

# **MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Orange County Sanitation District**

Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the District's Administrative Office.

A quorum was declared present, as follows:

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Doug Davert, Chair  
Larry Crandall, Vice Chair  
Bill Dalton, Operations Committee Chair  
Mark Waldman, Administration Committee Chair  
Jim Ferryman  
Phil Luebben  
David Shawver

Ed Torres, Director of Technical Services  
Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Finance and Administrative Services  
Michael Gold, Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Bret Colson, Public Information Office Manager  
Jeff Reed, Human Resources Manager  
Penny Kyle, Clerk of the Board  
Dean Fisher  
Ryal Wheeler  
Juanita Skillman

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jim Ruth, General Manager  
Bob Ghirelli, Assistant General Manager  
Nick Arhontes, Director of Operations and Maintenance  
Tod Haynes, Engineering Manager

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

N/A

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brad Hogin, General Counsel

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Doug Davert, Board Chair, reported that the Steve Anderson Lift Station dedication was held on April 17th. He advised that nominations would be open for the Board Chair and Vice Chair positions at the May board meeting. He also reported that he would be traveling to Washington, D.C. later that evening and would be meeting with congressional delegation members as well as attending two GWRS award ceremonies.

### **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Jim Ruth, General Manager, provided a brief overview on his April status report. Bret Colson, Public Information Office Manager, presented the new public service announcement clips and updated the Committee on media outreach. Jeff Reed, Human Resources Manager, reviewed the Leadership Academy program and its success. Ed Torres, Director of Technical Services, provided an overview on the Fuel Cell Project.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

There was no report.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **MOVED, SECONDED AND DULY CARRIED:** Approve minutes of the March 25, 2009 Steering Committee meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Legislative Affairs Report – Gold

Michael Gold provided an update on the federal stimulus funds, and reported that members of the congressional delegation are carrying the Sanitation District's funding requests for secondary treatment upgrades. In addition, he reported that the Sanitation District was in support of AB 1100, Assemblyman Duvall's bottling bill.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Penny M. Kyle  
Clerk of the Board