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



Monday, March 14, 2022 4:30 PM Board Room Administration Building 10844 Ellis Avenue Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (714) 593-7433

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Committee Chair Jesus J. Silva on Wednesday, March 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Silva stated that the meeting was being held telephonically and via Internet accessibility in accordance with new provisions in California Government Code Section 54953 and Resolution No. OC SAN 22-08, due to the continued State of Emergency Order. Chair Silva announced the teleconference meeting guidelines and led the flag salute.

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, Chad Wanke and John Withers

ABSENT: None

<u>STAFF PRESENT:</u> Brian Engeln was 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; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Tina Knapp; Rebecca Long; Kelly Newell; Wally Ritchie; and Thomas Vu were in attendance telephonically.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Clerk of the Board Kelly Lore stated that late communication was received after the publication of the agenda regarding Item No. 2 and an updated Agenda Report and attachment were provided to the Committee and made available to the public.

REPORTS:

Chair Silva and General Manager Jim Herberg did not provide reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2022-2098

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held February 7, 2022.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew

Nguyen and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

Board Vice Chair Chad Wanke arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m.

NON-CONSENT:

2. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

2022-2162

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral introduced the item and provided an overview of the current OC San memberships and Joint Powers Authority agreements. The Committee requested that the costs of each membership be incorporated into the document and sent to the members.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Receive and file the report.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew

Nguyen, Chad Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None ABSTENTIONS: None

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022 2022-2165

Originator: Jim Herberg

Principal Public Affairs Specialist Daisy Covarrubias provided a presentation which included: vendor and construction outreach efforts, current projects, and awards received during the last month.

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

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of February 2022.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew

Nguyen, Chad Wanke and John Withers

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Board Chair Withers and Board Vice-Chair Wanke departed the meeting at approximately 5:04 p.m.

4. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022-2168

Originator: Jim Herberg

Sara Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided the Federal Legislative Affairs update which included an overview of the current issues, infrastructure assistance implementation, non-flushable wipes legislation, fiscal year 2022-2023 appropriations, and an update on PFAS legislative activity.

Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided the State Legislative Affairs update which included a general overview of the 2022 legislative activity, next steps and key dates, status of California's State of Emergency, additional legislation of interest for 2022, indoor residential water use standards, and State budget requests.

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

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of February 2022.

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

Nguyen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chad Wanke 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:

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

At the request of Chair Silva, General Manager Herberg and Ms. Cabral provided a brief update as to the process and timing of resuming in-person OC San Committee and Board meetings. They stated that due to the current State of Emergency and other factored risks, every 30 days the Board of Directors will be presented with staff's recommendation to either adopt a Resolution making findings to continue via remote meetings or to resume in-person meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Silva declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. to the next Regular Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting to be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC Clerk of the Board