

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
June 4, 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
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Valerie Amezcua
Erik Weigand
Alternates
Cathy Green
Fred Jung
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Natalie Meeks (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

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
Mehul Patel – Executive Director
Jeremy Jungreis – General Counsel
Leticia Villarreal – Assistant District Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Tran, Amezcua, Weigand, Green, Jung

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the May 7, 2026 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

2. State Legislative Advocacy Services

Recommended for approval at June 17 Board meeting: Retain both Joe A. Gonsalves and Son at \$8,000 per month and Edelstein Gilbert Robson and Smith at \$8,000 per month for state legislative advocacy services for the period of August 31, 2026 through August 31, 2028.

3. Federal Legislative Advocacy Services

Recommended for approval at June 17 Board meeting: Retain ENS Resources at the rate of \$8,000 per month for federal legislative advocacy services for a two year term until August 31, 2028.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. State Legislative Update

Legislative consultants provided an update on items of interest to OCWD.

5. Federal Legislative Update

OCWD's federal advocate and staff provided an update on funding for OCWD's projects and other items of interest to OCWD.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Van Tran, Chair