

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 7, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Vice Chair Green called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting to order via Zoom webinar. Members of the Board and the public participated via Zoom. The Secretary called the roll and reported a quorum as follows:

Committee Members

Denis Bilodeau (arrived 8:02 a.m.)  
Cathy Green  
Dina Nguyen (arrived 8:05 a.m.)  
Roger Yoh  
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager  
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs  
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist  
Christina Fuller – Asst. District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta  
Kelly Rowe  
Nelida Mendoza  
Harry Sidhu  
Steve Sheldon

## CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***Ayes –Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta, Rowe***

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**The minutes of the March 3, 2022 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.**

Chair Bilodeau arrived during discussion of the following item.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**2. State Legislative Update

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

Bill Number/Author	Title	Recommended Position
AB 2811 Bennett, D-Ventura	California Building Standards Commission: recycled water: nonpotable water systems	Oppose Unless Amended
AB 2108 Rivas, D - Salinas	Water Policy: Environmental Justice: Disadvantaged and Tribal Representation	Watch
AB 2142 Gabriel, D-Woodland Hills	Income Taxes - Exclusion - Turf Replacement Water Conservation Program	Support

**Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Whitaker and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its April 20 Board meeting: Approve the following positions:**

**Ayes – Bilodeau, Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta**

Director Nguyen arrived during discussion of the following item.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on PFAS funding and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget requests.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. 2022 Children’s Water Education Festival (Festival) Update

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles provided an update on presenters, activities, and sponsors for the Festival to be held virtually April 25-29.

5. 2022 OC Water Summit Update

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported the 14th annual Summit will be held Friday, September 16, 2022 at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim, Calif. She stated that this year’s theme is “California Dreamin’: Western Water Projects & How to Build Them” and noted that Fritz Coleman will serve as event emcee.

6. PFAS Funding Update

General Manager Mike Markus provided a brief update on PFAS funding.

7. Public Affairs Outreach Report (March)

Ms. Ayala provided an update on current outreach programs and projects noting that a webinar on PFAS Policy Impacts and Solutions was held on March 24 with 130 attendees. She advised that water supply will be the topic for the next webinar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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*Denis Bilodeau* 7/27/2022  
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Denis Bilodeau, Chair