



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Operations Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Ryan Gallagher on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters. Chairman Gallagher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Assistant Clerk of the Board Tania Moore declared a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Joyce Ahn, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

ABSENT: Pat Burns, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Thompson, General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Jennifer Cabral, Director of Communications; Mike Dorman, Director of Engineering; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Tania Moore, Assistant Clerk of the Board; Mo Abiodun; Daniel Berokoff; Jon Bradley, Cheri Calisang; Sam Choi, Andrew Cole, Raul Cuellar, Don Cutler, Thys DeVries, Martin Dix, Justin Fenton, Al Garcia; David Haug, Mark Kawamoto, Tom Meregilliano, Kelly Newell, Nick Oswald, Aldwin Ramirez; Valerie Ratto, Thomas Vu; Todd Waltz, Kevin Work; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Board Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mal Richardson, General Counsel; Ruby Kaura, Brown and Caldwell; and Jeff Mohr were present in the Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Ms. Moore announced that Late Communication was received after the publication of the agenda, from the Director of Engineering for Item No. 6 modifying the contract amount not to exceed \$3,085,300 with a contingency of \$308,530, and was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

REPORTS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2026-4720](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Operations Committee held February 4, 2026.

AYES: Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joyce Ahn, Pat Burns, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. SECONDARY TREATMENT AREA CABLE REPLACEMENT AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NO. FR1-0023[2025-4351](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors 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: Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joyce Ahn, Pat Burns, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. TRICKLING FILTER ODOR CONTROL STUDY AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NO. PS24-04[2025-4579](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors 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: Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joyce Ahn, Pat Burns, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. ENGINEERING PROGRAM CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT [2026-4716](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

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

Receive and file the Engineering Program Contract Performance Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.

AYES: Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joyce Ahn, Pat Burns, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

**5. SECONDARY TREATMENT VFD REPLACEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 2 [2025-4617](#)
AND VFD REPLACEMENTS AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NOS.
FE19-08 AND FR1-0011**

Originator: Mike Dorman

Director of Engineering Mike Dorman provided a brief report of the item.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors 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 \$3,424,300; and
- C. Approve a contingency of \$342,430 (10%).

AYES: Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Joyce Ahn, Pat Burns, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

Directors Joyce Ahn and Johnathan Ryan Hernandez arrived at the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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

[2026-4756](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman introduced the item and Engineering Supervisor Daniel Berokoff provided a brief PowerPoint presentation of the Newhope-Placentia Sewer Manhole Replacements, Project No. FE21-08. The presentation included a project scope update, locations of the replacement manholes, images of partial manhole replacement at NHP0020 and NHP0135, paving, slurry seal, restriping work, and the reconstruction plan for NHP0135, a summary of major cost changes, the current status of the construction contract, and the recommendation.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors 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, Doug Chaffee, Jon Dumitru, Ryan Gallagher, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez, Lisa Landau, Tom Lindsey, Robert Ooten, Bonnie Peat and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pat Burns, Stephanie Klopfenstein and Carlos Leon

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. **PROCUREMENT PROCESS, BIDS VS RFPS, SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS VS COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS** [2026-4667](#)

Originator: Wally Ritchie

Purchasing and Contracts Manager Kevin Work provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Purchasing, Contracts, and Materials Management Department Overview which covered the team structure, materials management and inventory data, highlights of awarded contracts and purchasing activities, applicable rules and regulations, the procurement process and methods, master contracts, exemptions, approval thresholds, a threshold matrix chart, and the recommendation.

ITEM RECEIVED AS AN:

Information Item.

8. **FY 2026-27 AND 2027-28 ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT BUDGET REVENUES AND RESERVES OVERVIEW** [2026-4668](#)

Originator: Wally Ritchie

Finance Manager Ruth Zintzun provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 Revenues and Reserves The presentation included a graph illustrating the four major revenue categories: debt proceeds, fees and charges, general revenue, and other income. It also provided a summary of the reserve policy, and highlighted key meeting dates.

ITEM RECEIVED AS AN:

Information Item.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gallagher declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. to the next Regular Operations Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tania Moore
Tania Moore, CMC
Assistant Clerk of the Board