

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
 WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE  
 ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
 August 8, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.

Director Green 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

Cathy Green  
 Jordan Brandman (absent)  
 Steve Sheldon (absent)  
 Roger Yoh  
 Ahmad Zahra

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus– General Manager  
 Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison  
 Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary

Alternates

Tri Ta  
 Kelly Rowe  
 Dina Nguyen  
 Denis Bilodeau (absent)  
 Vicente Sarmiento

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Zahra, and carried [3-0-1] as follows:

**Ayes – Green, Zahra, Rowe**  
**Abstain – Ta**

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**The minutes of the June 6, 2019 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

2. State Legislative Update

State Legislative consultants provided an update on recent meetings with elected officials on District matters and provided an informational update on AB 1486 (Ting) Surplus Land Act.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on the legislative calendar, appropriations and infrastructure. OCWD staff and Legislative consultants provided a summary of federal bills and recommended actions for each bill.

**Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Yoh and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its August 21 Board meeting: Adopt the following positions:**

Bill Number	Topic	Recommendation
H.R. 2500 National Defense Authorization	Revises the list of toxic pollutants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to	Request Exemption for

Act: Amendment #48 Congressman Chris Pappas (D-NH)	include perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)	Water and Wastewater Agencies
H.R. 2500 National Defense Authorization Act: Amendment #440 Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI)	Requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to list PFAS chemicals as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)	Request Exemption for Water and Wastewater Agencies
H.R. 2570 Congressman Harley Rouda (D-CA)	PFAS User Fee Act: Imposes a fee system on industrial manufactures of PFAS and authorizes \$2 billion annually to support the cleanup of PFAS contaminated water supplies	Support
S. 1932 Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), and co-authored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	The Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act: Finances additional water recycling projects, funding for surface and groundwater storage, and desalination projects	Support
H.R. 3723 Congressman Mike Levin (D-CA)	The Desalination Development Act:	Support if amended to remove mandate that a desalination project must be consistent with a state plan

***Ayes – Green, Yoh, Zahra, Rowe, Nguyen***

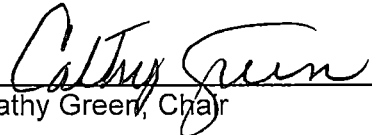
**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

4. Public Affairs Outreach Report (June/July 2019)

General Manager Mike Markus stated the information is contained in the packet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

  
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 Cathy Green, Chair