

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 2, 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
Roger Yoh (arrived 12:03 p.m.)
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Valerie Amezcua
Erik Weigand

Alternates

Cathy Green (absent)
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – General Manager
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Christina Fuller – District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Amezcua and carried [4-0] as follows:

Ayes – Tran, Amezcua, Weigand, Jung

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 4, 2025 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State Consultant Jason Gonsalvez advised that the state legislative session adjourned on September 13, a day later than planned, and provided an update on SB 72 and SB 454.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultants reported on the government shutdown and advised that the trip to Washington D.C. for President Bilodeau and OCWD staff originally scheduled for October 20 has been postponed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. OC Water Summit Recap

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles reported that this year's OC Water Summit had 356 attendees and raised \$65,400 in sponsorships. Ms. Nettles noted that for next year's event, MWDOC staff will take the lead in planning with OCWD staff assisting.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala stated that that 181 guests toured OCWD in September. She reported on upcoming events, speakers bureau highlights and recent OCWD media.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Signed by:


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Erik Weigand, Director