

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
June 8, 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
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Christina Fuller- Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

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

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, Yoh /No – 0

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the May 4, 2017 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

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 grants and loans applied for this year, research of opportunities for funding OCWD projects, upcoming funding opportunities and recommended actions and legislation.

Upon motion by Director Dewane, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its June 24 Board meeting: Authorize transmittal of letter to the State Water Resources Control Board requesting the State issue enough revenue bonds to support all projects with complete applications through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

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

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultant James McConnell provided an overview of the Congressional calendar and updated the Committee on the WIIN United States Act and the Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. Holland and Knight discussed the funding and legislative provisions for OCWD's federal priority programs: Army Corps of Engineers, EPA and Bureau of Reclamation. Eric Sapirstein provided an update on bill, H.R. 2510.

4. Public Affairs Outreach Report (May)

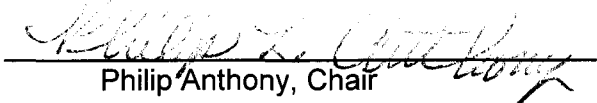
Principal Communications Specialist Gina Ayala reported general media clips and outreach activities are in today's packet. She stated that the District will increase engagement in social media and will partner with other organizations within water industry and outside organizations to leverage engagement and will report back to the Committee. Ms. Ayala reminded the Committee that the OC Water Summit will be held Friday, June 16 and encouraged all directors to attend.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED ON CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE JUNE 21 BOARD MEETING

The Committee recommended Item No. 2 be agendized on the Consent Calendar at the June 21 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.


Philip Anthony, Chair