

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

Director Sarmiento 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
Shawn Dewane (absent)
Cathy Green
Steve Sheldon
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
James Vanderbilt (absent)
Bruce Whitaker
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Sarmiento, Green, Ta, Yoh

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the October 4, 2018 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

Legislative consultants provided a report on election results and the potential impact on the Legislature as well as an update on the Legislative calendar.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on elections and appropriations and reported on President Bilodeau's visit to the Army Corps of Engineers.

4. 50th Anniversary of the Santa Ana River Judgments

Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres reported that April 17, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the settlement of two major lawsuits regarding surface water and groundwater rights across the Santa Ana River Watershed. She recalled that the 1969 settlements, the Orange County Judgment and the Western-San Bernardino Judgment, are two agreements between water agencies representing millions of Southern Californians living in the Santa Ana River Watershed. She advised these agreements replaced decades of lawsuits and ushered in a new era of stability and cooperation by establishing a set of evenhanded measures among all the representative

parties. Ms. Torres reported that the Santa Ana River Watermasters, made up of representatives from OCWD, Western Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, would like to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Santa Ana River Judgments by hosting an event in April 2019 to highlight 50 years of peace on the river and to thank local, state and federal stakeholders.

Upon motion by Director Yoh, seconded by Director Ta and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its December 5 Board meeting: Approve up to \$8,000 to co-host an event with the Santa Ana River Watermasters and create a booklet, video and pin to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 Orange County and Western-San Bernardino Judgments.

Ayes –Sarmiento, Green, Sheldon, Ta, Yoh

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (October 2018)

Principal Communications Specialist Gina Ayala reported on the success of the Groundwater Adventure Tour held on October 25th. She also noted that approximately 800 guests toured the GWRS and other OCWD facilities in October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.



Vicente Sarmiento, Chair