

# **MINUTES OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Orange County Sanitation District**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

The Steering Committee meeting convened on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices of the Orange County Sanitation District.

A quorum was declared present, as follows:

### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** **DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

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

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Doug Davert, Chair

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jim Ruth, General Manager  
Bob Ghirelli, Assistant General Manager  
Nick Arhontes, Director of Operations and  
Maintenance  
Ed Torres, Director of Technical Services  
Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Finance  
and Administrative Services  
Michael Gold, Public Affairs Manager  
John Linder, Engineering Manager  
Penny Kyle, Clerk of the Board  
Dean Fisher

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brad Hogin, General Counsel  
Drew Kolosky  
Eric Saperstein  
Paul Jones  
Ryal Wheeler

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Drew Kolosky of Liberty Energy thanked Bob Ghirelli and Ed Torres for allowing him to present an energy plan proposal earlier that month.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Vice Chair Crandall reported that the Board Meeting would be adjourning in memory of Jan Vandersloot, a member of the public who was instrumental in changing the District's policy on full secondary treatment. He also advised that the Sanitation District would be receiving the 2009 Excellence in Management award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). The award will be presented in February during NACWA's 2010 winter conference being held in Austin, Texas.

### **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Jim Ruth, General Manager, provided a brief overview on his monthly status report. He also referred to a memo distributed to the committee answering questions Directors had regarding the North County Yard from last month's meeting.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

General Counsel did not give a report.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. MOVED, SECONDED AND DULY CARRIED: Approve minutes of the October 28, 2009 Steering Committee meeting.
2. MOVED, SECONDED AND DULY CARRIED: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:
  - a) Approve the Five-Year Strategic Plan dated November 2009; and,
  - b) Direct staff to implement goals and strategies contained in the Plan.
3. MOVED, SECONDED AND DULY CARRIED: Recommend to the Board of Directors to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District (As Successor to County Sanitation District No. 14) Acquiring Ownership Interests, Assigning Rights and Establishing Obligations, in a form approved by General Counsel.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Public Affairs Monthly Update

Michael Gold reported that nominations for the Honor Walk are due soon and any Board Member could nominate a past Board Member or retired staff member. Gold also reported that the Wastewater 101 training video would be done in early December.

Eric Saperstein gave an update on activities in Washington, DC, including recent developments on the Santa Ana River Interceptor Line relocation.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Penny M. Kyle  
Clerk of the Board