

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
April 8, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Due to the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, Chair Brandman called the Communications and Legislative Liaison Committee meeting 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

Jordan Brandman  
Cathy Green  
Dina Nguyen  
Roger Yoh  
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus– General Manager  
Alicia Dunkin - Legislative Affairs Liaison  
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs  
Crystal Nettles – Senior Communications Specialist  
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta  
Kelly Rowe  
Nelida Mendoza (absent)  
Denis Bilodeau  
Steve Sheldon

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

***Ayes –Brandman, Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Whitaker***

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**The minutes of the March 4, 2021 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.**

2. 2021/2022 Next Generation Water Leaders Proposal

**Recommended by Committee for approval at April 21 Board meeting: Authorize increase of budget not to exceed \$10,500 to continue implementation of the virtual version of the Next Generation Water Leaders education program through the 2022 school year.**

3. 2021/2022 Prado Wetlands Virtual Field Trip Proposal

**Recommended by Committee for approval at April 21 Board meeting: Authorize increase of budget not to exceed \$9,800 to continue implementation of the Prado Wetlands Field Trip program for the 2021/2022 school year.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. State Legislative Update

State Legislative consultants provided an update on key dates of the upcoming legislative calendar. OCWD staff and Consultants provided a summary of state bills and recommended actions for each bill. Director Whitaker requested the Committee take an *Oppose Unless Amended* position on AB 339 since this bill directly affects OCWD and the cities in the District's service area.

**Upon motion by Director Whitaker, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its April 21 Board meeting: Adopt the following positions:**

Bill Number	Title	Recommendation
AB 588 (E. Garcia)	California Safe Drinking Water Act: compliance period	Support
AB 652 (Friedman)	Product safety: juvenile products: chemicals: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)	Support
AB 1200 (Ting)	Plant-based food packaging: cookware: hazardous chemicals (PFAS)	Support
AB 339 (Lee and C. Garcia)	State and local government: open meetings	Oppose unless amended

**Yes – Brandman, Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Whitaker**

5. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided updates on federal water infrastructure funding, Prado Feasibility Study, FY 22 Appropriations and Federal bill, H.R 1015 (Napolitano), Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act.

**Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its April 21 Board meeting: Adopt the following position:**

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H.R 1015 (Napolitano)	Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act	Support

**Yes – Brandman, Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Whitaker**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

6. 2021 Youth Environmental Summit Update

Senior Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles recalled that the Youth Environmental Summit (YES) will be held virtually from April 19-23. She provided a verbal update on the event platform, schools attending, and event sponsors. She reviewed the next steps stating that teachers will receive log in information next week. Ms. Nettles noted that after YES, select videos and activities will be available on ocyouthsummit.com.

7. OC Water Summit Update

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala reported that the Summit, originally scheduled for June 4, has been postponed to Friday, October 15, 2021. She stated the event is being planned as an in-person conference and will take place at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel. She advised that this year, OCWD staff will take the lead for this event and will keep the Committee updated on the planning and program.

8. Public Affairs Outreach Report (March 2021)

Ms. Ayala stated the report as contained in today's packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Jordan Brandman, Chair