

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

Approved

**Board of Directors**

**April 2, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Board of Directors was held in person and via teleconference on April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at their Administrative Offices located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California. The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

KATHRYN FRESHLEY	El Toro Water District	Director
BOB WHALEN	City of Laguna Beach	Director
SCOTT GOLDMAN	South Coast Water District	Director
PAUL PENDER	Santa Margarita Water District	Alternate Director
MIKE DUNBAR	Emerald Bay Service District	Director

Staff Present:

AMBER BOONE	General Manager
RONI GRANT	Capital Improvement Program Manager
JIM BURROR	Deputy GM/ Chief Engineer
DINA ASH	Human Resources Administrator
LYNDA MAY	Assistant Secretary
ANNA SUTHERLAND	Staff Accountant
JACK BECK	Accountant
MATT CLARKE	Chief Technology Officer
JAMES JONES	Superintendent of O&M
ROBERT CULVER	Environmental Service Manager

Also Present:

ADRIANA OCHOA	Snell & Wilmer
KARI VOZENILEK	Kidman Law, LLP

CHAD WANKE	Orbis Public Affairs
RICK SHINTAKU	South Coast Water District
JENNIFER LOPEZ	South Coast Water District
ERICA CASTILLO	South Coast Water District
JOE MUELLER	South Coast Water District
DENNIS CAFFERTY	El Toro Water District
DUSTIN BURNSIDE	City of San Clemente

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Scott Goldman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Mike Dunbar

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Director Dunbar and seconded by Director Whalen to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried: Aye 5 Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 1  
Director Dunbar Aye  
Director Freshley Aye  
Director Whalen Aye  
Director Pender Aye  
Director Goldman Aye  
Director Rebensdorf Absent

(5A-5F)

- A. Minutes of Board of Directors Regular Meeting for March 5, 2026
- B. Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting for February 17, 2026
- C. Minutes of Project Committee 2 Meeting for January 8, 2026  
Minutes of Project Committee 2 Meeting for February 5, 2026
- D. February 2026 Operations Reports  
**Approved Action:** Information Item; received and filed.
- E. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (March) [Project Committees 2 and 15]  
**Approved Action:** Information Item; received and filed.

6. ENGINEERING MATTERS

- A. Contract Award for Coastal Treatment Plant Access Road Repaving [Project Committee 15]

A discussion ensued on the lack of bids, and potential cost sharing with OC Parks. The Project Committee unanimously agreed to postpone action to explore other options for partnerships and bids.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Government Affairs Report

Guest speaker Chad Wanke, from Orbis Public Affairs gave the Government Affairs report followed by discussion and feedback from the Board.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

- B. General Manager's Report

Ms. Amber Boone, General Manager, provided an update on the Master Planning schedule, noting the 30-day pause for JBL to prepare data for the first set of Board level workshops. Director Goldman suggested scheduling a consultant presentation on the CTP Regional Flow Study at the May Board meeting.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

C. General Counsel's Report

No report was given.

D. Upcoming Meetings Schedule:

- April 7, 2026 – Board of Directors Budget Workshop
- April 16, 2026 – Engineering Committee Meeting
- April 21, 2026 – Finance Committee Meeting
- April 28, 2026 – Finance Special Committee Meeting
- April 28, 2026 – Executive Regular Committee Meeting
- May 14, 2026 – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

This was an information item; no action was taken.

The Board of Directors convened to Closed Session at 9:18 a.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION

- A. A Closed Session Conference was held for the Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)  
Title: General Manager

The Board of Directors reconvened to Open Session at 9:40 a.m. Director Goldman stated there were no reportable actions from the Closed Session.

9. OTHER MATTERS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Goldman adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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 Board of Directors on April 2, 2026, and approved by the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority.



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Lynda May, Assistant Secretary  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY