

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 7, 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
Roger Yoh (absent)
Ahmad Zahra (absent)

OCWD Staff

Mike Markus – General Manager
Alicia Dunkin – Legislative Affairs Liaison
Christina Fuller – Assistant District Secretary
Eleanor Torres- Director of Public Affairs

Alternates

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Director Ta, seconded by Director Rowe and carried [5-0] as follows.

Yes – Green, Sheldon, Ta, Rowe, Nguyen

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the October 3, 2019 Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee meeting are approved as presented.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. State Legislative Update

State Legislative consultants provided a report on the conclusion of the 2019 legislative session. Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin reported that OCWD staff and consultants recommend minor technical edits to the 2019-2020 OCWD Legislative Platform. Ms. Dunkin reviewed the proposed changes.

Upon motion by Director Rowe, seconded by Director Ta and carried [5-0], the Committee recommended that the Board at its November 20 Board meeting: Approve co-sponsorship of legislation in 2020 with the California Municipal Utilities Association to establish a process for changes in Notification Levels and Response Levels for Constituents of Emerging Concern. Approve changes to the 2019-2020 OCWD Legislative Platform.

Yes – Green, Sheldon, Ta, Rowe, Nguyen

3. Federal Legislative Update

Federal consultants provided an update on Appropriations, PFAS and the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019” (H R. 1497).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. PFAS Communications Plan 2019-2020

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Gina Ayala reported that staff and its consultants, the RW Jones Agency, have been working collaboratively with Groundwater Producers to address PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). She advised that a forward-looking PFAS communications plan for 2019-2020 has been developed by the RW Jones Agency and OCWD staff. She stated that the goals of the plan are to engage the public on the topic of PFAS and the safety of their drinking water in advance of other media outlets; provide a communications resource for OCWD water retailers and other organizations; and ensure the District is seen as a leader on the topic of PFAS.

6. Public Affairs Outreach Report (October 2019)

Ms. Torres stated the report is contained in today's packet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9 25 a.m.



Cathy Green, Chair