

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 3, 2019 @ 8 00 a m

Director Green called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order in Conference Room C-2 at the District office. The Assistant District Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Cathy Green
Jordan Brandman (absent)
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Roger Yoh (absent)
Ahmad Zahra

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager
Eleanor Torres – Director of Public Affairs
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta
Kelly Rowe
Dina Nguyen
Denis Bilodeau (absent)
Vicente Sarmiento

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Yes – Green, Zahra, Ta, Rowe, Sarmiento

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 5, 2019 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Director Nguyen arrived during discussion of the following item:

2 2020 Children's Water Education Festival Location and Service Contracts

Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles stated that the Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) celebrates its 24th anniversary in 2020. She reported that staff recommends the District continue to host the Festival at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) for the eighth consecutive year and utilize the event planning services of James Event Productions, Inc.

Upon motion by Director Zahra, seconded by Director Rowe and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its October 16 Board meeting: 1) Approve hosting the 2020 Children's Water Education Festival at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) on March 25-26, 2020; 2) Authorize execution of Agreement with UCI for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to host the 2020 Children's Water Education Festival on its campus; and, 3) Authorize execution of Agreement with James Event Productions, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$86,240 for event rentals and equipment; security and first aid services; logistical support and coordination throughout the year-long planning effort and during the week-long setup, tear down and execution of the event.

Yes – Green, Zahra, Ta, Rowe, Nguyen

3 State Legislative Update

State Legislative consultants provided an update on the conclusion of the 2019 legislative session and reviewed the status of key bills of interest to the District.

4 Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on the legislative calendar appropriations and infrastructure and recent meetings District staff and Board members had with members of Congress to discuss matters of importance to the District

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5 GWRS Final Expansion Groundbreaking

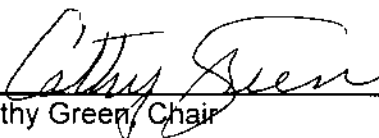
Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres reported that a groundbreaking ceremony for the GWRS Final Expansion will take place on Friday, November 8, from 12 00 p m to 1.30 p.m She advised that invitations were sent out the week of September 30 to OCWD Board members and staff, Orange County Sanitation District Board members and staff, Groundwater Producers, regulatory agencies, vendors associated with the construction and operations of the GWRS, elected officials, media and other community stakeholders

6 Public Affairs Outreach Report (August/September 2019)

Ms Torres stated the report is contained in today's packet and noted that 18 speakers' bureau events were held in August and September.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8.50 a m


Cathy Green, Chair