



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Chad Wanke on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

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

PRESENT: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, John Withers, Jon Dumitru and Robert Ooten
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Thompson, General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Celia Chandler, Director of Human Resources; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Mike Dorman; Brian Engeln; Laura Maravilla; Gerry Matthews; Rebecca Long; Wally Ritchie; and Ruth Zintzun were present in Conference Room A. Tina Knapp; Rob Michaels; and Valerie Ratto were present telephonically.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogin, General Counsel, was present in Conference Room A. Cori Takkinen, Townsend & Associates, and Eric Sapirstein, ENS, were in attendance telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Wanke stated that the second reading and Public Hearing for the regional sewer service fees would be heard at the Board meeting. He provided information on the Prop. 218 process, described the minimal increase necessary, and thanked the Committee for their continued leadership and support.

General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide a report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2023-2834](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held February 22, 2023.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 [2023-2866](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

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

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of February 2023.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 [2023-2869](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

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

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of February 2023.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

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 5:03 p.m. and heard one item. Item No. CS-2 was not heard. Confidential minutes of the Closed Session have been prepared in accordance with the above Government Code Section 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 54957(b)(1)[2023-2835](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4)[2023-2858](#)

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Potential initiation of litigation regarding Miller-Holder Rhone Lane Easement.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:55 p.m.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

RECESS

The Steering Committee recessed the meeting at 5:58 p.m. until after the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 7:19 p.m.

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

The Committee convened in Closed Session to continue discussion on Item No. CS-1 at 7:19 p.m.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 8:09 p.m.

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

General Counsel Brad Hogin did not provide a report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wanke declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board