



# STEERING COMMITTEE

## Agenda Report

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**FROM:** Robert Thompson, General Manager

**SUBJECT:**

### **ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS**

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

##### RECOMMENDATION:

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) has memberships and agreements with various associations and professional organizations. The attached document provides a list of seven agencies, associations, and/or organizations which OC San and staff are currently members of at an individual annual rate of \$50,000 or greater.

#### **RELEVANT STANDARDS**

- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities
- Provide professional growth and development

#### **PROBLEM**

OC San is a leader in the water/wastewater industry and to maintain that status it is important that staff engage in various groups to discuss and share our experiences. Staying up to date on trends, current and upcoming technology, and the future of the industry is imperative.

#### **PROPOSED SOLUTION**

Allow staff to continue participation in associations and organizations that support the mission and vision of OC San, as well as the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. Staff will continue to develop skills, learn about improvements in the industry, and share proven successes with other agencies, while continuing to maintain an active role as an industry leader.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS**

March 2022 - Legislative and Public Affairs Committee received and filed the OC San Memberships and Agreements List.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

OC San has reviewed and analyzed the value each membership provides. As a result of this effort, staff has eliminated memberships resulting in a cost of approximately \$10,000 due to value and/or usage.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These memberships have been budgeted in FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget (within each relevant division) and will be included in the upcoming FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 budget.

**ATTACHMENT**

*The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OC San website ([www.ocsan.gov](http://www.ocsan.gov)) with the complete agenda package:*

- OC San Memberships and Agreements List