



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, January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the 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, Chad Wanke and John Withers
ABSENT: None

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; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Mo Abiodun; Mortimer Caparas; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Al Garcia; David Haug; Rob Michaels; Tania Moore; Kevin Work; Sammady Yi; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; Director Ted Bui, Fountain Valley City Manager Maggie Le; and Alternate Director Glenn Grandis were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Gallagher reported on his recent appointments: Director Carlos Leon to Operations Committee Vice-Chair and Member-at-Large on the Steering Committee; Director Jamie Valencia moved from Operations Committee to Administration Committee and was appointed as the Administration Committee Vice-Chair and as an Alternate to OCCOG; Director Ted Bui was appointed to the Audit Ad Hoc Committee; Director Debbie Baker moved from Operations Committee to Administration Committee; and Director John Withers moved from Administration Committee to Operations Committee.

General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide a report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2026-4692](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held November 19, 2025.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

2. UPDATE TO RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

[2026-4659](#)

Originator: Jennifer Cabral

Director of Communications Jennifer Cabral provided a brief report of the item.

It was the consensus of the Committee to amend pages 11 and 12 to include either 13 or 14 members on either the Operations Committee and Administration Committee as determined by Chair.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to amend the item as follows:

Recommend to the Board of Directors as amended to:

A. Approve a Board of Directors Policy to implement new Brown Act amendments regarding meeting disruption procedures pursuant to Senate Bill 707; and

B. Adopt Resolution No. OC SAN 26-02 entitled: "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District establishing Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of Business of the Orange County Sanitation District, and repealing Resolution No. OC SAN 24-09"; which includes changes to pages 11 and 12 to allow for the appointment of either 13 or 14 members to either the Operations Committee or the Administration Committee as determined by the Board Chairperson.

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: John Withers
ABSTENTIONS: None

Director Withers arrived at the meeting at 5:14 p.m. during public comment on Item No. 3.

Fountain Valley City Manager, Maggie Lee and Alternate Director Glenn Grandis provided comment in opposition of Item No. 3.

3. COMPENSATION TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AS A RESULT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY IN THEIR JURISDICTION [2026-4771](#)

Originator: Lorenzo Tyner

Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner provided a brief report of the item.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Approve a policy which states that Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) should not compensate government entities for potential loss of revenue, including sales tax, property tax or economic opportunity when OC San acquires real property in the entity's jurisdiction.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Carlos Leon, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S FY 2025-2026 WORK PLAN MID-YEAR REPORT [2026-4718](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

General Manager Rob Thompson provided a brief report of the item.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the General Manager's FY 2025-2026 Work Plan Mid-Year Report.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Carlos Leon, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS** [2026-4679](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

Mr. Thompson provided a brief report of the item.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Orange County Sanitation District's Memberships and Agreements list.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1).

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:33 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.

CS-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1) [2025-4592](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:49 p.m.

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

General Counsel Scott Smith did not provide a report.

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 5:50 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board