

December 5, 2023

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

**GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES AD HOC COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT**

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 3:30 P.M.

Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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The Regular Meeting of the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District will be held at the above location and in the manner indicated on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.



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**ROLL CALL
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn: _____

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (3)

Ryan Gallagher, Board Vice-Chair (Tustin)	
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Yorba Linda Water District	Phil Hawkins	Tom Lindsey

County Areas

Board of Supervisors	Doug Chaffee	Donald P. Wagner
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Regular Meeting Agenda
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Conference Room A
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(714) 593-7433

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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CONSENT CALENDAR:

None.

NON-CONSENT:

1. SOLICITATION OF GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES [2023-3341](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and obtain guidance from the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee on factors affecting the structure of the solicitation and contract.

Originator: Wally Ritchie

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn the meeting.



GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES AD HOC COMMITTEE

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Agenda Report

File #: 2023-3341

Agenda Date: 12/14/2023

Agenda Item No: 1.

FROM: Robert Thompson, General Manager
Originator: Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT:

SOLICITATION OF GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and obtain guidance from the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee on factors affecting the structure of the solicitation and contract.

BACKGROUND

In November 2023, the Board of Directors approved the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee to conduct and oversee an open competitive solicitation for general legal counsel services.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Ensure the public's money is wisely spent

PROBLEM

Staff needs to obtain guidance on the preferred structure of the upcoming solicitation and contract for general legal counsel services.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Discuss and obtain guidance from the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee on factors affecting the structure of the solicitation and contract.

TIMING CONCERNS

N/A

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

Current general legal counsel services will remain in place.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

November 2023 - Board of Directors approved conducting an open competitive solicitation for general legal counsel services; and assigned the General Legal Services Ad Hoc Committee as oversight for the solicitation process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Staff will present options and facilitate discussion on items affecting the structure of the solicitation and contract for general legal counsel services. The areas of discussion will include:

- Method of solicitation
- Scope of work elements
- Contract term and duration
- Evaluation process
- Next steps

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N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENT

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

N/A

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT COMMON ACRONYMS

ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies	LOS	Level Of Service	RFP	Request For Proposal
APWA	American Public Works Association	MGD	Million Gallons Per Day	RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
AQMD	Air Quality Management District	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	SARFPA	Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers	NACWA	National Association of Clean Water Agencies	SARI	Santa Ana River Interceptor
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	SARWQCB	Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
CARB	California Air Resources Board	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations	SAWPA	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
CASA	California Association of Sanitation Agencies	NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	NWRI	National Water Research Institute	SCAP	Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	O & M	Operations & Maintenance	SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	OCCOG	Orange County Council of Governments	SOCWA	South Orange County Wastewater Authority
CRWQCB	California Regional Water Quality Control Board	OCHCA	Orange County Health Care Agency	SRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund
CWA	Clean Water Act	OCSD	Orange County Sanitation District	SSMP	Sewer System Management Plan
CWEA	California Water Environment Association	OCWD	Orange County Water District	SSO	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	OOBS	Ocean Outfall Booster Station	SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
EMT	Executive Management Team	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency	PCSA	Professional Consultant/Construction Services Agreement	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
FOG	Fats, Oils, and Grease	PDSA	Professional Design Services Agreement	TSS	Total Suspended Solids
gpd	gallons per day	PFAS	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	WDR	Waste Discharge Requirements
GWRS	Groundwater Replenishment System	PFOA	Perfluorooctanoic Acid	WEF	Water Environment Federation
ICS	Incident Command System	PFOS	Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid	WERF	Water Environment & Reuse Foundation
IERP	Integrated Emergency Response Plan	POTW	Publicly Owned Treatment Works	WIFIA	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
JPA	Joint Powers Authority	ppm	parts per million	WIIN	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission	PSA	Professional Services Agreement	WRDA	Water Resources Development Act

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS – A secondary biological wastewater treatment process where bacteria reproduce at a high rate with the introduction of excess air or oxygen and consume dissolved nutrients in the wastewater.

BENTHOS – The community of organisms, such as sea stars, worms, and shrimp, which live on, in, or near the seabed, also known as the benthic zone.

BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (BOD) – The amount of oxygen used when organic matter undergoes decomposition by microorganisms. Testing for BOD is done to assess the amount of organic matter in water.

BIOGAS – A gas that is produced by the action of anaerobic bacteria on organic waste matter in a digester tank that can be used as a fuel.

BIOSOLIDS – Biosolids are nutrient rich organic and highly treated solid materials produced by the wastewater treatment process. This high-quality product can be recycled as a soil amendment on farmland or further processed as an earth-like product for commercial and home gardens to improve and maintain fertile soil and stimulate plant growth.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) – Projects for repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of assets. Also includes treatment improvements, additional capacity, and projects for the support facilities.

COLIFORM BACTERIA – A group of bacteria found in the intestines of humans and other animals, but also occasionally found elsewhere, used as indicators of sewage pollution. E. coli are the most common bacteria in wastewater.

COLLECTIONS SYSTEM – In wastewater, it is the system of typically underground pipes that receive and convey sanitary wastewater or storm water.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION (COP) – A type of financing where an investor purchases a share of the lease revenues of a program rather than the bond being secured by those revenues.

CONTAMINANTS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN (CPC) – Pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other organic wastewater contaminants.

DILUTION TO THRESHOLD (D/T) – The dilution at which the majority of people detect the odor becomes the D/T for that air sample.

GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG) – In the order of relative abundance water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone gases that are considered the cause of global warming (“greenhouse effect”).

GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM (GWRS) – A joint water reclamation project that proactively responds to Southern California’s current and future water needs. This joint project between the Orange County Water District and OCSD provides 70 million gallons per day of drinking quality water to replenish the local groundwater supply.

LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) – Goals to support environmental and public expectations for performance.

N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE (NDMA) – A N-nitrosamine suspected cancer-causing agent. It has been found in the GWRS process and is eliminated using hydrogen peroxide with extra ultra-violet treatment.

NATIONAL BIOSOLIDS PARTNERSHIP (NBP) – An alliance of the NACWA and WEF, with advisory support from the EPA. NBP is committed to developing and advancing environmentally sound and sustainable biosolids management practices that go beyond regulatory compliance and promote public participation to enhance the credibility of local agency biosolids programs and improved communications that lead to public acceptance.

PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) – A large group (over 6,000) of human-made compounds that are resistant to heat, water, and oil and used for a variety of applications including firefighting foam, stain and water-resistant clothing, cosmetics, and food packaging. Two PFAS compounds, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) have been the focus of increasing regulatory scrutiny in drinking water and may result in adverse health effects including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy, cancer, liver damage, immunosuppression, thyroid effects, and other effects.

PERFLUOROCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) – An ingredient for several industrial applications including carpeting, upholstery, apparel, floor wax, textiles, sealants, food packaging, and cookware (Teflon).

PERFLUOROCTANESULFONIC ACID (PFOS) – A key ingredient in Scotchgard, a fabric protector made by 3M, and used in numerous stain repellents.

PLUME – A visible or measurable concentration of discharge from a stationary source or fixed facility.

PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (POTW) – A municipal wastewater treatment plant.

SANTA ANA RIVER INTERCEPTOR (SARI) LINE – A regional brine line designed to convey 30 million gallons per day of non-reclaimable wastewater from the upper Santa Ana River basin to the ocean for disposal, after treatment.

SANITARY SEWER – Separate sewer systems specifically for the carrying of domestic and industrial wastewater.

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) – Regional regulatory agency that develops plans and regulations designed to achieve public health standards by reducing emissions from business and industry.

SECONDARY TREATMENT – Biological wastewater treatment, particularly the activated sludge process, where bacteria and other microorganisms consume dissolved nutrients in wastewater.

SLUDGE – Untreated solid material created by the treatment of wastewater.

TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS) – The amount of solids floating and in suspension in wastewater.

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TRICKLING FILTER – A biological secondary treatment process in which bacteria and other microorganisms, growing as slime on the surface of rocks or plastic media, consume nutrients in wastewater as it trickles over them.

URBAN RUNOFF – Water from city streets and domestic properties that carry pollutants into the storm drains, rivers, lakes, and oceans.

WASTEWATER – Any water that enters the sanitary sewer.

WATERSHED – A land area from which water drains to a particular water body. OCSD's service area is in the Santa Ana River Watershed.