

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
April 4, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Director Green 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

Cathy Green
Jordan Brandman (absent)
Steve Sheldon (absent)
Roger Yoh
Ahmad Zahra

OCWD Staff

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

Alternates

Tri Ta (absent)
Kelly Rowe
Dina Nguyen
Denis Bilodeau (absent)
Vicente Sarmiento

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Green, Yoh, Zahra, Rowe, Nguyen

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March 7, 2019 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

OCWD staff and Legislative consultants provided a summary of state bills and recommended actions for each bill.

Upon motion by Director Zahra, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its March 20 Board meeting: 1) Adopt the following positions on legislation:

Bill Number	Topic	Recommendation
AB 1180 (Friedman)	Recycled Water	Support
AB 533 (Holden)	Water Conservation Tax Parity	Support
AB 1486 (Ting)	Local Agencies - Surplus Land	Oppose Unless Amended
SB 204 (Dodd)	State Water Project - Contracts	Oppose Unless Amended
AB 441 (Eggman)	Groundwater – Beneficial Use	Watch
AB 217 (E. Garcia)	Safe Drinking Water for All	Oppose Unless Amended
AB 756 (C. Garcia)	Public Water Systems	Oppose

2) Adopt an Orange County Water District resolution to support legislative and funding alternatives to a state water tax.

Ayes – Green, Yoh, Zahra, Rowe, Nguyen

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an overview of the the meetings held during Board President Sarmiento and General Manager Mike Markus’s visit to Washington, DC, March 25 and 26. They stated the purpose of these meetings was to introduce new members to OCWD and to gain support for OCWD’s federal goals, per the OCWD 2019-2020 Legislative Platform. Consultants also provided an update on President Sarmiento’s testimony before Congress on water, oceans and wildlife.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.



Cathy Green, Chair