

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
January 8, 2026 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 (absent)
Steve Sheldon (arrived @ 12:05 p.m.)
Valerie Amezcua
Erik Weigand

Alternates

Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Natalie Meeks
Denis Bilodeau (arrived @ 12:28 p.m.)

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – General Manager
Chris Olsen – Executive Director
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Alicia Harasty – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Lisa Haney – Executive Director
Leticia Villarreal – Asst. District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Tran, Amezcua, Weigand, Green, Jung

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the November 6, 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 the upcoming 2026 legislative session.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultants provided a report on federal activities of interest to OCWD.

4. Orange County Water District State and Federal Legislative Goals & Strategy

Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Harasty presented the annual updates to the OCWD State and Federal Legislative Goals and Strategy to the Committee. She informed the Committee that staff reached out to OCWD's retail water suppliers, key OCWD staff and OCWD's state and federal consultants to provide input. The Committee requested that staff include the word "Counties" to the list under Item No. 8 of Federal Goals/Strategy.

Upon motion by Director Weigand, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended for approval at the January 21 Board meeting: Approve the 2026 State and Federal legislative Goals and Strategy.

Ayes: Tran, Amezcua, Weigand, Green, Meeks

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Children's Water Education Festival Update

There was no discussion on this item.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report

There was no discussion on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Van Tran, Chair