

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

Approved

March 3, 2026

The Special Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Finance Committee was held on March 3, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in person and via teleconference from the Administrative Offices located at 34156 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, California. The following members of the Finance Committee were present:

MICHELLE BANNIGAN	City of Laguna Beach	Alternate Director
DENNIS CAFFERTY	El Toro Water District	Alternate Director
ERICA CASTILLO	South Coast Water District	Alternate Director
PAUL PENDER	Santa Margarita Water District	Alternate Director

Staff Participation:

AMBER BOONE	General Manager
JIM BURROR	Deputy GM/Chief Engineer
JACK BECK	Accountant
ANNA SUTHERLAND	Staff Accountant
BOB CULVER	Environmental Service Manager
MATT CLARKE	Chief Technology Officer
LYNDA MAY	Administrative Assistant/ Assistant Secretary
DINA ASH	Human Resources Administrator

Also Participating:

KATHRYN FRESHLEY	El Toro Water District
SHANNON ESPINOZA	South Coast Water District
SHERRY WANNINGER	Moulton Niguel Water District
KELSEY DECASAS	Moulton Niguel Water District
MATT COLLINGS	Moulton Niguel Water District

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Paul Pender called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Finance Committee Meeting of February 17, 2026.

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Director Castillo and seconded by Director Cafferty to approve the Minutes for February 17, 2026, as submitted.

Motion carried:	Aye 3, Nay 0, Abstained 1, Absent 0
	Director Bannigan Abstained
	Director Cafferty Aye
	Director Pender Aye
	Director Castillo Aye

4. FY 26/27 Draft Budget

Following a slide presentation and discussion on the FY 2026/27 Budget, the committee agreed to provide feedback by March 20 to ensure the final budget is ready for board approval in April.

5. Use Audit FY 24/25

After an open discussion on the Use Audit, the committee agreed on changing the expense percentage split from 50/50 to 45/55 for the second half of the fiscal year due to the MNWD transition.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Pender adjourned the meeting at 12:06 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 Finance Committee of March 3, 2026, and approved by the Finance Committee and received and filed by the Board of Directors of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority.



Lynda May, Assistant Secretary
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY