 Minutes

A motion to approve both was made by Mark Tetteimer, seconded by Derek McGregor. Motion passed. Mark Tetteimer and Jennifer Turner abstained on the August 7, 2024,

minutes; Bev Perry and Jennifer Turner abstained on the May 7, 2025, minutes.

4. OCTA Conservation Plan Annual Report

Lesley Hill, OCTA Planning, presented the report. <The presentation is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented that caps were mentioned and that we needed to stay below those caps and the question was what those caps are related to. Lesley Hill responded that there are set amounts slated for impacts to different habitat types and we need to make sure that we cross check and stay below those impacts which is also called staying in rough proportionality ahead of the impacts. We need to make sure the conservation is done first before the impacts. Thanks to the completion of the restoration projects, we are in good shape for the impacts allotted.

A committee member commented about the invasive species update and asked if they had noticed any changes or differences in the native species. Lesley Hill responded they have seen a change in some of the worst invasive species where they have gone down, but other weeds have come up, with changes in where they find them occurring.

A committee member commented about sharing the data and asked if the vegetation or species data was going into the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB). Lesley Hill responded they do share with the CNDDDB and California Fish and Wildlife.

5. Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Endowment Fund Investment Report

Dan Phu, OCTA Planning, presented the report. <The report is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked when they could start spending money again. Dan Phu responded they are looking to complete the deposits in 2028. Current spending for the programs is coming out of the Measure M2 Cash Flows for the work, there isn't any spending out of the endowment.

A committee member asked, since the endowment is slightly over projections, is the increase from better-than-anticipated returns and not under-spending. Dan Phu responded correct, earnings are above the original projections.

6. North Coal Canyon Restoration Project Sign Off

Lesley Hill, OCTA Planning, and Raquel Atik, RECON Environmental Inc. presented the report. <The presentation is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if they anticipated long-term maintenance and what was the over-cost per acre for the coastal scrub restoration. Lesley Hill responded that Chino Hills State Park partnered with OCTA through the whole process, they are happy with the project

and State Parks will take on the long-term maintenance. Dan Phu responded it was \$45,000 per acre.

7. Aliso Creek Restoration Project Sign Off

Lesley Hill, OCTA Planning, Alan Kaufmand and Dulce Cortez, Laguna Canyon Foundation presented the report. <The presentation is available upon request>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked how far down you lowered the elevation when removing the rootball of the Arundo donax and did that allow overflow from the creek to help germinate the natural species. Alan Kaufmand responded there were several techniques used, but the level of the water table was not significantly altered.

A committee member asked if cowbird trapping was still going on. Alan Kaufmand responded yes.

8. Hikes and Equestrian Rides

Marissa Espino, Public Outreach, presented the update.

The next docent-led ride will take place on December 6 at the Trabuco Rose Preserve. The master calendar for 2026 will be available at <http://www.preservingourlegacy.org/>

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Committee Member Reports

A committee member asked for a green laser pointer to be brought and used during the presentations.

11. Next Meeting—February 4, 2026.

11. Adjournment.