



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, February 28, 2024 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, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick
ABSENT: John Withers

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; Jennifer Cabral; Jackie Castro; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Rob Michaels; Cindy Murra; Perla Rodriguez; and Ruth Zintzun were present in Conference Room A. Mo Abiodun was present telephonically.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogen, General Counsel; Gary Weisberg, Associate Counsel; Lindsay Caro, Associate Counsel; Alex Ackerman, Special Counsel, Alston & Bird LLP; and Matt Wickersham, Special Counsel, Alston & Bird LLP were present in Conference Room A. Erik Sapirstein, ENS Resources; and Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs, were present telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Wanke and General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2024-3456](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Special meeting of the Steering Committee held January 17, 2024.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024 [2024-3485](#)

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 January 2024.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024 [2024-3486](#)

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 January 2024.

AYES: Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:**CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(d)(1), 54956.9(d)(4), and 54957(b)(1).**

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:02 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 EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3496](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Thomas Solar Energy v. Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01337224.

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3495](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Klean Waters, Inc., et al. v. Orange County Sanitation District, United States District Court, Central District of California, Southern Division, Case No. 8:15-cv-00627.

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3497](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED 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 ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4)**[2024-3458](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Potential initiation of litigation regarding Miller-Holder Easement.

CS-5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54957(b)(1)[2024-3457](#)

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

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

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

General Counsel Brad Hogin 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 Wanke declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board