

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 25, 2026



**Board Room
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433**

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, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters. Director Jordan Wu delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 and Jordan Wu

ABSENT: Jose Medrano

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; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Mo Abiodun; Mortimer Caparas; Belen Carrillo; Daisy Covarrubias; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Al Garcia; Al Garcia; David Haug; Matt Killion; Rob Michaels; Tania Moore; Thomas Vu; Kevin Work; and Sammady Yi were present in the Board Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel, and Ryan Baron, Assistant General Counsel were present in the Board room. Chad Colton, Best Best & Krieger; Michael Aaron; and Andy Neff were present virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ted Beresford, Kathy Stephens, Scott Monastra, and Francis La Placa spoke in opposition to the easement clearing construction on Rhone Lane. Alternate Director Leo Medrano provided comments of his participation at the Wastewater 101 Citizens' Academy.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**1. WASTEWATER 101 CITIZENS' ACADEMY GRADUATION**[2026-4789](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

Chair Gallagher presented certificates to the following Wastewater 101 Citizens Academy graduates who were in attendance: Ignaco Martinez, Leo Medrano, Harley Nguyen, Ashley Davis; Ya Ping Shih; Chie Kigawa; MeKinzy Mason; Joseph Mulvihill; Nate Manning; Matthew McReynolds; Sunny Yacenda; Barbara Cohen; Hamid Rezaei; Henry Sun; Abigal Sandoval; Cathy Godoy; Herman Castrejon Lopez; Marisol Quiroz; Michael Rice; Marissa Yerich; Arun Joseph; Jalen McHenry; Megan Woodall; Wendy

Dunlap; Ahtiziri Meneses; Estvan Gomez; Dennis La Salle; and Jared Sanchez.

2. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

[2026-4790](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

Director of Engineering Mike Dorman introduced Engineering Manager Don Cutler who presented a 20-year service award to Information Technology Supervisor Matthew Killion. Chair Gallagher also recognized Principal Contracts Administrator Ludwig Lapus, who could not be in attendance, for his 20 years of service.

20-year Service Awards

Matthew Killion, Information Tech Supervisor - Division 760
Ludwig Lapus, Principal Contracts Administrator - Division 230

REPORTS:

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.

General Manager Rob Thompson provided an update on the Miller-Holder Rhone Lane Easement cleanup and noted that the Clerk of the Board distributed an OC San News Alert regarding recent media coverage related to construction affecting 13 Huntington Beach homeowners. He added that all news coverage will be included in the Public Affairs Outreach Report and shared with the Board of Directors.

Mr. Thompson announced that proposed adjustments to the current budget, including the addition of several full-time positions, will be presented to the Committees next month.

Mr. Thompson reported on his attendance at the State of the City events for Fountain Valley, Irvine, and Orange, as well as the SCCWRP Commission Meeting and the WaterReuse Symposium, where OC San received an award for the Wastewater 101 Citizens' Academy.

Mr. Thompson highlighted an upcoming OC San training opportunity for cities and special districts within the service area. The next in-person class will be held Tuesday, April 28, and will be a two-hour course led by a UCI instructor on Collaboration and Problem Solving. Agencies may enroll up to three employees by April 23 at a cost of \$23 per participant.

Clerk of the Board Kelly Lore reminded Board members of the upcoming Conflict of Interest Form 700 filing deadline on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. She noted that all OC San Directors and Alternate Directors must file electronically with the FPPC this year and encouraged anyone experiencing filing issues to contact her office.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2026-4706](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held February 25, 2026.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

**4. UPDATE TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROCEDURES
AND RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE RESOLUTION**[2026-4817](#)**Originator:** Jennifer Cabral

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Adopt Resolution No. OC SAN 26-05 entitled: "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District Adopting the Records Management Program Procedures and Records Retention Schedule, Authorizing Destruction of Obsolete Records, and Repealing Resolution No. OC SAN 26-03".

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

RECEIVE AND FILE:**5. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**[2026-4682](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting held January 28, 2026
- B. Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held February 4, 2026
- C. Minutes of the Administration Committee Meeting held February 11, 2026

6. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026[2026-4746](#)**Originator:** Wally Ritchie

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING:

Report of the Investment Transactions for the month of February 2026.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:**7. SECONDARY TREATMENT AREA CABLE REPLACEMENT AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NO. FR1-0023**[2026-4829](#)**Originator:** Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Receive and file Bid Tabulation and Recommendation for Secondary Treatment Area Cable Replacement at Plant No. 1, Project No. FR1-0023;
- B. Award a Construction Contract Agreement to Big Sky Electric, Inc., for Secondary Treatment Area Cable Replacement at Plant No. 1, Project No. FR1-0023, for a total amount not to exceed \$298,102; and
- C. Approve a contingency of \$59,600 (20%).

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:** Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

8. TRICKLING FILTER ODOR CONTROL STUDY AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NO. PS24-04 [2026-4830](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation to provide engineering services for the Trickling Filter Odor Control Study at Plant No. 1, Project No. PS24-04, for an amount not to exceed \$548,506; and
- B. Approve a contingency of \$54,851 (10%).

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

9. ENGINEERING PROGRAM CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT [2026-4831](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the Engineering Program Contract Performance Report for the period ending December 31, 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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

10. SECONDARY TREATMENT VFD REPLACEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 2 AND VFD REPLACEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NOS. FE19-08 AND FR1-0011 [2026-4833](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Receive and file Bid Tabulation and Recommendation for Secondary Treatment VFD Replacements at Plant No. 2 and VFD Replacements at Plant No. 1, Project Nos. FE19-08 and FR1-0011;
- B. Award a Construction Contract Agreement to Big Sky Electric, Inc. for Secondary Treatment VFD Replacements at Plant No. 2 and VFD Replacements at Plant No. 1, Project Nos. FE19-08 and FR1-0011, for an amount not to exceed \$3,085,300; and
- C. Approve a contingency of \$308,530 (10%).

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

11. NEWHOPE-PLACENTIA SEWER MANHOLE REPLACEMENTS, PROJECT NO. FE21-08

[2026-4834](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve a contingency increase of \$456,000 to the existing Construction Contract Agreement with Sancon Technologies, Inc., for Newhope-Placentia Sewer Manhole Replacements, Project No. FE21-08, for a new total contingency of \$1,537,902 (378%).

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

12. FLEET MOBILE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PURCHASES

[2026-4841](#)

Originator: Lorenzo Tyner

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Approve the purchase of replacement mobile equipment for Orange County Sanitation District's fleet as initially approved in the adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget in the amount of \$761,300; and
- B. Delegate to the General Manager and Purchasing Manager the authority to purchase replacement mobile equipment during the fiscal year in the not to exceed amount listed above, utilizing the method of procurement determined by the General Manager to be in the best interest of OC San, to include cooperative contract, competitive solicitation, or sole source.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

13. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 [2026-4842](#)

Originator: Jennifer Cabral

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of February 2026.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

14. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 [2026-4843](#)

Originator: Jennifer Cabral

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of February 2026.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

15. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 18350 MT. LANGLEY STREET AND 18250 EUCLID STREET, FOUNTAIN VALLEY [2026-4844](#)

Originator: Lorenzo Tyner

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Ratify Amendment No. 7 to the sole source agreement with The Muller Company for Property Management Services at 18350 Mt. Langley Street and 18250 Euclid Street in Fountain Valley, on a month to month basis, for management fees of \$5,241.90 per month plus other incurred expenses; and an additional renewal period of twelve (12) months.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

16. COMPREHENSIVE COST OF SERVICE RATE STUDY, SPECIFICATION NO. CS-2025-711BD [2026-4845](#)

Originator: Wally Ritchie

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

A. Approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform a Comprehensive Cost of Service Rate Study, Specification No. CS-2025-711BD, for a total amount not to exceed \$254,280; and

B. Approve a contingency of \$25,428 (10%).

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

17. ORANGE COUNTY WASTE AND RECYCLING WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT AND ORGANIC SERVICES AGREEMENT

[2026-4846](#)

Originator: Lan Wiborg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

- A. Approve the Waste Infrastructure System Enterprise (WISE) Agreement and the Organic Services Agreement with Orange County Waste and Recycling to receive and dispose of Orange County Sanitation District's (OC San) solid waste (grit, screenings, drying bed materials and any solids that cannot be beneficially reused) at Orange County Waste and Recycling's landfills for a term of 10 years from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2036 for a total amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 which includes the phased-in unit price per ton approach and the associated escalation costs; and
- B. Approve up to one (1) additional, 10-year renewal agreement.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

STEERING COMMITTEE:

18. PLANT NO. 1 ADDED FACILITIES AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

[2026-4851](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve the Added Facilities Agreement with Southern California Edison Company and Orange County Sanitation District, for the Orcosan Substation at Plant No. 1, AF00801-001, ensuring perpetual replacement cost coverage.

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: Jose Medrano

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

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.

Director Hernandez departed the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4).

The Board convened in closed session at 6:51 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.

Director Jamie Valencia departed the meeting during Closed Session at approximately 6:57 p.m.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4)**

[2026-4850](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Initiation of litigation.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:02 p.m.

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

General Counsel Scott Smith stated there was no reportable action.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:02 p.m., Chair Gallagher adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board