

ORANGE COUNTY



Department of Environment,
Agriculture, Parks & Recreation

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission for the Environment
From: Rich Shaw and Tom Davis
Date: November 5, 2013
Subject: Orange County State of the Environment 2014

A third draft of the State of the Environment report 2014 is ready for your review and comments.

Since your September meeting Tom and Rich have revised the Water Resources and Land Resources chapters, although considerably more input from the CFE is needed. There have been no changes to the Air and Energy Resources chapter pending editing and a proposed reformat by members of the Air and Energy Resources Committee.

As the steering committee for this report, we ask CFE members to continue reading the draft document and provide critical feedback on its format and content. Again, we are especially interested in your thoughts for the “What is the Trend in Orange County?” and “How Can Orange County Improve?” sections for each indicator.

Text from the 2009 report that is largely unchanged is shown in *red italics* so that we don't need to start from scratch. For those environmental indicators whose data show little or no change in the trends since the 2009 report, much of the text can remain the same.

We also need you to identify what you believe are the key issues and recommendations of the report as whole, which will be summarized in the introductory pages.

The following is a revised schedule for the project.

May 2013	DEAPR hires graduate Research Associate (M. Munkittrick)
May-June 2013	Munkittrick verifies data sources, investigates new potential data sources, discusses with staff and CFE members
June-July 2013	Munkittrick collects data, reports to staff & CFE committees. CFE comments on proposed new style/format and new/deleted environmental indicators and emerging issues
August 2013	Munkittrick and DEAPR Staff present initial draft SOE report to CFE. Identify needs for further input/text from CFE and outside entities.
Sept-Oct 2013	Staff completes the data entries for remaining indicators. CFE provides further input/text for each indicator. CFE identifies those indicators it would like to highlight in the report overview and executive summary.
Nov-Dec 2013	Staff creates revised draft (proposed final) SOE report. CFE reviews draft, makes final edits/changes. Staff incorporates changes into final report.
January 2014	Document is made “camera-ready.” SOE report prepared for on-line viewing. A limited number of reports are printed for libraries and other entities.
Feb/March 2014	CFE hosts Environmental Summit, SOE report presented

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