



## Agenda Report

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**SUBJECT:**

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

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

##### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the report.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) has memberships and agreements with various associations and professional organizations. Some of the memberships are for the agency, while others are for individual staff members to be able to perform their job duties efficiently and effectively. The attached document provides a list of over 40 agencies, associations, and organizations of which OC San 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**

OC San 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 OC San, as well as the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan, staff will continue to develop skills, learn about improvements in the industry, and share proven successes with other agencies, while continuing to maintain an active role as an industry leader.

## **TIMING CONCERNS**

The budgeting process for FY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 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 OC San's priorities for memberships as well as commitments made as noted in the agreements.

## **PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS**

March 2020 - Informational presentation to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee that included agency memberships, individual memberships, and agreements.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These memberships have been budgeted in FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 (within each relevant Division budget) and will be budgeted in FY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

The cost for Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreements is \$583,800, Mutual Aid is \$53,000, Other is \$111,000, agency memberships is \$342,000, and individual memberships is \$91,500, for a total of approximately \$1.18 million.

## **ATTACHMENT**

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

- 2022 OC San Memberships & Agreements List (Revised with costs)