

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
September 7, 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
Shawn Dewane
Cathy Green
Steve Sheldon

OCWD Staff

John Kennedy – Executive Director
Eleanor Torres – Director of Public Affairs
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.

Ayes – Anthony, Sarmiento, Dewane, Green, Sheldon

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the August 3, 2017 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State legislative consultants provided a report on the current legislative calendar, updates to legislation of interest to the District and funding opportunities. Joe A. Gonsalves and Son provided an update on SB 623 and SB 5.

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultant James McConnell provided an overview of the fall Congressional agenda and appropriations. Holland & Knight provided an update on the potential infrastructure package and SFR Funding. David French reviewed Title XVI funding and the Water Infrastructure Investment Act (WIIN).

4. 2018 Children's Water Education Festival Location and Service Contracts

Director of Public Affairs Eleanor Torres stated the Children's Water Education Festival celebrates its 22nd anniversary in 2018.

She reported that staff recommends holding the event at the University of California, Irvine for the sixth consecutive year and utilizing the event planning services of James Event Productions, Inc.

Upon motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Dewane and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its September 20 Board meeting: Approve hosting the 2018 Children's Water Education Festival at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) on March 28-29, 2018; 2) Authorize execution of Agreement with UCI for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to host the 2018 Children's Water Education Festival on its campus; and 3) Authorize execution of Agreement with James Event Productions, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$88,550 for event rentals and equipment; security and first aid services; logistical support and coordination throughout the year-long planning effort and during the week-long setup, tear down and execution of the event.

Ayes –Anthony, Sarmiento, Dewane, Green, Sheldon

5. GWRS Bottled Water Outreach Update

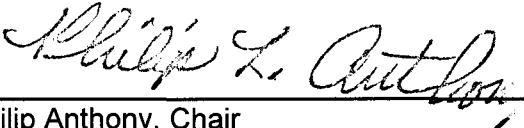
Principal Communications Specialist Gina Ayala reviewed outreach objectives and highlighted upcoming activities and events.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report (August)

Ms. Torres advised the Public Affairs Outreach Update was included in today's agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Philip Anthony, Chair