

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
November 5, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Anthony called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order in Conference Room C-2 at the District office. The Recording Secretary called the roll as follows:

Committee Members

Harry Sidhu (not present)  
Phil Anthony  
Dina Nguyen  
Roman Reyna  
Steve Sheldon (not present)

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus - General Manager  
Eleanor Torres - Director of Public Affairs  
Judy-Rae Karlsen - Assistant District Secretary  
Gina Ayala, Alicia Dunkin, Diane Pinnick

Alternates

Roger Yoh (arrived 8:10 am)  
Shawn Dewane (not present)  
Jan Flory (not present)  
Denis Bilodeau  
Cathy Green (arrived 8:17 am)

Teleconference

David French - ENS Resources

Others

Debbie Cook  
John Earl - Surf City Voice  
Jim McConnell - McConnell & Associates  
Peer Swan - Irvine Ranch Water District  
Cori Williams - Townsend Public Affairs

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Nguyen, seconded by Director Reyna and carried [4-0] as follows.

*[Yes –Anthony, Nguyen, Reyna, Bilodeau/No – 0]*

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**The minutes of the October 8, 2015 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Directors Yoh arrived at 8:10 a.m. during the following discussion.

2. Federal Legislative Update

Legislative advisor Jim McConnell gave an update on the federal budget, appropriations and potential funding opportunities. Legislative advisor David French (ENS Resources) teleconferenced into the meeting and briefed the Committee on the status of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation and the proposed drought bill. This item was informational and the Committee took no action.

Directors Green arrived at 8:17 a.m. during the following discussion.

3. State Legislative Update

Legislative advisor Cori Williams (Townsend Public Affairs/TPA) noted that legislators are on recess. She presented an update on pending legislation and discussed Proposition 1 funding strategies. Legislative Liaison Alicia Dunkin reported that staff is working with TPA to develop a score card on pending legislation and summarized recent discussions with legislators concerning drought legislation and water conservation.

General Manager Mike Markus suggested the Committee might want to wait and see if current water conservation standards become permanent before adopting a position. Director Cathy Green reported on her recent trip to Sacramento and gave a report on the positions adopted by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and potential regulations that may emerge as a result. This item was informational and the Committee took no action.

4. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Water Summit

Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres reported the Orange County (OC) Water Summit ad hoc Committee was informed by MWDOC staff that there would be a venue change for the 2016 event and a variety of opinions on alternate dates and venues were discussed. Ms. Torres noted that Disneyland is a key partner in the event each year and moving the event to another venue may impact sponsorship funding as well as significant in-kind assistance from Disney. The Committee discussed logistics, funding sources, other venues for consideration, and the need for the event to focus on regional and national issues to attract speakers, sponsors and participants. Director Green stated that she would bring the Committee's concerns to the November 23 OC Water Summit ad hoc Committee for further discussion. This item was informational and the Committee took no action.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (October 2015)

Ms. Torres noted the Hallway project is nearing completion and the Outreach Report is in today's packet. Mr. Markus reported that the GWRS tours continue to be well attended.

**ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18 BOARD MEETING**

There were no items to be placed on the November 18 Board meeting agenda.

General Manager's Comments

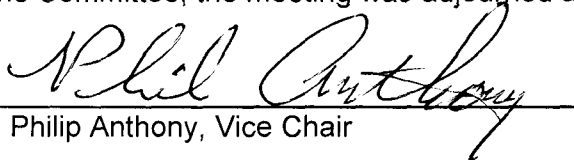
Mr. Markus reported that he met with Debra Mann (MWD) for a brief discussion after her presentation at the November 5 Municipal Water District of Orange County board meeting.

President's Comments

Director Green reported that she will be attending the ACWA Board member orientation and board meeting in Sacramento on November 19-20 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

  
Philip Anthony, Vice Chair