

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
May 4, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m.

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

OCWD Staff

Mike Wehner - Assistant General Manager
Eleanor Torres – Director of Public Affairs
Christina Fuller- Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

[Yes –Anthony, Dewane, Green, Sheldon, Nguyen /No – 0

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April 6, 2017 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

Director Yoh arrived at 8:05 a.m. during the following discussion.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

OCWD's state legislative consultants, Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson, and Smith and Joe A. Gonsalves and Son provided a verbal update on the state legislative calendar, legislation of interest to the District, and their monthly activities on behalf of the District. District state legislative consultant Don Gilbert of Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith provided an update on AB 1668, AB 1669 and AB 1427.

After a brief discussion of the legislative bills, the Committee took the following action:

Upon motion by Director Dewane, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its May 24 Board meeting: Adopt the following positions:

Item	Position
AB 1668 (Friedman) Governor Budget Trailer Bill – Water Management Planning	Oppose
AB 1669 (Friedman) Governor Budget Trailer Bill – Water Conservation Standards and Use Reporting	Oppose
AB 1427 (Eggman) Water: Underground Storage as a beneficial use	Amend Oppose unless amended

[Yes –Anthony, Dewane, Green, Sheldon, Yoh /No – 0]

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants James McConnell, Eric Sapirstein, and Holland and Knight provided a summary of funding opportunities and the status of state revolving funds for upcoming OCWD capital improvement infrastructure funding opportunities.

4. Dedication of Burris Basin Pump Station

Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres stated that staff is seeking direction on dedication plans for the Burris Basin Pump Station. Ms. Torres requested committee feedback on selecting a date for the event and direction on the guest list. After a brief discussion, the committee took the following action.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its May 24 Board meeting: 1) Select July 20, 2017 for the Dedication of the Burris Basin Pump Station; and 2) Provide direction on guest list: State elected officials, local elected officials-mayors and city council, water producers and OCWD executive management.

[Yes –Anthony, Green, Sheldon, Yoh, Nguyen /No – 0]

5. 2017 Groundwater Adventure Tour

Ms. Torres stated the 2017 Groundwater Adventure Tour will take place Thursday, October 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She noted that registration will open in the fall and approximately 150 guests attend the event each year.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report (March/April)

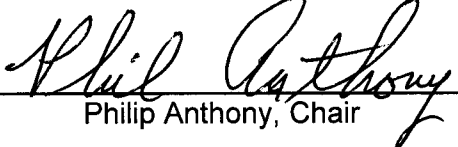
There was no verbal report on this item.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE MAY 24 BOARD MEETING

The Committee recommended Item Nos. 2 and 4 be agendized on the Consent Calendar at the May 24 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Philip Anthony, Chair