



Special Meeting - Early Start Time

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Chad Wanke on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 12:00 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, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Thompson, General Manager; 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; Jeremy Arbiso; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Jackie Castro; Thys DeVries; Digna Olmos; and Ruth Zintzun were present in Conference Room A.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogin, General Counsel, was present in Conference Room A.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Wanke reviewed the day's special schedule with the Committee.

Chair Wanke reported that the new Local Lobbyist report was included in the Agenda and would be included in the Public Affairs monthly report moving forward.

General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide a report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2024-3580](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Steering Committee held April 24, 2024.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** None**ABSTENTIONS:** None**2. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024**[2024-3611](#)**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 April 2024.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** None**ABSTENTIONS:** None**3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024**[2024-3620](#)**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 April 2024.

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

NON-CONSENT:**4. GENERAL MANAGER'S FY 2024-2025 PROPOSED WORK PLAN [2024-3567](#)**

Originator: Rob Thompson

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the General Manager's FY 2024-2025 Proposed Work Plan.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick 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 SECTIONS 54957(b)(1), 54957.6, & 54956.9 (d)(1).**

The Committee convened in closed session at 12:03 p.m. Item Nos. CS-2, CS-3 & CS-4 were not heard. 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 APPOINTMENT 54957(b)(1) [2024-3625](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Appointment

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 [2024-3600](#)

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

Designated Representatives: General Manager Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Human Resources Laura Maravilla, and Chief Negotiator Laura Kalty.

Employee Organizations: (3)

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501; Orange County Employees Association; and the Supervisory and Professional Management Group.

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3599](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Orange County Sanitation District v. Robert M. Jackson, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01379706-CU-OR-CJC.

**CS-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3628](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Orange County Sanitation District, a public entity v. Bayside Village Marina, LLC, a limited liability company; Laguna Beach County Water District, a public entity; and Does 1-100, inclusive; and all Persons Unknown Claiming an Interest in the Property, Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2022-01251890.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 3:45 p.m.

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

Chair Wanke stated there was no action taken in Closed Session.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wanke declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. to the Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board