

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

Approved

Engineering Committee

May 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was held on May 8, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in-person and via teleconferencing from the Administrative Offices located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California. The following members of the Engineering Committee were present:

HANNAH FORD
LINDSAY LEAHY
MARC SERNA
MARK McAVOY

El Toro Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
City of Laguna Beach

Absent:

DAVE REBENDSOLF
MIKE DUNBAR

City of San Clemente
Emerald Bay Service District

Staff Present:

AMBER BOONE
RONI GRANT
JIM BURROR
MATT CLARKE
DANITA HIRSH

General Manager
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager
Deputy GM/Chief Engineer
Chief Technology Officer
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Also Present:

CHRIS NEWTON
ROGER BUTOW
DAVE LARSEN

South Coast Water District
Clean Water Now (CWN)
Moulton Niguel Water District

1. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Roni Grant, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Committee Member Request for Remote Participation (Standing Item)

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Engineering Committee Minutes of March 13, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Ms. Leahy and seconded by Mr. Serna to approve the Engineering Committee Minutes for March 13, 2025.

Motion carried:	Aye 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 2
Mr. McAvoy	Aye
Ms. Ford	Aye
Mr. Dunbar	Absent
Ms. Leahy	Aye
Mr. Serna	Aye
Mr. Rebensdorf	Absent

5. General Manager's Report

Ms. Amber Boone, General Manager, reported on the potential modifications and optimization strategies for the Coastal Treatment Plant. An open discussion ensued.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

6. Operations Report

Mr. Jim Burror, Deputy GM/Chief Engineer, provided updates on the J.B. Latham Plant, including preparations for extended aeration system operation. He also reported on reasonable solutions for addressing the impacts of tariffs. An open discussion ensued.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

7. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (May)
[Project Committees 2 and 15]

Ms. Roni Grant updated the Engineering Committee on the status of the following CIP projects:

- JBL Scum Line Replacement - Construction is currently in progress and near completion. There are two change orders: Change Order 3, in the amount of \$18,231.04, was to coat the two existing deteriorating manholes. Change Order 4, in the amount of \$7,584.79, was to remove and replace two deteriorated concrete walls, bringing the revised total contract amount to \$264,999.15.
- JBL Electrical Upgrades - Pre-purchasing of MCC and Plant 1 Generator is underway.
- JBL and CTP SCADA System - Upgrades started earlier this year and have been completed.
- CTP Diffusers Replacement - The construction has been completed.
- CTP Aeration Deck Grating Replacement - Construction is currently in progress.
- CTP West Primary and Secondary Scum Skimming System - Pre-Purchasing of scum skimmers, launders, and weirs is currently in progress.
- CTP Auxiliary Blower Building Roof Replacement - Construction has been completed.
- CTP Personnel Building Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase 1 construction has been completed.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

8. J.B. Latham Treatment Plant (JBL) Effluent Pump Station and Energy Building Upgrades Engineering Services During Construction Contract [Project Committee 2]

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Mr. Serna and seconded by Ms. Leahy that the PC 2 Board of Directors approve Change Order 1 to Carollo Engineers in the amount of \$119,316. This will result in a revised total contract amount of \$294,832 for the JBL Effluent Pump Station and Energy Building improvements Engineering Services during Construction.

Motion carried:	Aye 2, Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 0
	Ms. Leahy Aye
	Mr. Serna Aye

9. J.B. Latham Treatment Plant (JBL) 2 Headworks Rehabilitation Engineering Services During Construction [Project Committee 2]

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Ms. Leahy and seconded by Mr. Serna that the PC 2 Board approve Change Order 1 to Dudek for \$47,858. This will result in a revised total contract amount of \$255,958 for Engineering Services during Construction for the JBL Plant 2 Headworks Rehabilitation project.

Motion carried:	Aye 2, Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 0
	Ms. Leahy Aye
	Mr. Serna Aye

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Engineering Committee of May 8, 2025, and approved by the Engineering Committee and received and filed by the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority.



Danita Hirsh, Assistant Board Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY