



Speaker Biography

Melanie Schlotterbeck, CMP

Green Vision Project Coordinator



Melanie was first approached by Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP) to assist with the Green Vision Project. Since 2004, she has grown the Green Vision Coalition to more than 80 conservation and community groups and the Green Vision Map has become a well utilized tool for non-profits, planners, and resource agencies.

In 2006, Ms. Schlotterbeck assisted with negotiations for the Orange County Transportation Authority's Renewed Measure M's comprehensive mitigation program and she coordinated wide-ranging support for the measure. Since 2008, she has represented the 30+ member Environmental Coalition and sits as Vice Chair on the Authority's Environmental Oversight Committee. Melanie also works as a consultant with numerous conservation non-profits in Southern California and across the state. In 2017, with a 5-0 vote, she was appointed to the Brea Planning Commission for a four year term.

SPON 2018 Annual Meeting Presentation

How Transportation Dollars Saved Open Space

The first real opportunity to tap into the power of the Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks' Green Vision Coalition was when the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was proposing a renewal of its ½-cent transportation sales tax measure.

Conservation and community groups negotiated with the OCTA for 5% of the freeway program to fund programmatic mitigation focusing on acquisition, restoration, and management of important habitat lands. Orange County voters approved the measure in 2006.

Numerous conservation organizations, including SPON, participated in the program and its many successes. Now, 12 years later, because of this collaborative effort, OCTA has acquired 1,300 acres of land and funded the restoration of 350 acres.

Meeting attendees will gain an understanding of the mitigation program, how this fits into the regional conservation picture, and the current status of the program.

For more information, visit www.FHBP.org and GreenVision@FHBP.org



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