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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Engineering Committee

June 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) Engineering Committee was held on June 18, 2026, 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	Emerald Bay Service District
HANNAH FORD	El Toro Water District [Zoom]
MARK MCAVOY	City of Laguna Beach [Zoom]
ROBERT GRANTHAM	Santa Margarita Water District
MARC SERNA	South Coast Water District

Absent:

DAVE REBENSDORF	City of San Clemente

Staff Present:

AMBER BOONE	General Manager
RONI GRANT	Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager
JIM BURROR	Deputy GM/ Chief Engineer
MATT CLARKE	Chief Technology Officer
LYNDA MAY	Administrative Assistant/Assistant Secretary
BOB CULVER	Environmental Service Manager

Also Present:

CHRIS NEWTON	South Coast Water District
TARYN KJOLSING	South Coast Water District

1. Call Meeting to Order

   Ms. Roni Grant, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Public Comments

   None.

3. Approval of Minutes

   - Engineering Committee Minutes of May 21, 2026.

   ACTION TAKEN
   A motion was made by Mr. Grantham and seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve the Engineering Committee Minutes for May 21, 2026.

Motion carried:	Aye 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 1	
	Mr. Dunbar	Aye
	Ms. Ford	Aye
	Mr. McAvoy	Aye
	Mr. Grantham	Aye
	Mr. Serna	Aye
	Mr. Rebensdorf	Absent

4. General Manager's Report

   Ms. Amber Boone, General Manager, provided a report on her upcoming presentation at the AWWA conference on the AI and machine learning product, VOICESOP.org for utility compliance. Ms. Boone noted the product's 12-week design schedule with a ready date planned for September.

   This was an information item; no action was taken.

5. Operations Report

   Mr. Jim Burror, Deputy GM/Chief Engineer, provided the operations report with an update on the effluent transmission main coupling repair kit that SOCWA purchased and stored at ETWD for emergency use. The Committee discussed creating a shared database of inventory for interagency use. Ms. Boone provided updates on the Crystal Canyon partnership, which is expected to generate $40,000 to $50,000 in additional revenue, and on the data cleaning progress with software being used at SOCWA.

   This was an information item; no action was taken.

6. Capital Improvements Workplan

   Ms. Roni Grant, Capital Improvement Program Manager, provided an update on the workplan including four proposals received for the ETM Reach B Techite Pipe's CEQA compliance effort. Ms. Boone noted that the agency is also applying the CIP workplan format to small capital projects.

   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. Grant briefed the Committee on the report, with projects moving forward as planned.

   This was an information item; no action was taken.

8. JBL Digester Underground Piping Upgrades Contract Award [Project Committee 2]

   An open discussion ensued on the summary of bids and each of the project options. After discussing the safety issues and value engineering opportunities, the Committee agreed to recommend Option 1 with SS Mechanical's bid.

   ACTION TAKEN
   A motion was made by Mr. Serna and seconded by Mr. Grantham to approve the Engineering Committee to present to the Project Committee 2 Board of Directors the following items: 1) Increase the budget of Task 32263S by $820,000 from $806,490 to $1,626,490; 2) Authorize execution of a construction contract award to SS Mechanical in the amount of $1,182,241, and 3) Approve a contract contingency of $118,250 to address any unforeseen conditions encountered during the work.

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

9. JBL and CTP Facility Planning Assessment Schedules

   Ms. Boone updated the Committee on the FPA schedules, noting that there will be a final draft of the CTP Regional Flow study at the next Board meeting on July 9, 2026. The Project Committee members were invited to a detailed site walk at CTP on June 22 to understand the facility's current condition and operational challenges. Ms. Boone provided positive feedback from the recent tour to Laguna Beach residents.

   This was an information item; no action was taken.

10. Project Management Support Services for FY 26-27

    After an open discussion on the contract extension with the flexibility of using other firms for specific projects, the Committee agreed on the contract extension with Project Partners.

    ACTION TAKEN
    A motion was made by Mr. Dunbar and seconded by Mr. Grantham to approve the Engineering Committee to recommend that the Board of Directors: 1) Approve a contract with Project Partners for Project Management Support Services for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in an amount not to exceed $200,000.

Motion carried:	Aye 5, Nay 0, Abstained 0, Absent 1	
	Mr. Dunbar	Aye
	Ms. Ford	Aye
	Mr. McAvoy	Aye
	Mr. Grantham	Aye
	Mr. Serna	Aye
	Mr. Rebensdorf	Absent

11. As-Needed General Contractors Services for Small Capital Improvement Projects

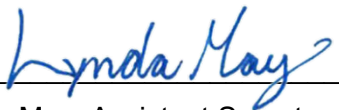
    After a brief discussion on the benefits of having a pool of reliable contractors, the Committee agreed to proceed with the as-needed general contractors services, with Ms. Grant noting the development of the RFQ that will likely go out in the next 2 weeks.

    This was an information item; no action was taken.

12. Adjournment

    There being no further business, Ms. Grant adjourned the meeting at 9:23 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 June 18, 2026, and approved by the Engineering 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