



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, April 24, 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, 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; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Jackie Castro; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Thys DeVries; Rob Michaels; Aldwin Ramirez; and Ruth Zintzun were present in Conference Room A.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogin, General Counsel; Lindsay Caro, Associate Counsel; Gary Weisberg, Associate Counsel; and Philip Lem, Payne & Fears, were present in Conference Room A. Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs, was present telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Wanke did not provide a report.

General Manager Rob Thompson reported on the recent Newport Beach City Council meeting where the city denied the appeal and upheld the decision to approve the demolition of OC San's Bay Bridge Pump Station and approve the construction of a new pump station and associated force mains.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2024-3581](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held March 27, 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 MARCH 2024**[2024-3569](#)**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 March 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 MARCH 2024**[2024-3571](#)**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 March 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. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS [2024-3536](#)**

Originator: Rob Thompson

Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the item and responded to questions regarding the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project membership and its value to OC San.

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

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

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 54956.9(d)(1) & 54957(b)(1).**

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:09 p.m. General Counsel Brad Hogin left the meeting during Item No. CS-2. 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 - [2024-3526](#)
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-2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT 54957(b)(1)

[2024-3550](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Appointment

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION -
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

[2024-3588](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Arlin Blazevec v. Orange County Sanitation District; Natasha Dubrovski; Lorenzo Tyner; and Does 1-100, inclusive, Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2020-01149812-CU-WT-CJC.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:58 p.m.

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

General Counsel Brad Hogin stated there was no reportable action.

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

Director Jon Dumitru requested information and a tour of the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wanke declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until the Special Meeting of the Steering Committee to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board