ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 28, 2026

Board Room
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Ryan Gallagher on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters. Director Dave Shawver delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A-1 APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026-4739

Originator: Kelly Lore

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING:

Receive and file minute excerpts of member agencies relating to appointments to the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors:

Agency	Director	Alternate Director
City of Brea	Christine Marick	Cecilia Hupp
City of Buena Park	Joyce Ahn	Lamiya Hoque
City of Cypress	Bonnie Peat	Leo Medrano
City of Garden Grove	Stephanie Klopfenstein	Cindy Tran **
City of Irvine	Melinda Liu	Kathleen Treseder
City of Orange	Jon Dumitru	John Gyllenhammer **
City of Placentia	Chad Wanke	Ward Smith
City of Santa Ana	Johnathan Ryan Hernandez	Jessie Lopez **
City of Seal Beach	Lisa Landau	Ben Wong
City of Stanton	David Shawver	John D. Warren
Costa Mesa Sanitary District	Bob Ooten	Art Perry
Irvine Ranch Water District	John Withers	Dan Ferons
Yorba Linda Water District	Tom Lindsey	Gene Hernandez
City of Villa Park	Jordan Wu	Kelly McBride

** *Continuation of a 2-year term*

The Clerk of the Board stated she had received late communication regarding Item No. A-1 which had been corrected to add the City of Villa Park's appointments to the Board.

She also stated that the Steering Committee provided an alternate recommendation to the Resolution in Item No. 6 which included 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.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

PRESENT: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)

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; Sam Choi; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Natasha Dubrovski; Al Garcia; David Haug; Mark Kawamoto, Tom Meregillano, Rob Michaels; Tania Moore; Valerie Ratto; Kevin Work; Sammady Yi; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Board Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; OC San Director Ted Bui, Fountain Valley City Manager Maggie Le; and Alternate Director Glenn Grandis were present in the Board Room. Alternate Director Art Perry was present virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OC San Alternate Director Glenn Grandis provided comment in opposition of Item No. 6. Ashley Davies and Robert Housley, Midway City Sanitary District provided information to their agency's Open House on February 14, 2026.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS 2026-4740

Originator: Kelly Lore

Chair Gallagher introduced Director of Finance Wally Ritchie who presented a 20-year service award to Contracts Supervisor Natasha Dubrovski.

Chair Gallagher recognized Principal Environmental Specialist Arturo Diaz for their 25 years of service and Principal Staff Analyst Tatiana "Tanya" Chong for their 20 years of service.

25-year Service Award
Arturo Diaz, Principal Environmental Specialist - Division 630

20-year Service Awards
Tatiana “Tanya” Chong, Principal Staff Analyst - Division 710
Natasha Dubrovski, Contracts Supervisor - Division 230

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. He also thanked Director Bob Ooten for his service as the Operations Committee Vice-Chairman.

Chair Gallagher reported that Newport Beach Council Member Joe Stapleton shared a teaser post yesterday highlighting OC San's Bay Bridge Pump Station. The full interview is expected to be posted in the coming weeks.

Chair Gallagher reported that Directors and Alternate Directors would receive talking points highlighting OC San activities. These are designed to support outreach efforts for reporting to councils, boards, and community groups ensuring consistent messaging about OC San.

Chair Gallagher announced that OC San Administration Offices would be closed on February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.

General Manager Rob Thompson reported on his recent participation and presentations at Fullerton Kiwanis Club; Water Advisory Committee of Orange County; CASA Winter Conference; City of Huntington Beach regarding deep well injection; SAWPA's 50th anniversary celebration; and MWDOC's Water Policy Forum and Dinner.

Mr. Thompson announced that OC San received the following awards: Graphic Design USA recognized OC San with two awards for outstanding work across all media. "Take Your Kid to Work Day Event" Branding + Identity + Logos category; and "OC San Educational Pipe Displays" Exhibits + Displays category.

Mr. Thompson announced that OC San was recognized with following awards: Community Education Project of the Year Award - Gold for the Wastewater 101 Citizens' Academy; and Scott Green, Operator from Plant No. 2 was selected as Operator of the Year. Both will move on to compete at the state level.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2026-4704

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held December 17, 2025.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers and Jordan Wu
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: Rose Espinoza (Alternate)

3. DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR DISASTER RELIEF **2026-4678**

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Adopt Resolution No. OC SAN 26-01, entitled: "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District authorizing the General Manager, or Assistant General Manager, or the Director of Operations and Maintenance to Execute State Office of Emergency Services and/or Federal Emergency Management Agency Documents and Relevant Permit Applications for Present and Future Disaster Relief Applications; and Repealing Resolution No. OC SAN 23-07".

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: Jon Dumitru and Carlos Leon

RECEIVE AND FILE:

4. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025 **2026-4657**

Originator: Wally Ritchie

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING:

Report of the Investment Transactions for the month of December 2025.

5. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES **2026-4680**

Originator: Kelly Lore

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING:

Minutes of the GWRS Steering Committee Meeting held July 14, 2025.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

None.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

None.

STEERING COMMITTEE:

6. UPDATE TO RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT **2026-4774**

Originator: Jennifer Cabral

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED 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: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S FY 2025-2026 WORK PLAN MID-YEAR REPORT **2026-4776**

Originator: Rob Thompson

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

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

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

9. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS **2026-4777**

Originator: Rob Thompson

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

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

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Item No. 7 was pulled at the request of Director Erik Weigand.

7. COMPENSATION TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AS A RESULT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY IN THEIR JURISDICTION **2026-4775**

Originator: Lorenzo Tyner

Board members requested clarification on the laws regarding compensation to government entities for loss of revenue or sales/property tax. General Counsel Scott Smith provided opinion.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED 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: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

Director Johnathan Ryan Hernandez departed the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

NON-CONSENT:

10. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND BUDGET CALENDAR FOR PREPARATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 AND FISCAL YEAR 2027-28 BUDGETS **2026-4658**

Originator: Wally Ritchie

Finance Manager Ruth Zintzun provided a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 Budget Assumptions. The presentation included preliminary projections related to budget development, revenue, operating expenses, staffing, the Capital Improvement Program, debt financing, the budget summary for FY 25/26, key meeting dates and the recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve the FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 budget assumptions and calendar. Direct staff to incorporate these parameters in the preparation of the FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 budgets.

AYES: Joyce Ahn, Debbie Baker, Ted Bui, Pat Burns, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Lisa Landau, Carlos Leon, Tom Lindsey, Melinda Liu, Christine Marick, Jordan Nefulda, Andrew Nguyen, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat, David Shawver, Jamie Valencia, Chad Wanke, Erik Weigand, John Withers, Jordan Wu and Rose Espinoza (Alternate)
NOES: None
ABSENT: Johnathan Ryan Hernandez
ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

AB 1234 DISCLOSURE REPORTS:

Directors Pat Burns, Andrew Nguyen, Bob Ooten, and Dave Shawver provided a report on their recent attendance at various Regional Board Meetings.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., Chair Gallagher adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board