

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 4, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Dewane 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

Vicente Sarmiento (absent)
Shawn Dewane
Cathy Green
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Tri Ta

OCWD Staff

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

Alternates

Roger Yoh (absent)
James Vanderbilt (absent)
Bruce Whitaker
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Whitaker, seconded by Director Green and carried [3-0] as follows.

Ayes – Dewane, Green, Whitaker

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 6, 2018 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2. 2019 Children's Water Education Festival Location and Service Contracts

Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles stated the Children's Water Education Festival celebrates its 23rd anniversary in 2019. She reported that staff recommends the Orange County Water District continue to host the Festival at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) for the seventh consecutive year and utilize the event planning services of James Event Productions, Inc.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Ta and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its October 17 Board meeting: 1) Approve hosting the 2019 Children's Water Education Festival at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) on March 27-28, 2019; 2) Authorize execution of Agreement with UCI for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to host the 2019 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 \$91,640 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.

Ayes –Dewane, Green, Ta, Whitaker, Bilodeau

3. State Legislative Update

Legislative consultants provided an update on the legislative calendar and agenda and reported on the following legislation: AB 2447 (Reyes) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Land Use: Environmental Justice and SB 1422 (Portantino) California Safe Drinking Water Act: Microplastics.

4. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on funding opportunities of interest to the District and reported on FY 2019 appropriations.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (September 2018)

Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres reported on the progress of OCWD's two-year public affairs strategic plan. She advised that the Public Affairs staff will be reaching out to individual board members and directors of each District department in the coming months to discuss potential goals and will come back to the Committee with a 2019-2020 plan for the Board's review and approval. Ms. Torres noted the 2018 Groundwater Adventure Tour takes place on Thursday, October 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.


Shawn Dewane, Vice Chair