

Orange County Sanitation District
Minutes for the
**LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**



Monday, October 14, 2019
3:30 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
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CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 3:32 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Kim led the pledge of allegiance.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

A quorum was declared present, as follows:

Present: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers
Absent: Erik Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Herberg, General Manager; Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Al Garcia; Rebecca Long; Joshua Martinez; and Kelly Newell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brad Hogin, General Counsel; David French, ENS Resources (via teleconference); and Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments received.

REPORTS:

Chair Kim did not provide a report.

General Manager Jim Herberg introduced newly promoted Principal Public Affairs Specialist Daisy Covarrubias.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2019-639](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held September 9, 2019.

Ayes: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers

Noes: None

Absent: Erik Peterson

Abstentions: None

NON-CONSENT:

2. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

[2019-636](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral presented the item and responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve proposed 2020 schedule of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting dates and times: January no meeting, February 10 at 12:00 p.m., March 9 at 12:00 p.m., April 13 at 3:30 p.m., May 11 at 12:00 p.m., June no meeting, July 13 at 3:30 p.m., August no meeting, September 14 at 12:00 p.m., October no meeting, November 9 at 12:00 p.m., and December no meeting.

Ayes: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers

Noes: None

Absent: Erik Peterson

Abstentions: None

3. **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019** [2019-551](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Rebecca Long, Senior Public Affairs Specialist reminded the Committee that the State of the District will take place on October 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Mile Square Park; and provided an update on the CalGovOps Mass Timber Grant, Draft Legislative Plan for 2020, and Cal Recycle's grant for the Foodwaste Digester project at Plant No. 2.

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief overview of key legislative activities for the month including: FY 2020 Appropriation Status, Extended NPDES Permit Terms and PFAS/PFOA: National Defense Authorization Act. Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services provided an update to the Committee on the federal analysis and necessary legislation needed at the state level as well as working with a consortium to validate and sanction testing that is taking place.

Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview on the current legislative schedule and deadlines, a recap of priority two-year bills, priority legislation status, 2019 OCSD led legislative proposals, and potential 2020 ballot measures including Split Roll Tax Reform which amends Proposition 13 and Natural Resources/Climate Change/Wildfire Bonds.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of September 2019.

4. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019** [2019-648](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Brad Hugin provided information on AB 1486 (Ting) including the requirements of disposal of surplus land by a local agency in California and the minimal impact of this bill to the Sanitation District.

Ms. Cabral provided a brief update on the events and activities that took place during the month and announced that the GWRS Final Expansion Groundbreaking will take place at OCWD on November 8 at noon. She also mentioned that as part of workforce planning efforts, Human Resources will be attending the Sanitago Canyon Career Fair. Ms. Cabral also stated that a productive meeting with Garry Brown from OC Coastkeeper was recently held.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of September 2019.

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS YEAR-END REPORT

2019-649

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Cabral provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Affairs Year-End Report which included the Public Affairs portfolio of promotional material created within the past year. The Committee Chair commended staff and complemented the graphic designer on their creative and innovative work.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Year-End Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:

David Shawver announced that he recently attended a tour of the Irvine Ranch Water District and attended the 75th Anniversary Open House at the Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

Director Shawver expressed interest in forming a committee for the better wastewater collection treatment and recycling academy which would host and educate neighboring cities and agencies, and possibly creating a citizen's academy. Staff will come back with ideas and proposals for discussion in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:45 p.m. Chair Kim adjourned the meeting to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting to be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board