



Special Meeting - Early Start Time

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, November 20, 2024 at 4:30 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, 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; Mo Abiodun; Mortimer Caparas; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; Tina Knapp; Rob Michaels; Rebecca Polcyn; Kevin Schuler; Kevin Work; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Baron, General Counsel; Shawn Cobb, Special Counsel, Allen Matkins; Laura Drottz Kalty, Special Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore; Lindsay Caro, Special Counsel, Woodruff and Smart; and Phillip Lem, Payne & Fears, were present in the Huntington Beach Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2024-3921](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held October 23, 2024.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** Chad Wanke and John Withers**ABSTENTIONS:** None**NON-CONSENT:****2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPENSATION**[2023-3191](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

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

Consider the automatic five percent (5%) increase to Board Member Compensation in accordance with Ordinance No. OC SAN-62, effective January 1, 2025.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Glenn Grandis and Christine Marick**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** Chad Wanke and John Withers**ABSTENTIONS:** None*Director Chad Wanke arrived at the meeting at 4:33 p.m.***INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:**CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54957.6, 54956.9(d)(1), & 54956.9(d)(2).**

The Committee convened in closed session at 4:31 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.

Director John Withers arrived at the meeting at 4:41 p.m. during discussion of Item CS-1.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT [2024-3904](#)
CODE SECTION 54957.6**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Designated Representatives: General Manager Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Human Resources Laura Maravilla, and Chief Negotiator Laura Kalty.

Employee Organizations: (3)

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501; Orange County Employees Association; and the Supervisory and Professional Management Group.

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3935](#)
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-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED [2024-3970](#)
LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

- A. Claim/Demand Letter received from PCL Construction, Inc., re: Contract No. P2-98A for Project A-Side Primary Clarifier Replacement at Plant 2. Claim regarding a Change Order Proposal RFC 44; and
- B. Claim/Demand Letter received from PCL Construction, Inc., re: Contract No. P2-98A for Project A-Side Primary Clarifier Replacement at Plant 2. Claim regarding a Change Order Proposal RFC 52.

Copies of these claims are on file with the Clerk of the Board and available for public inspection.

CS-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

[2024-3929](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: (1)

Significant exposure to litigation: Claim of Robert Roberts.

A copy of this claim is on file with the Clerk of the Board and available for public inspection.

CS-5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

[2024-3931](#)

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).

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 6:00 p.m.

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

General Counsel Ryan Baron did not provide a report.

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 Special meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. to the Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board