

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
August 7, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Sidhu 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 as follows:

Committee Members

Harry Sidhu
Kathryn Barr
Cathy Green
Vincent Sarmiento (not present)
Steve Sheldon (arrived at 8:35 am)

Alternates

Roger Yoh (arrived 8:05 a.m.)
Shawn Dewane
Jan Flory (not present)
Denis Bilodeau (arrived 8:20 a.m.)
Phil Anthony

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus - General Manager
Joel Kuperberg - General Counsel
Judy-Rae Karlsen - Assistant District Secretary
Gina Ayala, Adam Hutchinson, John Kennedy,
Crystal Nettles, Diane Pinnick, Eleanor Torres,
Mike Wehner, Greg Woodside

Teleconference

David French - ENS Resources
Casey Elliott - Townsend Public Affairs

Others

Ian Delzer, Cori Williams - TPA
Jim McConnell - McConnell & Associates
John Earl – Surf City Voice

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Green requested that Item No. 2, ***Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Public Affairs Tour Coordinator*** be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Barr and carried 5-0.

(Yes – Sidhu, Barr, Green, Sheldon, Dewane/ No - 0)

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July 3, 2014 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting were approved as presented.

2. Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Public Affairs Tour Coordinator

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

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

2. Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Public Affairs Tour Coordinator

Director Green asked that staff provide information on limited-term employment contracts. She noted the employee in the Public Affairs Tour Coordinator position has been on the job for several years and she wanted to know the process for changing the limited-term employment contract into a full time employment position. General Manager Mike Markus advised the job was created at the beginning of the GWRS project and staff will need to develop a job description and

employment classification in order to change the status of this position. Director Sheldon noted Ms. Mudd has been an exemplary employee who is a point person for the District and provides quality information about the District and the GWRS system. He stated his support of the staff recommendation, however, he recommended that staff be directed to develop a job description and employment classification for this position and return to the Committee within 60 days for further discussion. Public Affairs Director Eleanor Torres noted that Ms. Mudd works full time as the Public Affairs Tour Coordinator and also assists Public Affairs staff with the Children's Drinking Water Festival and the Orange County Water Summit. The Committee then took the following action.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Barr and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended the Board take the following action at the August 20 Board meeting: 1) Approve and authorize execution of Limited-Term Employment Agreement for Public Affairs Tour Coordinator Rebecca Mudd for a one year period commencing August 20, 2014, and 2) Directed staff to develop a full time job classification and salary range for the Tour Coordinator position and return to Committee in 60 days for review.

(Yes – Sidhu, Barr, Green, Sheldon, Yoh/ No - 0)

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Director Bilodeau arrived at 8:20 a.m. during the following discussion

3. State Legislative Update

Recharge Planning Manager Adam Hutchinson provided a lengthy review of proposed groundwater legislation. He stated the State legislature will be making important groundwater management decision when it returns from recess and staff has been actively involved in discussions and drafting amendments. Mr. Hutchinson reported that SB 1168 (Pavley) and AB 1739 (Dickinson/Rendon) were merged and they are now identical bills. The Committee discussed the status of proposed bills, amendments and the legislative process. The Committee then took the following action.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Barr and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended the Board take the following action at the August 20 Board meeting: Adopt a position of "Support if Amended" on SB 1168/AB1739.

Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) representative Casey Elliott reported on the activities of the Appropriations Committee in Sacramento. Director Dewane presented a status update on AB 2712 (Daly) and he advised the Board took a "support" position, the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) supports the bill, and TPA will draft and send a joint letter from OCWD and OCBC to Mr. Daly's office that clarifies the District's request that the final bill include amended language.

Mr. Casey briefed the Committee on the current status of the Water Bond and outlined the Governor's position of support for a \$6 billion Water Bond that is substantially less than the initial proposal. He noted that Water Bond discussions will continue and significant developments will be reported to the Committee.

Director Sheldon arrived at 8:35 a.m. during the following discussion.

4. Federal Legislative Update

Legislative advisor Jim McConnell presented a brief update on activities in Washington D.C. and he reported on legislative issues that impact the District. He advised that the Appropriations

Committee has marked up bills and he reviewed the proposed appropriations for the Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study and the Santa Ana River Project. Mr. Mc Connell noted that Congress will be back in session in September. He reported that Becky Mudd will be giving a tour of the GWRS facilities to the Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant of Congresswoman Sanchez in August.

Legislative advisor David French presented a status update on California drought legislation and the introduction of federal legislation to address water efficiency, conservation and reuse.

He reported on a recent conference call with the National Science Foundation to solicit funding for the Children's Drinking Water Festival. He noted that District staff member Crystal Nettles gave an excellent presentation.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Green requested that staff bring back the issue of expanding the groundwater management strategy to include additional groundwater basins if proposed legislation passes.

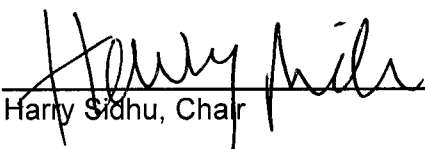
Director Dewane proposed the District take a position of support for the Governor's Water Bond. General Manager Mike Markus advised that a special Board meeting could be scheduled to take a position on that legislation.

Director Barr encouraged Directors to participate in the upcoming employee breakfast.

ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 20 BOARD MEETING

The Committee recommended that Items No. 2, 3 be placed on the Consent Calendar for the August 20 Board meeting.

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



Harry Sidhu, Chair