

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
May 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Due to the continuing state of emergency declared by the Governor and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), Chair Bilodeau 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
Cathy Green (absent)
Dina Nguyen (absent)
Roger Yoh (absent)
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Gina Ayala – Director of Public Affairs
Crystal Nettles – Principal Communications Specialist
Leticia Villarreal – Executive Assistant

Alternates

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Kelly Rowe
Nelida Mendoza (absent)
Harry Sidhu (absent)
Steve Sheldon

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. State Legislative Update

OCWD staff and Consultants provided a summary of state bills and recommended actions for each bill. Director Sheldon recommended the Committee take an “Oppose” position on AB 2419 instead of staff’s recommended position of *Oppose Unless Amended*. Director Whitaker stated he supported Director Sheldon’s recommendation.

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Rowe and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its June 1 Board meeting: Approve the following positions:

Ayes – Bilodeau, Whitaker, Ta, Rowe, Sheldon

Bill Number/Author	Title	Recommended Position
SB 1124 (Archuleta, D-Norwalk)	Public health goal: primary drinking water standard: manganese	Oppose
SB 230 (Portantino, D- La Cañada Flintridge)	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern in Drinking Water Program	Support if amended
AB 2419 (Bryan, D-Los Angeles)	Environmental justice: federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Justice40 Oversight Committee	Oppose unless amended
AB 2313 (Bloom, D – Santa Monica)	Water: judges and adjudications	Support

2. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on PFAS funding, exemption from CERCLA liability language, and the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. 2022 Children's Water Education Festival (Festival) Update

Principal Communications Specialist Crystal Nettles provided a recap for the Festival that was held virtually April 25-29. Ms. Nettles reported more than 5,500 students from 22 cities attended and noted that students from all OCWD Director service areas participated. She stated that the event website will be available for one year.

4. PFAS Funding Update

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Denis Bilodeau, Chair