



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Jesus J. Silva on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:06 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Silva stated that the meeting was being held telephonically and via audio/video teleconferencing in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Chair Silva led the Flag Salute and announced the teleconference meeting guidelines.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present, as follows:

- PRESENT:** Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and David Shawver
ABSENT: John Withers

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board, and Brian Engeln were present in the Board Room. Jim Herberg, General Manager; Rob Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Celia Chandler, Director of Human Resources; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Tina Knapp; Rebecca Long; Kelly Newell; and Thomas Vu were in attendance telephonically.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogin, General Counsel; Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources; Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); and Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) were in attendance telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Silva provided information regarding recent virtual visits with Congressmen Lowenthal, Levin, and Correa, and with staff from Congresswoman Kim and Senators Padilla and Feinstein's staff. He stated that he attended the visits with Board Chair Shawver, Board Vice-Chair Withers, General Manager Jim Herberg, and OC San's federal lobbyist Eric Sapirstein and that current legislation, regulatory affairs, infrastructure, and funding opportunities were discussed. Chair Silva also stated that meetings with Congresswomen Steel and Porter are forthcoming.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2021-1566](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held March 8, 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and David Shawver

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

Director Nguyen appeared to be away during the voting on Items 2-4.

2. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

[2021-1552](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, gave a Power Point presentation that provided an update on Federal legislative activities including infrastructure, Fiscal Year 2022 budget, and delegation visits. Mr. Sapirstein also provided a presentation regarding selected Federal water infrastructure approaches that included administration approach, House approach, and Senate approach.

Cori Takkinen and Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a Power Point presentation that reviewed the State legislative calendar and specific legislation including AB 59 (Gabriel), AB 339 (Lee), AB 361 (Rivas), AB 622 (Friedman), AB 802 (Bloom), and SB 95 (Skinner). Mr. O'Donnell's presentation also reviewed planning for OC San advocacy days.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of March 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo and David Shawver

NOES: None

ABSENT: Andrew Nguyen and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. **ASSEMBLY BILL POSITIONS: AB 59 (GABRIEL) OPPOSE; AB 339 (LEE) - OPPOSE AS AMENDED; AB 361 (RIVAS) AND AB 622 (BLOOM) - SUPPORT** [2021-1553](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve position letters as amended for:

AB 59 Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines. (Gabriel) - Oppose
AB 339 State and local government: open meetings. (Lee) - Oppose as Amended
AB 361 Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. (Rivas) - Support
AB 622 Washing machines: microfiber filtration. (Bloom) - Support

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Andrew Nguyen and David Shawver

NOES: None

ABSENT: Anthony Kuo and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021** [2021-1561](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Cabral provided a brief presentation highlighting recent public affairs activities for the month of March 2021.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of March 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo and David Shawver

NOES: None

ABSENT: Andrew Nguyen and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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

Board Chair Shawver stated that a full report of each meeting with the Orange County delegation will be provided to the Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Silva declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the meeting to be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board