



# ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Nomination for Boards, Commissions & Committees (Rev. 8/29/23)

Agenda Date: 4/14/2026

Item # \_\_\_\_\_

To: Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

From: Jennifer Sarin, Executive Director of Public Health & Nursing Services  
Health Care Agency, Public Health Services

*It is my intent to appoint:*

Name: James Fortuna

Address: [REDACTED]

City & Zip: [REDACTED]

Day Phone: [REDACTED] Fax Number: ( ) E-mail address: [REDACTED]

To the: Well Standards Advisory Board  
(Name of Board, Commission or Committee)

Position Slot: Qualified in field of water quality; represents Orange County Public Works.

Name of incumbent being replaced or last known member: N/A

**Term (Choose One):**

- 3 Years Beginning Term Date: 1/6/2026 to Expiration Term Date: 1/1/2029
- Term Concurrent with Supervisor's Term of Office
- Term Concurrent with position

**Vacancy occurred due to:**

- Resignation (attach letter of resignation)
- Termination (provide reason for termination in remarks)  Death
- Expiration of Term  Other (provide reason in remarks)

Nomination to:  Appoint  Reappointment  Newly Formed Committee

Qualifications:  Attached (must be attached for appointments and reappointments)

Remarks: Per OC Ordinance 2607, Article 2, Section 4-5-16

For Clerk of the Board Use Only

Clerk's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ File I.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Needs a COI  Send Departure Letter

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Agency \_\_\_\_\_  Mail or  Pony

Appoint/Complete:  Term Years \_\_\_\_\_  Term Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 CWS  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Scheduled Vacancy  Unscheduled Vacancy  
Posted on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Certification of posting attached.



APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

Attachment A (FOR COUNTY USE ONLY)

Return to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Dr., 6th Floor Santa Ana, California 92701 Email: response@ocgov.com Website: https://cob.ocgov.com/

Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee for which you desire consideration and attach a resume. For information or assistance, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisor's Office at (714) 834-2206. Please print in ink or type.

NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP. SEE LIST AT https://cob.ocgov.com/boards-commissions-committees/bcc-name-list-and-contact-information

Well Standards Advisory Board

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: [X] First [ ] Second [ ] Third [ ] Fourth [ ] Fifth

APPLICANT NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

James Jeffrey Fortuna
First Name Middle Name (Optional) Last Name

[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address City State Zip Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

[Redacted]
Email Address

CURRENT EMPLOYER: [Redacted]

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: Senior Regulatory Compliance Manager

BUSINESS ADDRESS: [Redacted]

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: [Redacted]

[X] EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Please attach a resume to this application and provide any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. A RESUME MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES: [X] YES [ ] NO

IF NO, NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? [X] YES [ ] NO

IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN: Orange County

**LIST ALL CURRENT PROFESSIONAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER.**

<u>ORGANIZATION/SOCIETY</u>	<u>FROM (MO./YR.)</u>	<u>TO (MO./YR.)</u>
CA Stormwater Quality Association (Professional Organization)	5/2014	1/2026
AYSO Region 56 Soccer Club (Unpaid Volunteer - Nonprofit)	1/2023	1/2026
Envirocert International, Inc. (CPSWQ Professional License)	4/2012	1/2026

**WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN AFFILIATED WITH ANY BUSINESS OR NONPROFIT AGENCY(IES)?**  YES  NO

**DO YOU OWN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR HAVE FINANCIAL HOLDING WHICH MIGHT PRESENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST?**  YES  NO

**HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CRIME SINCE YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY? YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: ARRESTS OR DETENTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN A CONVICTION; CONVICTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN JUDICIALLY DISMISSED, EXPUNGED OR ORDERED SEALED; INFORMATION CONCERNING REFERRAL TO AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRETRIAL OR POSTRIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS THAT ARE OLDER THAN TWO YEARS, AS LISTED IN CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 432.8 (INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – AS THEY RELATE TO MARIJUANA)?**

YES  NO

**IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.**

**PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY.**

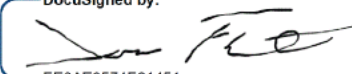
Serving is rewarding & applicable to my [REDACTED] duties.

I am an unpaid volunteer as noted - no business involvement.

2/2/2026 | 3:20 PM PST

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Date referred: \_\_\_\_\_

To:  BOS District 1  BOS District 2  BOS District 3  BOS District 4  BOS District 5

All BOS  BCC Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_

**JAMES FORTUNA**

E-mail: [REDACTED]

October 2025

**Employment**

2003 – Present

[REDACTED], [REDACTED]  
OC Environmental Resources, Orange, California

**Senior Regulatory Compliance Manager.** Since 2002, James Fortuna has managed the North OC Watershed Management Area overseeing regional compliance activities for the watersheds regulated by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. The position has managed multiple environmental compliance and watershed enhancement programs. Duties include supervising multiple Senior Environmental Resources Specialist supervisory level staff and their respective teams (including the North OC Stormwater Program Manager, discussed in the section below). Key programs under this position include oversight of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit compliance requirements in the Santa Ana Region with the North OC cities, watershed specific total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements for various pollutants of concern impacting Newport Bay and Coyote Creek watersheds and those stakeholders, and innovative watershed management planning initiatives across North and Central OC. In addition to these programs, this position oversees state regulatory compliance requirements for the Caspers Wilderness Park drinking water treatment system on behalf of OC Parks, and also oversees environmental due diligence activities through the Hazardous Materials Assessment (HMA) program.

County management and supervisory duties include directing technical work, conducting project scheduling, assigning duties, reviewing staff performance, performing coaching / mentoring / training activities, and related tasks. Responsible for preparation, oversight, and/or review of various complex technical reports, field assessments, data analyses, shared cost budgets in the millions of dollars annually, and special studies. The position has managed approximately 9 or more County staff, including multiple supervisors, since 2002.

**North OC Stormwater Program Manager (Senior Environmental Resources Specialist).** From 2018 to 2022, James Fortuna served as the North OC Stormwater Program Manager that oversaw the regional stormwater compliance strategies for 26 North OC cities, the County, and Orange County Flood Control District (collectively called the Permittees). The position supervised five permanent County technical staff and intermittent intern support staff and consultants. Key duties included developing and implementing model compliance programs associated

with the MS4 permit in the Santa Ana Region, watershed specific TMDL requirements for targeted pollutants, and other associated regulatory compliance requirements. The MS4 permit requires the Permittees to incorporate best management practices to improve surface water quality related to municipal activities, construction sites, land development programs, existing development sites, illegal discharges/illicit connections that can impact the MS4, water quality monitoring, municipal staff training, and other efforts. Duties also included watershed planning efforts to develop regional projects that can provide multiple benefits to the environment and community, such as improved water quality and augmentation of local water supplies. The position managed multiple NPDES and TMDL shared cost agreements (in the millions of dollars annually) from the Permittees, and it oversees compliance report preparation and presentations to document progress on its stormwater programs to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), the Permittees, and other interested stakeholders.

**Supervisor / Chief of the Monitoring Programs Section.** From 2014 to 2018, James Fortuna supervised the Monitoring Programs Section consisting of five permanent County technical staff, contract employees, consultants, and intermittent intern support staff (with similar County supervisory duties as discussed above). The focus of this program included the implementation of multiple core NPDES programs for regional permit compliance in the Santa Ana and San Diego RWQCB jurisdictions for the North and South County Permittees. These monitoring programs include wet and dry weather sampling at storm drain outfalls, channels, harbors, and other coastal receiving waters across Orange County. Program elements include chemistry and toxicity testing of water and sediment, urban stream bioassessment monitoring for habitat and ecology, pathogens and microbial source tracking studies for bacteria issues, reconnaissance monitoring for illegal discharges / illicit connections, flow data collection, and other related special studies. The position also included oversight of the water quality laboratory for OC Environmental Resources, which included supervision of sample processing activities, field supplies, laboratory equipment, chain of custody documentation, quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) procedures, and service maintenance contracts.

**Senior Emergency On-Call Responder for the County's Water Pollution Response Unit.** From 2006 to 2022, James Fortuna served as an on-call emergency water pollution responder/inspector that was responsible for all aspects of investigation, cleanup, agency notification/coordination, and regulatory enforcement on spills, illegal discharges, illicit connections, sanitary sewer overflows, and other pollution incidents impacting the public right of way and regional drainage systems of Orange County. The role routinely involves high level decision making in emergency situations involving a complex and challenging regulatory environment. Other duties include: program coordination with other County staff, cities, and state/federal regulatory agencies, providing emergency response support to 31 contract cities, retaining and directing multiple cleanup contractors, internal staff training

and oversight, developing cleanup strategies for a variety of pollutants (including proper waste disposal), preparing enforcement actions through applicable municipal ordinances, and report writing/case preparation for the Orange County District Attorney's Office / Consumer/Environmental Protection Unit (OCDA). In 2021, under nomination from OCDA, James Fortuna participated and completed the two-week intensive Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program, which is the most advanced training available for regulators and law enforcement on investigating and prosecuting environmental crimes.

**Authorized Inspector of Industrial, Commercial, Municipal, Construction and Post-Construction Sites for NPDES Compliance.**

Extensive practical experience with regulatory inspection program coordination for various NPDES permit requirements, developing field inspection protocols and procedures for County staff, evaluating structural and non-structural best management practice (BMP) effectiveness, assessing compliance and identifying violations at regulated sites, interacting with public and private entities in a regulatory capacity, issuing enforcement actions, training other inspectors, and preparing annual program reporting to the state for the County's Existing Development Program.

**Program Oversight for the County's Hazardous Materials Assessment (HMA) Program.**

This program, which is currently managed by James Fortuna, conducts environmental due diligence projects (Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessments) on County real estate acquisitions in accordance with EPA's All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) rule and ASTM Standard E-1527. James Fortuna is experienced in performing and/or overseeing County staff in completion of HMA projects, managing environmental consultants, project design and scope of work preparation, regulatory agency interaction, contract management, and technical report review since 2003. HMA projects have included collection, review and/or interpretation of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater well data. The work requires familiarity with well design features, reviewing well boring logs, well development, groundwater monitoring, and related groundwater remediation activities.

**Technical Advisor / Lead Worker to OC Parks for the County's Lake Management Program.**

Duties include the following: assist in managing 18 recreational lakes and reservoirs at 11 regional park facilities as needed by OC Parks; authored the project scope of work for the consultant team to be managed by OC Parks; provided implementation support for the annual program budget; prioritized lake water quality objectives; conducted field inspections and monitoring; evaluated collected data and conditions; responded to public complaints; developed recommended treatment strategies for algae, weed, and nutrient control; assisted in regulatory compliance with applicable permits; and conducted related lake habitat management tasks for stocked fish, wildlife, and park visitors. Provided findings and recommendations to OC Parks senior management on overall lake program administration, such as implementation of an innovative Phoslock® lake treatment strategy for

Orange County lakes to control free reactive phosphorus that can lead to harmful algae blooms. Program achievements include receipt of an Award of Excellence from the California Parks & Recreation Society (2011). Served in a lead role for this program from 2003 to approximately 2013, when the program transitioned to OC Parks with only as needed support provided since 2013.

2000 - 2002

**Environmental Scientist / Geologist**

[REDACTED] Irvine,  
California

This position completed the following duties: Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments; soil, soil vapor, and groundwater sampling; groundwater well installation for environmental investigation and potable water supply; management and disposal of investigation derived waste; storm drain system surveys/mapping and NPDES compliance protocols; Underground Storage Tank (UST) inspections for Senate Bill 989 compliance; and related projects. These duties also included assisting senior company officers with project and task management, budget tracking, proposal development, and invoicing for both government and private sector clients.

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts, Earth Sciences  
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 2000  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

**Professional Licenses**

State Water Resources Control Board,  
Grade 1 Water Treatment Operator License #25588.

EnviroCert International, Inc.,  
Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ),  
License #0852.

California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA),  
Qualified Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP),  
Developer/Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSD/QSP),  
License #22872.

CA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC),  
Former Registered Environmental Assessor License #30320,  
(program discontinued by DTSC).

**Honors & Awards**

County of Orange Leadership Development Award,  
Graduated Level 1 Program,  
Completed County PDX Leadership Training.

**Professional Associations**

California Hazardous Materials Investigators  
Association (CHMIA).

Orange County District Attorney's Office Strikeforce,  
Consumer/Environmental Protection Unit.

California Lake Management Society (CALMS).

California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA).

**Additional Skills**

Strong presentation skills for both technical and non-technical audiences on environmental compliance programs.

Established history in providing superior customer service to the public, other County departments, cities, regulators, and other government agencies.

Extensive practical experience with public agency contracting, budgetary, and accounting processes.

**References Available Upon Request**