ORANGE COUNTY
Local Agency
Formation Commission

FINAL MINUTES

OC LAFCO REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 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/DWL6Zbd-BHI?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 Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

City Members
Wendy Bucknum **(Chair)**
Peggy Huang (arrived at 8:17 a.m.)
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 requests to pull the consent calendar item for discussion. There were no requests from Commissioners, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests from the public to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner Moore** moved to approve the consent calendar, and **Commissioner Davert** seconded the motion.

6a. – September 9 - Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items are scheduled.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8a. – Legislative Report (October 2026)
Policy Analyst Aimee Diaz presented the staff report and noted that it is a receive and file report.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no Commission discussion. **Chair Bucknum** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

Commissioner Huang arrived during this agenda item at 8:17 a.m.

8b. – OCERS 2027-28 Contribution Rates

Executive Officer Luis Tapia 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 requests from the public to speak on the item. **Chair Bucknum** called for a motion on the item. **Commissioner Wagner** motioned to approve the staff recommended action, and **Commissioner McGregor** seconded the motion.

MOTION:	**Adopt Resolution No. CP 26-10 approving the contribution rates adopted by OCERS for Fiscal Year 2027-28. (Donald P. Wagner)**
SECOND:	**Derek J. McGregor**
FOR:	**Donald P. Wagner, Derek J. McGregor, Douglass Davert, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Wendy Bucknum**
AGAINST:	**None**
ABSTAIN:	**None**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

8c. – Fiscal Year 2026-27 Quarterly Financial Report (First Quarter)

Executive Officer Luis Tapia presented the staff report and noted that it is a receive and file report.

Chair Bucknum called for Commission discussion on the item and public comments. **Chair Bucknum** noted her recent conversation with the independent auditor and expressed appreciation for the oversight provided through the audit process. **Chair Bucknum** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no general comments from Commissioners.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer provided the following updates:

- Mr. Tapia provided a follow-up summary of the application submitted by the Irvine Ranch Water District proposing to annex the Los Alisos area to the Orange County Sanitation District.
- Mr. Tapia notified the Commission of the ongoing effort by OC LAFCO staff and staff from the City of Anaheim on a proposed annexation involving rights-of-ways. The City is expected to submit an application in the next couple of weeks.
- Mr. Tapia noted that he would be providing a LAFCO 101 presentation to the City of Stanton on October 27, 2026.
- Mr. Tapia noted that he would attend the CALAFCO Annual Conference on October 21-23, 2026, to follow up on concerns previously raised by the Commission. He will report back at a future meeting, ahead of the Commission's March 2027 consideration of the proposed budget, if reinstatement of membership is recommended.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No informational items or announcements.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 8:24 a.m. on the following items:

a.) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: Executive Officer

b.) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Commission Chair Wendy Bucknum and William Kelly of Kelly Associates Management Group LLC
Unrepresented employee: Executive Officer

The Commission reconvened in open session at 8:52 a.m. General Counsel Scott Smith noted that the Commission discussed the closed-session items and provided direction to the Chair. Counsel noted that there were no reportable actions.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Bucknum adjourned the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:53 a.m. to November 18, 2026.

Wendy Bucknum, Chair
Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

ATTEST:

By: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Commission Clerk