

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
January 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Chair Bilodeau called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. Members of the Board and the public participated via Zoom. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Denis Bilodeau  
Cathy Green  
Dina Nguyen (absent)  
Roger Yoh  
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager  
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs  
Christina Fuller – Asst. District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta  
Kelly Rowe  
Nelida Mendoza  
Harry Sidhu  
Steve Sheldon

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0] as follows:

***Ayes – Bilodeau, Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta***

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**The minutes of the November 4, 2021 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

2. State Legislative Update

State consultants provided an update on AB 1434 (Friedman) Urban Water Use Objectives: Indoor Residential Water Use and PFAS Funding.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on PFAS funding and legislation.

4. 2022-2023 OCWD Legislative Goals and Platform

Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin stated that the draft 2022-2023 Legislative Goals and Platform document was provided to the Committee and Water Producers for review and input. She reported that that Mesa Water District (Mesa) submitted suggested additions to the State Legislative goals after the posting of the agenda packet for this meeting. The Committee discussed the suggested additions from Mesa along with OCWD Board member recommendations. The Committee directed staff to update the Platform with the presented input and return the item to the February 3 Committee meeting.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 5. State and Federal Legislative OC Caucus Briefing on Water Issues

General Manager Mike Markus reported that staff is proposing that the District host a State and Federal legislative briefing to the Orange County Congressional delegation and the State Senate and Assembly members in February to inform them on the many water issues the District is currently involved in. He stated the purpose of the briefing is to bring members together to gain support for OCWD issues and its positions. Mr. Markus stated that staff will work with the Directors and consultants to determine the best date and will keep the Committee updated.

### 6. Commemorating 2023 OCWD Milestones and Accomplishments

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that OCWD is marking several significant milestones in 2023 as it celebrates the completion of the GWRS Final Expansion, the 15-year anniversary of the commissioning of GWRS and OCWD's 90th anniversary. She stated staff is suggesting various ways to commemorate these significant milestones throughout the year beginning January 1, 2023. She advised that internal resources will be used to complete some items, while other items will be added to the FY22-23 fiscal year budget. Ms. Ayala noted that, when possible, some items may be covered by sponsorships from vendors and project partners.

### 7. Public Affairs Outreach Report (November/December 2021)

Ms. Ayala stated that OCWD will continue to host free webinars in 2022 every other month with a new format. She advised that staff will provide an update on the 2022 Children's Water Education Festival at next month's committee meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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*Denis Bilodeau* 2/3/2022  
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Denis Bilodeau, Chair