



*June 1, 2026*

**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 No. 3 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, 2026. 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 Allocation Committee for an additional three-year term.
- B. Appoint two 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. Consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) M2 Ordinance No. 3 (M2 Ordinance), these grants are awarded to priority projects improving water quality that have a nexus to transportation-related pollution.

The ECP was launched in fall 2007 with the creation of the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC). The ECAC is responsible for developing the guidelines for the administration of 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 (Caltrans), 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 Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and Caltrans have chosen not to seek reappointment for the ECAC and candidates for those seats have been recommended.

The water quality control boards and Caltrans 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: Emily Yagi, Water Resource Control Engineer for the San Diego Water Board and Arvin Cuevas, Branch Chief, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Unit, Division of Environmental Analysis. Ms. Yagi is a civil/structural engineer with more than ten years of experience in design, construction, and regulatory compliance of development in environmentally sensitive areas. Mr. Cuevas brings more than 25 years of experience in transportation engineering and environmental compliance.

The remaining 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 B).

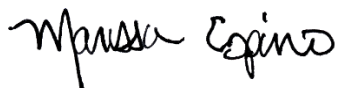
***Summary***

The three-year term for members of the M2 ECAC will end on June 30, 2026. 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 the two open seats.

***Attachments***

- A. Orange County Local Transportation Authority Ordinance No. 3 July 24, 2006 (pages B-17 and B-18)
- B. Recommended Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee 2026 Roster

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