



ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET UPDATE

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed Operating, Capital, Debt Service, and Self-Insurance Budgets for FY 2025-26 as follows:

		<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Net Operating	\$	246,365,399
Self-Insurance	\$	6,745,565
Net Capital Improvement Program	\$	254,276,633
Debt/COP Service	\$	60,431,104
Intra-District Joint Equity Purchase/Sale ⁽¹⁾	\$	3,500,000
Other Requirements	\$	10,000,000
TOTAL	\$	581,318,701

⁽¹⁾ Cash to/from Revenue Area 14 (RA14) in exchange for capital assets to/from Consolidated Revenue Area 15 (RA15)

BACKGROUND

The FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget Update is included for the Committee's consideration. The budget has been presented to the Operations Committee at the regular June meeting in order to allow each Standing Committee an opportunity to review the proposal prior to the June Board meeting. Although each Committee has had an opportunity to review the proposal, it remains the responsibility of the Administration Committee to recommend approval. The Administration Committee is requested to recommend that the Board of Directors approve this budget at the June 26, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Ensure the public's money is wisely spent
- Produce appropriate financial reporting - Operating and CIP budgets every two years

PROBLEM

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) cannot maintain and monitor its financial condition, operations, and future capital improvements without examination and transparency into its resources, revenues, reserves, and outlays, and cannot continue to operate without an approved budget.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Approve the Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget Update.

TIMING CONCERNS

OC San is currently operating in the final year of its two-year budget which runs through June 30, 2025. The new budget will be effective July 1 of this year upon adoption by the Board of Directors in June.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

OC San will not have an updated budget to be able to carry out its financial fiduciary duties or other operations beyond June 30, 2025.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

June 2023 - Adopted the proposed Operating, Capital, Debt Service, and Self-Insurance Budgets for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 as follows:

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Net Operating	\$ 232,674,493	\$ 239,114,716
Self-Insurance - Workers' Comp.	\$ 1,124,029	\$ 1,182,835
Self-Insurance - Property & Gen. Liability	\$ 4,402,500	\$ 4,767,000
Net Capital Improvement Program	\$ 223,075,113	\$ 279,436,128
Debt/COP Service	\$ 61,027,421	\$ 60,431,104
Intra-District Joint Equity Purchase/Sale (1)	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
Total	\$ 525,803,556	\$ 588,431,783

(1) Cash to/from Revenue Area 14 (RA14) in exchange for capital assets to/from Consolidated Revenue Area 15 (RA15)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OC San's proposed FY 2025-26 operating (\$246.3 million) and capital improvement (\$254.3 million) budget is proposed at \$500.6 million; a 3.7 percent (\$19.1 million) decrease from the FY 2025-26 adopted budget that was approved last year as the second year of the adopted two-year budget. This overall decrease is primarily attributable to a decrease of \$25 million in net CIP Outlay offset by an \$8.3 million increase in operating costs.

ATTACHMENT

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

- Proposed Budget Update FY 2025-26
- Presentation