

Orange County Sanitation District
Minutes for the
STEERING COMMITTEE



Wednesday, November 19, 2025
5:00 PM
Huntington Beach Room
Headquarters
18480 Bandelier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Vice Chairman Jon Dumitru on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:02 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, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; 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; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Jason Daniel; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; Rob Michaels; Tania Moore; Thomas Vu; Kevin Work; Sammady Yi; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; and Dustin Nirschl, Associate Counsel BBK; were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Board Vice Chair Dumitru and Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner did not provide reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[**2025-4569**](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held October 22, 2025.

AYES: Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan Gallagher and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN [2025-4538](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

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

Adopt the Orange County Sanitation District 2025 Strategic Plan.

AYES: Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan Gallagher and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPENSATION [2025-4471](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

Vice Chair Dumitru provided a brief summary report of the item.

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

Consider the automatic five percent (5%) increase to Board Member Compensation in accordance with Ordinance No. OC SAN-62, effective January 1, 2026.

AYES: Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan Gallagher and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. FLOW EXCHANGE AND GAP FLOWS AGREEMENTS [2025-4500](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Vice Chair Dumitru provided a brief update of the item.

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

- A. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the Flow Exchange Agreement between Orange County Sanitation District and Irvine Ranch Water District, in a form approved by General Counsel; and
- B. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the GAP Flows Agreement between Orange County Sanitation District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Orange County Water District, for a term of 20 years, in a form approved by General Counsel.

AYES: Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan Gallagher and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

Board Chair Ryan Gallagher arrived at the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

5. RATE SETTING PROCESS

[2025-4572](#)

Originator: Wally Ritchie

Director of Finance Wally Ritchie provided an overview of the item.

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

Approve initiating the rate setting process a year early to allow Orange County Sanitation District to assess rates across the service area including new customer bases.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

Director Chad Wanke arrived at the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54959(D)(4).

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:08 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 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4)

[2025-4610](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 2.

Initiation of litigation.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Steering committee reconvened in regular session at 5:37 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 5:38 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board