

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
February 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

Philip Anthony (absent)  
Vicente Sarmiento  
Shawn Dewane (absent)  
Cathy Green  
Steve Sheldon

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager  
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Eleanor Torres – Director of Public Affairs  
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 Green, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [4-0] as follows.

***Ayes – Sarmiento, Green, Sheldon, Whitaker***

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State legislative consultant Don Gilbert reported that OCWD staff and consultants advocated gaining 30 percent credit for potable reuse in the long-term water conservation legislation, SB 606 (Skinner/Hertzberg), through meetings in Sacramento. He reported that all of the meetings were well received by elected officials and their staff. Jason Gonsalves reported on the legislative calendar and provided an update on SB 623 (Monning).

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultant James McConnell reported on OCWD's trip to Washington, D.C. on February 5 and 6, to discuss the Prado Feasibility Study at the Army Corps of Engineers and the need for it to remain on its current schedule leading to a Chief's Report in November 2019. He stated that OCWD staff are continuing to work with Scripps Research Institute and the Los Angeles District of the Corps on Forecast-Informed Reservation Operations (FIRO) pilot program, which was brought to the attention of the Orange County Congressional Delegation on this trip in order to begin to familiarize them with the concept. Eric Sapirstein reported on the State Revolving Fund Water Infrastructure Now Act S. 2364 (SRF-WIN Act) which OCWD will send a letter of support to Senators Boozman and Feinstein in alignment with the OCWD policy principles in the Legislative

platform. Holland and Knight reported on the President's Infrastructure package and the Fiscal year 2019 budget.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. GWRS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

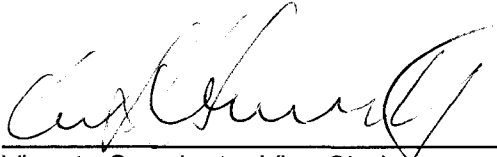
Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres reminded the committee that the GWRS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Winter Fest event will be held Friday, February 16 and the attempt to set a new Guinness World Records title for the most wastewater recycled to drinking water in 24 hours will commence on Thursday, February 15. She provided an update on the event including a timeline and opportunities for Board participation.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (January 2018)

There was no verbal report on this item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



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Vicente Sarmiento, Vice Chair