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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 3, 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 (arrived 8:05 am)
Dina Nguyen
Roger Yoh
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff
Mike Markus – General Manager
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Christina Fuller – Asst. District Secretary

Alternates
Tri Ta
Kelly Rowe
Nelida Mendoza
Harry Sidhu
Steve Sheldon (absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR
The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0] as follows:
Ayes –Bilodeau, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta, Rowe
**Director Nguyen audio issues*

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January 6, 2022 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

Director Green arrived during discussion of the following item.

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 SB 230 (Portantino) State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program. Consultants advised that AB 1434 is no longer moving, but the contents of the bill are expected to be included in another bill.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on PFAS meetings, Appropriations and the roll out of Federal funding.

4. 2022-2023 OCWD Legislative Goals and Platform

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Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin stated that the draft 2022-2023 Legislative Goals and Platform (Platform) document has been updated with Director's and Water Producer's suggestions and is ready for Committee approval. Mesa Water District (Mesa Water) representative Stacy Taylor stated that Mesa Water approves of the recommended Platform.

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its February 16 Board meeting: Approve the OCWD 2022-2023 Legislative Goals and Platform.
Yes – Bilodeau, Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta
**Director Nguyen audio issues*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. 2022 Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) Update

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles reported that Festival will be held virtually from April 25-29, and provided an update on event registration, program/schedule and next steps.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report (January)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala provided an update on current outreach programs and projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, Chair