



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, May 27, 2026 at 5:00 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, Carlos Leon, 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; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Mo Abiodun; Daisy Covarrubias; Don Cutler; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; John Frattali; Dave Haug; Rob Michaels; Tania Moore; Becky Polcyn; Aldwin Ramirez; Thomas Vu; Kevin Work; and Ruth Zintzun were present in the Huntington Beach Room. Jacob Dalgoff was present virtually.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Smith, General Counsel; and Phil Lem, Special Counsel, 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

[2026-4696](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held April 22, 2026.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. 2026-2029 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH [2026-4835](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

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

Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with California State University Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation for the continued operation of the Center for Demographic Research for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, for a total amount not to exceed \$243,236.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

3. PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER LOS ALISOS WATER DISTRICT [2026-4896](#)

Originator: Mike Dorman

Director of Engineering Mike Dorman provided a brief report of the item.

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

- A. Authorize staff to take all steps necessary to work with Irvine Ranch Water District and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission to bring to effect the annexation of the area serviced by the Los Alisos Water Recycling Plant to Orange County Sanitation District;
- B. Authorize the General Manager to execute associated Annexation documents in a form approved by General Counsel; and
- C. Adopt Resolution No. OC SAN 26-XX, entitled: "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District authorizing initiation of proceedings and requesting the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission to undertake proceedings for the Annexation to the Orange County Sanitation District, of territory in the Irvine Ranch Water District".

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. SUPERCRITICAL WATER OXIDATION DEMONSTRATION AT PLANT NO. 1, PROJECT NO. RE21-01 [2026-4942](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

General Manager Rob Thompson provided a brief report of the Supercritical Water Oxidation Demonstration at Plant No. 1, Project No. RE21-01.

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

Authorize the General Manager to modify the Professional Services Agreement to 374Water Systems, Inc. for the Supercritical Water Oxidation Demonstration at Plant No. 1, Project No. RE21-01, to reduce the acceptance capacity of the Nix6 system to 3.25 tons per day from 6 tons per day, while 374Water Systems, Inc. continues to make process improvements toward achieving the goal of 6 tons per day.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED WORK PLAN [2026-4867](#)

Originator: Rob Thompson

Mr. Thompson provided a provided a brief report of the General Manager's FY

2026-2027 Proposed Work Plan.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the General Manager's FY2026-2027 Proposed Work Plan.

AYES: Ryan Gallagher, Jon Dumitru, Pat Burns, Carlos Leon, 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)(2) & 54956.9(D)(1).

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2)

[2026-4905](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Potential Cases: 1

Significant exposure to litigation.

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1)

[2026-4910](#)

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Michael Oberly v. Orange County Sanitation District and Does 1-25, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2025-01489491-CU-OE-CJC.

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:18 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.

RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:47 p.m.

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

General Counsel Scott Smith did not provide a report.

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

None.

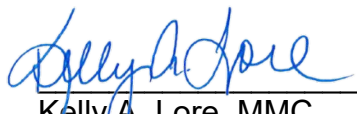
BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gallagher declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board