

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 6, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Director Tran 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
Steve Sheldon
Valerie Amezcua (absent)
Erik Weigand

Alternates

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

OCWD Staff

Chris Olsen – Executive Director
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Michelle Diaz – Communications Specialist
Jason Dadakis – Executive Director
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel
Leticia Villarreal – District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Tran, Yoh, Sheldon, Weigand, Green

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the October 2, 2025 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

District staff and consultants provided an update on OCWD's 2025 accomplishments and planning for the 2026 legislative session.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultants and District staff provided a brief overview on OCWD's 2025 accomplishments and provided an update on Federal activities of interest to the District.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Children's Water Education Festival Update

Communications Specialist Michelle Diaz reported that the next Children's Water Education Festival will be hosted at Oak Canyon Park on April 15 and 16, 2026. She added that registration opened September 30 and 5,455 students are preregistered to attend with 19 presenters committed.

Ms. Diaz advised that OCWD will continue to solicit schools, presenters and sponsors and noted monthly updates will be provided.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala provided a report on outreach activities for November stating that 448 guests from 17 groups toured OCWD. She shared that the GWRS Tour Ad Hoc Committee visited the Water Replenishment District's Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environment Learning (ARC). She reported that OCWD's Quarterly Webinar had 80 live attendees and 175 recorded views.

6. Orange County Water District State And Federal Legislative Goals & Strategy

Legislative Liaison Alicia Harasty reported that staff will be reaching out to OCWD's retail water providers, key OCWD staff and other stakeholders to provide input for this annual review. She stated that a final proposed draft will be provided at an upcoming committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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Van Tran, Chair