Orange County Sanitation District Minutes for the STEERING COMMITTEE



Wednesday, September 24, 2025
5:00 PM
Huntington Beach Room
Headquarters
18480 Bandilier Circle
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
(714) 593-7433

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Ryan Gallagher on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Orange County Sanitation District Headquarters.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Clerk of the Board declared a quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, Chad

Wanke and John Withers

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis

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; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Morty Caparas; Jackie Castro; Sam Choi; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; Dickie Fernandez; David Haug; Mark Kawamoto; Tom Meregillano; Rob Michaels; Cindy Murra; Becky Polcyn; Valerie Ratto; Sammady Yi; Thomas Vu; Kevin Work; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel, and Kevin Burton, Irvine Ranch Water District, were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

REQUEST TO ADD URGENT ITEM TO THE AGENDA:

The Clerk of the Board announced that a request to add an urgent item to the agenda had been received. A statement of facts and the proposed agenda report were provided in hard copy to the Steering Committee members and were made available to the public on our website.

Chair Gallagher asked for a motion to make the following determinations: 1) That there is an immediate need to take action; and 2) that the need arose after the posting of the agenda. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to add the item to the agenda.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, and John Withers

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis and Chad Wanke

Chair Gallagher directed the Clerk of the Board to add the item to the Agenda as Non-Consent Item No. 5.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2025-4484

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held August 27, 2025.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick and John

Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

2. BAY BRIDGE PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAINS REPLACEMENT, 2025-4455 PROJECT NO. 5-67

Originator: Mike Dorman

Director of Engineering Mike Dorman provided an overview of the item.

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

- A. Consider, approve, and adopt Addendum No. 2 to the Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project No. 5-67; and
- B. Adopt Resolution No. OC SAN 25-18 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District Approving and Adopting Addendum No. 2 to the Environmental Impact Report for the Bay Bridge Pump Station and Force Mains Replacement Project (Project No. 5-67) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act".

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick and John

Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

Director Chad Wanke arrived at the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

3. IRWD/OC SAN AGREEMENT DEAL POINTS

2025-4474

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Thompson provided a brief report of the item.

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

Authorize the preparation of two new agreements and a resolution to streamline operations, better align billing with services provided, and maximize the use of existing infrastructure in Orange County as follows:

- 1. Agreement No. 1 between Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) and Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) will realign boundaries and payment structures with current service provisions. This agreement will consolidate many prior agreements that were created as development occurred.
- 2. Agreement No. 2 between OC San, IRWD, and Orange County Water District (OCWD) will replace the current Green Acres Project (GAP) Agreement which expires in January 2027.
- 3. An OC San Board of Directors resolution will support the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) process to annex the former Los Alisos Water District (LAWD) area into OC San's service area.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, Chad

Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. SIDE LETTER TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR 2025-4512
THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS - LOCAL
501

Originator: Laura Maravilla

Director of Human Resources Laura Maravilla provided a brief update to the item.

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

Authorize the execution of a Side Letter Modifying Article 19 - Standby Pay of the current Memorandum of Understanding between Orange County Sanitation District and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 501 retroactive to the first pay period of July 2025.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, Chad

Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. URGENT ITEM - NEWHOPE-PLACENTIA SEWER MANHOLE 2025-4530 REPLACEMENTS, PROJECT NO. FE21-08

Originator: Mike Dorman

Mr. Dorman provided a brief report of the item.

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

Approve a contingency increase of \$1,000,556 to the existing Construction Contract Agreement to Sancon Technologies, Inc., for Newhope-Placentia Sewer Manhole Replacements, Project No. FE21-08, for a new total contingency of \$1,081,902 (266%) due to a time sensitive finding.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Christine Marick, Chad

Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Glenn Grandis

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Committee did not convene in Closed Session. The item was pulled from consideration.

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8

2025-4501

DID NOT CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION:

A. Property: 10700 Spencer Street, Fountain Valley, CA - APN No.156-154-07 and 156-163-16.

Agency negotiators: General Manager Rob Thompson; Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner; and Director of Finance Wally Ritchie.

Negotiating parties: Shabtai Itzhak Tr Ins Tr

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of payment

B. Property: 18250 Euclid Street, Fountain Valley, CA - APN No.156-171-41.

Agency negotiators: General Manager Rob Thompson; Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner; and Director of Finance Wally Ritchie.

Negotiating parties: Rexford Industrial Realty LP

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of payment

CONSIDERATION OF ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS CONSIDERED IN 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 5:35 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC Clerk of the Board