

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
February 4, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Due to the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20, Chair Green called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting 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

Cathy Green
Jordan Brandman
Dina Nguyen
Roger Yoh
Bruce Whitaker (arrived @ 8:05 a.m.)

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus– General Manager
Alicia Dunkin - Legislative Affairs Liaison
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Crystal Nettles – Senior Communications Specialist
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta
Kelly Rowe
Nelida Mendoza (absent)
Denis Bilodeau
Steve Sheldon

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Green, Brandman, Nguyen, Yoh, Ta

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January 7, 2021 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

Director Whitaker arrived during discussion of the following item.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State Legislative consultants reported that the Legislature returned to session on January 11 and provided an update on key dates of the upcoming legislative calendar. OCWD staff and Consultants provided a summary of state bills and recommended actions for each bill.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Nguyen and carried [4-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its February 17 Board meeting: Adopt the following positions:

Bill Number	Title	Recommendation
SB 230 (Portantino D-La Cañada Flintridge)	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program	Watch
SB 45 (Portantino D-La Cañada)	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood	Watch (work with water-related

Flintridge	Protection Bond Act of 2022	organizations to gain amendments for water projects)
SB 222 (Dodd D-Napa)	Water Affordability Assistance Program	Watch

Yes – Green, Brandman, Nguyen, Whitaker

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided updates on key administration appointments, budget funding, Infrastructure, and the Covid-19 relief package.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. 2021 Youth Environmental Summit Update

Senior Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles recalled that the Youth Environmental Summit will be held virtually from April 19-23. She provided a verbal update on teacher, presenter, and sponsor registration.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (January 2021)

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala stated the information is in the packet and noted that the District’s ninth webinar, “[Reverse Osmosis: Getting the Credit it Deserves](#),” was held on January 27 with 230 attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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 Cathy Green, Chair