

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
March 8, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Dewane called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order in Conference Room C-2 at the District office. The Assistant District Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Philip Anthony (absent)
Vicente Sarmiento (absent)
Shawn Dewane
Cathy Green
Steve Sheldon

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Eleanor Torres – Director of Public Affairs
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Roger Yoh
James Vanderbilt (absent)
Bruce Whitaker
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Denis Bilodeau

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Dewane and carried [4-0] as follows.

Ayes – Dewane, Green, Sheldon, Whitaker

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February 8, 2018 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) representative Rebecca Long stated that OCSD is sponsoring Assembly Bill 2003 authored by Assemblyman Tom Daly to provide sanitation districts with greater flexibility in informing contractors about public construction opportunities. She advised that the bill expands the allowable public notification methods for construction bids to include internet websites, radio, television or other media as bid advertising platforms. OCWD staff recommended a support position for the bill.

State legislative consultant Don Gilbert updated the Committee on Conservation Legislation. He reported that OCWD's consultants are working with Assemblymember Caballero on a letter to legislative leadership and the Governor requesting a 30 percent credit. He stated this letter was ultimately signed by a bipartisan group of six Assemblymembers: Caballero, Quirk-Silva, Weber, Rubio, Gallagher, and Bigelow. He advised that in addition, Assemblymember Daly provided his own letter on the same subject and will be working with Assemblymember Caballero and others to help grow the 30 percent delegation in the Assembly.

Jason Gonsalves reported that Director Sarmiento and OCWD staff met in Sacramento with OCWD legislators on the long-term conservation legislation and provided an update on the North Basin Groundwater Cleanup efforts.

**Upon motion by Director Dewane, seconded by Director Sheldon and carried [4-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its March 21 Board meeting: Take a support position for AB 2003 (Daly) Sanitation Districts: Public Contracting.
Yes – Dewane, Green, Sheldon, Whitaker**

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultant James McConnell reported on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO). Eric Sapirstein reported on State Revolving Funds and Water Recycling Legislation. Holland and Knight reported on the President's Infrastructure package and the Fiscal year 2019 budget.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. 11th Annual Orange County Water Summit

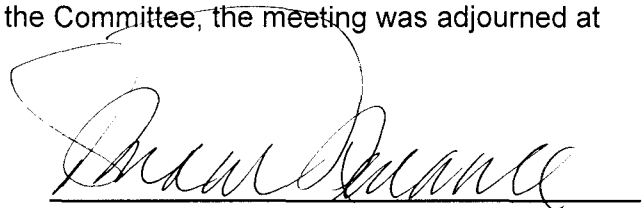
Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres stated the 11th annual Orange County Water Summit will take place Friday, June 1, 2018 at the Grand Californian Hotel and Spa at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California.

5. Public Affairs Outreach Report (February 2018)

Ms. Torres stated the report is in today's packet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.


Shawn Dewane, Director