

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
September 4, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Director Weigand called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room C-2. Public access was also provided via Zoom webinar. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Van Tran (non-voting)
Roger Yoh
Steve Sheldon (arrived at 12:02 p.m.)
Valerie Amezcua
Erik Weigand

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – General Manager
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Chris Olsen – Executive Director of Engineering
Mehul Patel – Executive Director of Operations
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (arrived at 12:34 p.m.)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Yoh, Amezcua, Weigand, Green, Jung

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the August 7, 2025 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State consultants provided an update on legislation of interest to the District. General Counsel Jeremy Jungris provided an update on the status of SB 707.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultants and District staff provided an update on OCWD's upcoming visit to Washington D.C. and federal regulations related to PFAS.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. OC Water Summit Update

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that this year's OC Water Summit is scheduled to take place Friday, September 5 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. She stated this year's theme is Turning the Valve: Abundance in Orange County. She advised that there are 366 registrants and \$65,400 has been raised in sponsorships.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Ms. Ayala provided a report on outreach activities for August stating that 57 guests from 8 groups toured OCWD. She provided an overview of upcoming meetings and events, noting that the employee Groundwater Adventure Tour will be held September 25 and the public Groundwater Adventure Tour will be held October 23.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Signed by:  10/2/2025
Erik Weigand, Director