



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Ryan Gallagher on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Huntington Beach Room at Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Clerk of the Board declared a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Carlos Leon, Christine Marick and John Withers
ABSENT: Chad Wanke

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Thompson, General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Jennifer Cabral, Director of Communications; Mike Dorman, Director of Engineering; Laura Maravilla, Director of Human Resources; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Mo Abiodun; Morty Caparas; Jackie Castro; Sam Choi; Raul Cuellar; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; David Haug; Mark Kawamoto; Tom Meregillano; Sammady Yi; and Kevin Work were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; Shawn Cobb, Special Counsel, Allen Matkins; and Danielle Dychter, Special Counsel, Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP; were present in the Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Gallagher and General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2026-4693](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held January 28, 2026.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Carlos Leon and Christine Marick

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chad Wanke and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1).

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:02 p.m. Confidential minutes of the Closed Sessions have been prepared in accordance with the above Government Code Sections and are maintained by the Clerk of the Board in the Official Book of Confidential Minutes of Board and Committee Closed Session meetings.

Director John Withers arrived at 5:12 p.m. during Closed Session Item No. CS-1(A).

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2026-4778](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 2

- A. Emmanuel Rios v. Orange County Sanitation District, Workers' Compensation Claim, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Case No. ADJ20936106; and.
- B. Michael Oberly v. Orange County Sanitation District and Does 1-25, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2025-01489491-CU-OE-CJC.

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2026-4791](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

BKK Working Group, et al. v. Albertsons Companies, Inc., et al., United States District Court Central District of California, Court Case No. 2:18-CV-05836-MWF(PLAx).

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:27 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION:

General Counsel Scott Smith stated there was no reportable action.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gallagher declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board