

## Agenda Report

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**SUBJECT:**

### **ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the report.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District) has memberships with various associations and professional organizations. Some of the memberships are for the agency, while others are for individual staff members. The attached document provides a list of approximately 30 agencies, associations, and organizations of which the Sanitation District and staff are currently members.

### **RELEVANT STANDARDS**

- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities
- Provide professional growth and development

### **PROBLEM**

The Sanitation District is a leader in the water/wastewater industry and to maintain that status it is important that staff participate and share our experiences; and are up to date on trends, current and upcoming technology, and the future of the industry.

### **PROPOSED SOLUTION**

By allowing staff to continue participation in associations and organizations that support the mission and vision of the Sanitation District, as well as the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan, staff will continue to develop skills, learning about improvements in the industry, and share proven successes with other agencies.

### **TIMING CONCERNS**

The budgeting process for FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 must be concluded in April to take effect on July 1.

## **RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION**

If action is not taken, the adopted budget may not reflect the Sanitation District's priorities for memberships.

## **PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS**

December 2018 - Informational presentation to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee that included agency memberships, individual memberships, and sponsorships.

September 2017 - Informational presentation to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee that included agency memberships, individual memberships, and sponsorships.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These memberships have been budgeted in FY 2019-2020 and 2019-2020 (within each relevant division budget) and will be budgeted in FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

The total cost for the Sanitation District's membership in the joint powers authorities, cooperative agreements, and professional/industry organizations on the attached list is approximately \$1.1 million.

## **ATTACHMENT**

*The following attachment(s) are included in hard copy and may also be viewed on-line at the OCSD website ([www.ocsd.com](http://www.ocsd.com)) with the complete agenda package:*

- General OCSD Agency Memberships