

## **AGENDA**

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M.**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

10844 Ellis Avenue  
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**TOUR OF NORTH COUNTY YARD 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.**

7311 Doig Drive  
Garden Grove, CA

**RECONVENE @ 6:00 P.M. – Fountain Valley**

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**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

**REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approve minutes of the September 23, 2009 Steering Committee meeting.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Public Affairs Monthly Update (Gold)

October 28, 2009

**CLOSED SESSION**

During the course of conducting the business set forth on this agenda as a regular meeting of the Steering Committee, the Chair may convene the Committee in closed session to consider matters of pending real estate negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or personnel matters, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54957 or 54957.6, as noted.

Reports relating to (a) purchase and sale of real property; (b) matters of pending or potential litigation; (c) employment actions or negotiations with employee representatives; or which are exempt from public disclosure under the California Public Records Act, may be reviewed by the Directors during a permitted closed session and are not available for public inspection. At such time as final actions are taken by the Board on any of these subjects, the minutes will reflect all required disclosures of information.

Convene in closed session, if necessary.

Reconvene in regular session.

Consideration of action, if any, on matters considered in closed session.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

October 28, 2009

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Matters of interest addressed by a member of the public and not listed on this agenda cannot have action taken by the Committee except as authorized by Section 54954.2(b).

Consent Calendar: All matters placed on the consent calendar are considered as not requiring discussion or further explanation, and unless a particular item is requested to be removed from the consent calendar by a Director of staff member, there will be no separate discussion of these items. All items on the consent calendar will be enacted by one action approving all motions, and casting a unanimous ballot for resolutions included on the consent calendar. All items removed from the consent calendar shall be considered in the regular order of business.

The Committee Chair will determine if any items are to be deleted from the consent calendar.

Items Continued: Items may be continued from this meeting without further notice to a Committee meeting held within five (5) days of this meeting per Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(3).

Meeting Adjournment: This meeting may be adjourned to a later time and items of business from this agenda may be considered at the later meeting by Order of Adjournment and Notice in accordance with Government Code Section 54955 (posted within 24 hours).

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For any questions on the agenda or to place any items on the agenda, Committee members should contact the Committee Chair or Clerk of the Board ten days in advance of the Committee meeting.

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# STEERING COMMITTEE

## AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date 09/23/2009	To Bd. of Dir. 08/26/2009
Item Number	Item Number

Orange County Sanitation District

**FROM:** James D. Ruth, General Manager  
Originator: Michael Gold, Public Affairs Manager

**SUBJECT:** Public Affairs Monthly Update

### GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Information Only

### SUMMARY

This report is the monthly Public Affairs Division update that includes legislative and political information from Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, lobbyists' activities, and outreach education and communication programs to member cities, employees and the public.

### PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

None

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<b>Federal Legislative Report</b> Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources
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#### Federal political update

During the month of September, the District's activities centered upon working with the congressional delegation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the SARI Line relocation. As discussed below, OCSD Directors and staff met in Washington to discuss the SARI as well as other needs.

ENS Resources also continues to work with House and Senate staff as well as stakeholders engaged in the development of climate change legislation to ensure adaptation assistance to POTWs to address infrastructure needs. With the health care debate taking center stage in Washington these days, climate change and other issues will probably be pushed to 2010.

#### Washington DC trip report

On September 30 through October 1, the chair, vice chair and two staff members met with members of Congress and their staff as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss funding opportunity and priority issues.

Overall, the meetings with congressional and administration officials demonstrated continued support for OCSD's positions, including one of our top priorities, relocating the SARI line. Our meetings in Washington reaffirmed the general agreement that the increased authorization of the Mainstem project that Congress provided in WRDA 2007 was tied directly to the SARI Line and paying for the project is a local responsibility. It is also clear the OCSD's priority is ensuring repayment of the loan to the County of Orange; moreover, because the County is relying on State Subvention Funds for repayment, OCSD has pursued additional Federal funds in the event State funds are not available.

The Directors and staff on the trip discussed these issues with Congressional staff and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff.

The other meetings with Representatives Calvert and Miller, as well as the staff to the other Orange County Representatives, focused on secondary treatment upgrade funding, our challenges securing stimulus funds earlier this year, renewable energy funding and a general authorization for clean water projects. We are pleased to report that OCSD continues to enjoy broad based support from our delegation.

### **State Legislative Report**

Christopher Townsend, Heather Dion and Casey Elliott, Townsend Public Affairs

#### **Political Highlights**

The Legislature is currently adjourned and the hot issue of the moment remains water. At the close of the Legislative session, the Governor threatened to veto the over 700 bills awaiting action unless some deal on water could be reached. In the end, however, the Governor stated that he was pleased with the progress of the discussion with Legislative leaders, called a special session to deal with water and acted on the remaining bills in the final hours of his Constitutional deadline.

#### **Bill Highlights**

The Governor decided the fate of a few key bills in early October. Those of specific interest to OCSD include:

- SB 802 (Leno), the bill dealing with contract retention, was **vetoed by the Governor. OCSD opposed this measure and worked with CASA and others to kill it.**
- SB 827 (Wright), dealing with AQMD and supported by OCSD was **signed into law.**
- AB 1366 (Feuer), dealing with the regulation of water softeners and supported by OCSD, was **signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.** This bill took over two years to pass and was a high priority for the Orange County Water District and others.

An updated bill matrix with the final action on legislation being tracked by the District is attached.

#### **TPA Activities for the Month**

TPA continues to advocate for water bond language that includes wastewater as an eligible component of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP). In addition, TPA is analyzing the opportunity for funding to be available in the draft water resources bond for renewable energy projects that promote water supply.

## **Outreach, Education and Communication Activities**

### **Wastewater 101 video**

Filming and audio work is complete for the wastewater 101 video – this is the general education film explaining the wastewater treatment process and will explain all the things OCSD does to protect public health and the environment. The video should be complete by the time of the Steering Committee meeting.

### **Here come the tours**

With school in full swing, our tour numbers are on the rise again as science classes and other groups come through our treatment plant and learn about wastewater. This year, we have an enhanced partnership with Coastkeepers and their WHALES program. Eight school tours are already scheduled for the coming months and these will continue to grow.

### **GWRS logo and Web site refresh**

On October 12, the GWRS Steering Committee met to review proposed designs for an updated GWRS logo and Web site. The GWRS Steering Committee hired a firm update the electronic and printed materials because the project has received global attention and to better communicate the respective contributions of each agency, as well as providing educational information. The GWRS Committee provided input and direction to refine the proposed designs. The new Web site will be completed before the end of the year.

## 2009 Legislative Tracking

Bill Number	Summary	Position*	Status
<a href="#">AB 815 (Ma)</a>	This bill requires a public agency to provide full, complete and accurate plans and specifications to bidders and that the agency assumes responsibility for the accuracy of those plans. A redo of AB 983 (Ma) from 2008, which OCSD opposed.	Oppose	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">AB 969 (Calderon)</a>	This bill modifies the Recycled Water Act of 1991 to establish goals for recycling an unspecified percentage of water by 2020	Watch	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">AB 1100 (Duvall)</a>	This bill allows the bottling of potable demonstration water for educational purposes and to promote water recycling. (Note: this bill is aimed at allowing the bottling of GWRS water for demonstration and educational purposes only). OCWD is sponsor	<a href="#">Support</a>	Failed passage in committee/granted reconsideration
<a href="#">AB 1366 (Feuer)</a>	This bill allows a local agency that maintains a community sewer system, to control salinity from residential water softeners, if the regional water quality control board makes findings that reducing salinity would achieve water quality objectives.	<a href="#">Support</a>	Signed by Governor
<a href="#">SB 26 (Simitian)</a>	This bill would require the California State Board of Pharmacy to coordinate with local agencies and drug manufacturers to develop programs managing pharmaceutical wastes and disposal. Authorizes pharmacies to accept home-generated prescription drugs.	Support	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">SB 261 (Dutton)</a>	This bill requires an urban water supplier to develop a conservation plan or achieve high efficiency water use and provide financial incentives to support water use efficiency and local water resources management measures.	Watch	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">SB 413 (Ducheny)</a>	This bill imposes fees on wastewater dischargers for the purpose of preparing regional water quality control plans.	Oppose	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">SB 565 (Pavley)</a>	Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan ensuring that 50% of wastewater discharged into the ocean would be recycled and put to beneficial use. Requires the State Board to impose a fee on ocean discharges to implement the program.	<a href="#">Watch/Requesting Amendments</a>	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">SB 711 (Leno)</a>	Requires the disclosure of written communications prior to entering into closed session regarding labor negotiations.	Oppose	Held in committee - Two Year Bill
<a href="#">SB 802 (Leno)</a>	Lowers the retention threshold for public works contracts from 10% to 5%.	<a href="#">Oppose</a>	Vetoed by Governor