



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 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Headquarters 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: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers
ABSENT: None

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; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Mortimer Caparas; Jackie Castro; Sam Choi; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; Al Garcia; Tom Meregillano; Rob Michaels; Aldwin Ramirez; Thomas Vu; Kevin Work and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; Ryan Baron, Associate Counsel; Shawn Cobb, Special Counsel, Allen Matkins; Laura Kalty, Special Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore; Gary Weisberg and Lindsay Caro, Special Counsel, Woodruff and Smart; Alex King and Andres Lopez, EIDIM; and Glenn Parker were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Clerk of the Board Kelly Lore requested that Item No. 2 be heard after Closed Session.

REPORTS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[2024-3823](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held August 28, 2024.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

3. LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

[2024-3854](#)

Originator: Laura Maravilla

Director of Human Resources Laura Maravilla provided a verbal report of the item.

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

Authorize the Board Chairman to execute an agreement for special services with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and approve Laura Drottz Kalty to serve as Chief Negotiator for labor contract negotiations for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke 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) & 54956.9(d)(4).

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:03 p.m. 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 - [2024-3819](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

BKK Working Group, et al. v. Albertsons Companies, Inc., et al., United States District Court Central District of California, Court Case No. 2:18-CV-05836-MWF(PLAx).

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3820](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Orange County Sanitation District, a public entity v. Bayside Village Marina, LLC, a limited liability company; Laguna Beach County Water District, a public entity; and Does 1-100, inclusive; and all Persons Unknown Claiming an Interest in the Property, Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2022-01251890.

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3822](#)
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of 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-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) [2024-3857](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Potential initiation of litigation.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:51 p.m.

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

General Counsel Scott Smith stated there was no reportable action.

Board Chair Gallagher stated that Item No. 2 would be heard after Closed Session.

2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON - REPLACEMENT OF THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AT PLANT NO. 2 [2024-3815](#)

Originator: Riaz Moinuddin

Mr. Thompson provided a verbal report of the item.

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

Approve the Net Energy Metering Interconnection Agreement (NST-497000) and Affidavit with Southern California Edison (SCE) Company and Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) to allow service under the Net Energy Metering (NEM-ST) tariff.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick, Chad Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: 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 5:53 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board