

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

Approved

Board of Directors

May 18, 2026

The Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Board of Directors was held in person and via teleconference on May 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.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 [Zoom]
BOB WHALEN	City of Laguna Beach	Director
SCOTT GOLDMAN	South Coast Water District	Director
MIKE DUNBAR	Emerald Bay Service District	Director

Absent:

FRANK URY	Santa Margarita Water District	Director
DAVE REBENDSOLF	City of San Clemente	Director

Staff Present:

AMBER BOONE	General Manager
LYNDA MAY	Assistant Secretary
ANNA SUTHERLAND	Staff Accountant
JACK BECK	Accountant
MATT CLARKE	Chief Technology Officer
ROBERT CULVER	Environmental Service Manager

Also Present:

KRISTINE RICHTER	Madison AI
MICHELLE BANNIGAN	City of Laguna Beach
CHARLES BUSSLINGER	Municipal Water District of Orange County
DUSTIN BURNSIDE	City of San Clemente

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Scott Goldman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Director Scott Goldman

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. SOCWA SAIGE TRAINING WORKSHOP (with Madison AI)

Ms. Amber Boone, General Manager, opened the workshop with an overview of the SOCWA website redesign incorporating the Saige portal for member access. The Board was provided an estimated launch date to be in July or August 2026. Kristine Richter of Madison AI presented the training session to the Board including how to use it as a research assistant, report writer, and project tracker. Ms. Boone discussed the potential for expanding the use of AI to other utilities and replicating facilities.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

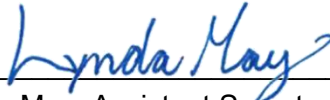
9. OTHER MATTERS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Goldman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Board of Directors on May 18, 2026, and approved by the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority.



Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
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