DRAFT MINUTES

OC LAFCO REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
8:15 a.m.

County Administrative North (CAN)
First Floor Multipurpose Room 101
400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Members of the public may access the audio/video live-streamed meeting at:
https://youtube.com/live/QWpQioZo7g8?feature=share

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bucknum called the meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO) to order at 8:15 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Penrose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

City Members
Wendy Bucknum **(Chair)**
Peggy Huang
Carol Moore **(Alt.)**

County Member
Donald P. Wagner

Special District Members
Douglass Davert
James Fisler **(Vice Chair)**
Kathryn Freshley **(Alt.)**

Public Members
Derek J. McGregor
Lou Penrose **(Alt.)**

The following staff members and general counsel were present:

- Executive Officer Luis Tapia
- Policy Analyst I Aimee Diaz
- Policy Analyst I Leo Lara
- Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin

- General Counsel Scott Smith

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION (Received After Agenda Distribution)

The Commission Clerk noted that no supplemental communication was received.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bucknum requested public comments on any non-agenda items. The Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests to speak from the public.

Chair Bucknum closed the hearing of public comments.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Bucknum called for a motion on the consent calendar. There was no Commission discussion, and the Commission Clerk noted that no public requests to speak on the item were made. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner Davert** moved to approve the consent calendar, and **Commissioner Wagner** seconded the motion.

<u>6a. – May 13 - Regular Commission Meeting Minutes</u>

MOTION:	**Approve Consent Calendar. (Douglass Davert)**
SECOND:	**Donald P. Wagner**
FOR:	**Douglass Davert, Donald P. Wagner, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Derek J. McGregor, Wendy Bucknum**
AGAINST:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items are scheduled.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

<u>8a. – Amendments to the Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)</u>

Policy Analyst Aimee Diaz presented the staff report and recommended action for Commission consideration.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. Commissioners made general comments, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no public requests to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner McGregor** motioned to approve the staff recommended action, and **Commissioner Davert** seconded the motion.

MOTION:	**Adopt OC LAFCO Resolution No. CP 26-06 amending and approving the "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act." (Derek J. McGregor)**
SECOND:	**Douglass Davert**
FOR:	**Derek J. McGregor, Douglass Davert, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Donald P. Wagner, Wendy Bucknum**
AGAINST:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

8b. – Professional Consultant Agreement with Platinum Strategies Inc.
Executive Officer Luis Tapia presented the staff report and recommended action for Commission consideration, noting that Josh Byerrum, Managing Partner at Platinum Strategies Inc., was present and available to answer any questions.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no Commission discussion, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no public requests to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner Davert** motioned to approve the staff recommended action, and **Commissioner Wagner** seconded the motion.

MOTION:	**Approve the professional services agreement with Platinum Strategies Inc. for professional accounting services. (Douglass Davert)**
SECOND:	**Donald P. Wagner**
FOR:	**Douglass Davert, Donald P. Wagner, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Derek J. McGregor, Wendy Bucknum**
AGAINST:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

8c. – Update on Recent Activity of the Alliance of Local Agency Formation Commission
Executive Officer Luis Tapia presented the staff report and recommended actions for Commission consideration.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. Commissioners made general comments, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no public requests to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the items. **Commissioner McGregor** moved to approve the staff recommended actions, and **Vice Chair Fisler** seconded the motion.

MOTION:	**Support continued participation in the Alliance; Approve the fiscal commitment of $15,000 for FY 2026-27 and authorize the Executive Officer to execute the amended MOU; Authorize the Executive Officer to participate on behalf of the Commission to register the Alliance as a nonprofit organization. (Derek J. McGregor)**
SECOND:	**James Fisler**
FOR:	**Derek J. McGregor, James Fisler, Douglass Davert, Peggy Huang, Donald P. Wagner, Wendy Bucknum**
AGAINST:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

<u>8d. – Legislative Report (June 2026)</u>
Policy Analyst Aimee Diaz presented the staff report and recommended action for Commission consideration.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no Commission discussion, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no public requests to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

<u>8e. – Selection Process and Appointment of OC LAFCO Regular Public Member</u>
Executive Officer Luis Tapia presented the staff report and recommended action for Commission consideration.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion. Commissioners made general comments.

Chair Bucknum called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner Davert** motioned to approve the staff recommended action, and **Commissioner Huang** seconded the motion.

MOTION:	**Reappoint Derek J. McGregor to the Regular Public Member seat for the term to commence July 1, 2026. (Douglass Davert)**
SECOND:	**Peggy Huang**
FOR:	**Douglass Davert, Peggy Huang, James Fisler,**

Donald P. Wagner, Wendy Bucknum

AGAINST: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

MOTION PASSED: 5-0.

<u>8f. – County Unincorporated Islands & Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) Update</u>

Policy Analyst Leo Lara presented the staff report and recommended action for Commission consideration.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. Commissioners made general comments and discussed the locations of the disadvantaged unincorporated communities in the remaining unincorporated islands. The Commission Clerk noted that there were no public requests to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made comments regarding the provision of water service by cities, special districts, and private water companies throughout Orange County. The Commission requested that staff prepare a report identifying the water providers in the County and present the report at a future Commission meeting.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer noted that there were no additional items to report.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No informational items or announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Bucknum adjourned the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:54 a.m. to July 8, 2026.

Wendy Bucknum, Chair
Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

ATTEST:

By: ________________________________
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Commission Clerk