

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
August 4, 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
Dina Nguyen (arrived 8:20 a.m.)
Roger Yoh
Bruce Whitaker

OCWD Staff

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

Alternates

Tri Ta
Kelly Rowe
Nelida Mendoza
Gloria Ma'ae
Steve Sheldon (absent)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Ayes – Bilodeau, Green, Yoh, Whitaker, Ta

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July 7, 2022 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meetings are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State Consultants provided an update on PFAS Funding, the General Budget and SB 1157 (Hertzberg D-Van Nuys) Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal Consultants reported on federal PFAS Funding, Earmarks and appropriations.

4. State Legislative Advocacy Services

The Committee suggested an increase to the recommended amount for state legislative advocacy services for both firms to be aligned with the federal legislative advocacy services agreement.

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its August 17 Board meeting: Retain Edelstein Gilbert Robson and Smith for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per month for state legislative advocacy services from August 2022 through August 2024; and 2) Retain Joe A. Gonsalves

and Son for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per month for state legislative advocacy services from August 2022 through August 2024.

Ayes – Bilodeau, Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Whitaker

5. Federal Legislative Advocacy Services

There was no discussion of this item.

Upon motion by Director Bilodeau, seconded by Director Green and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its August 17 Board meeting: Retain ENS Resources for an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per month for federal legislative advocacy services from August 2022 through August 2024.

Ayes – Bilodeau, Green, Nguyen, Yoh, Whitaker

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. OC Water Summit Update

Director of Public Affairs Gina Ayala stated that Fritz Coleman has been confirmed as Master of Ceremonies for this event and advised that registration is now open. She reviewed the program and confirmed sponsors.

7. Public Affairs Outreach Report (July 2022)


Ms. Ayala stated that 11 GWRS tours were held in July with 190 attendees. She provided an update on social media outreach and noted that OCWD had an increase of 200 followers.

8. PFAS Funding Update

There was no discussion of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Denis Bilodeau, Chair

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