

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

Approved

Engineering Committee

March 13, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was held on March 13, 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:

MIKE DUNBAR
LINDSAY LEAHY
MARC SERNA
MARK McAVOY

Emerald Bay Service District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
City of Laguna Beach

Absent:

DAVE REBENDORF
HANNAH FORD

City of San Clemente
El Toro Water District

Staff Present:

AMBER BOONE
RONI GRANT
JIM BURROR
JAMES JONES
ANNA SUTHERLAND
JACK BECK
MIKE MATSON
MATT CLARKE
DINA ASH

General Manager
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager
Deputy GM/Chief Engineer
Superintendent of O&M
Accountant
Staff Accountant
Support Services Manager
Chief Technology Officer
HR Administrator

Also Present:

SANDER HUANG
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 8:35 a.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Engineering Committee Minutes of February 13, 2025.

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ACTION TAKEN

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

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

4. General Manager's Report

Ms. Amber Boone, General Manager, reported on the permitted discharges for the San Juan Creek and Aliso Creek Ocean Outfalls approved by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. She also noted that Santa Margarita Water District was removed as the co-owner of the 3A Plant and that Moulton Niguel Water District is now the sole owner. Ms. Boone concluded her report with a brief update on the upcoming budget and the timeline to present to the Board. An open discussion ensued.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

5. Operations Report

Mr. Jim Burror, Deputy GM/Chief Engineer, reported on the impacts of the overnight rainstorm at the Coastal Treatment Plant, stating that no issues have been reported so far. He also stated he handed out a copy of the 10-year capital plan that will be emailed to the members of the Engineering Committee to review with staff over the next month. An open discussion ensued.

This was an information item; no action was taken.

6. Capital Improvement Construction Projects Progress and Change Order Report (March)
[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 (*no change*).
- JBL Electrical Upgrades - Pre-purchasing of MCC and Plant 1 Generator is underway (*no change*).
- JBL and CTP SCADA System - There is one change order for \$14,626.50, revising the total contract amount to \$420,526.50. That covers the software licensing for Win-911 FactoryTalk A&E, including licensing and backup version upgrades. This system will allow backup in case the primary SCADA system is down.
- CTP Diffusers Replacement - The contractor substantially completed the contract work and is working on the final punch list items (*no change*).
- CTP Aeration/Secondary Deck Grating Replacement - Construction is currently in progress (*no change*).

- CTP West Primary and Secondary Scum Skimming System - Pre-Purchasing of scum skimmers, launders, and weirs is currently in progress (*no change*).
- CTP Auxiliary Blower Building Roof Replacement – Construction was completed with no change orders.
- CTP Personnel Building Sewer Rehabilitation – Construction is currently in progress (*no change*).

This was an information item; no action was taken.

7. J.B. Latham Treatment Plant (JBL) Flare System and Underground Piping Replacement Final Design [Project Committee 2]

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Ms. Leahy and seconded by Mr. Serna that the PC 2 Board of Directors i) approve a contract with MKN for a total of \$441,129 and ii) approve a project contingency of \$44,133 to cover potential unknown issues during final design for a total project budget of \$485,242.

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

8. JBL and CTP Masterplan Scoping Services [Project Committees 2 & 15]

ACTION TAKEN

A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar and seconded by Mr. Serna to award a contract to Dopudja Wells in the amount of \$24,420 for the JBL and CTP Masterplan Scoping Services since it's within the General Manager's authority.

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Grant adjourned the meeting at 9:12 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 March 13, 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