



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 Monday, September 13, 2021 at 4:31 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, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen,
Chad Wanke and John Withers
ABSENT: Kim Carr

STAFF PRESENT: 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; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Tina Knapp; Rebecca Long; Tom Meregillano; Kelly Newell; and Thomas Vu were in attendance telephonically.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hogin, General Counsel; Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources (ENS); Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); Yarib Dheming and Erin Foster, Inside the Outdoors were in attendance telephonically.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Silva did not provide a report.

General Manager Jim Herberg provided an update on the status of the Interim Food Waste Receiving Facility project, providing a brief overview of the project and progress made to date on the project and recap of related legislation.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2021-1835](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held July 12, 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kim Carr and Chad Wanke

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

2. INSIDE THE OUTDOORS YEAR END RECAP

[2021-1797](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral introduced Yarib Dheming and Erin Foster from Inside the Outdoors who provided an overview of the OC San Inside the Outdoors program for fiscal year 2020-2021.

ITEM RECEIVED AS:

Information Only.

NON-CONSENT:

3. STRATEGIC PLAN ORGANIZATIONAL ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH POLICY

[2021-1824](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Cabral provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided information about the policy, initiatives of the policy, and next steps.

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Board Vice-Chair Wanke arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Board Chair Withers departed the meeting at approximately 5:20 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2021** [2021-1827](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Principal Public Affairs Specialist Daisy Covarrubias provided a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed Public Affairs activity in July and August 2021 including an overview of what was done, what is being worked on, and awards received.

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

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of July and August 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and Chad Wanke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kim Carr and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY/AUGUST 2021** [2021-1798](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Rebecca Long introduced Eric Sapirstein, ENS, who provided a presentation reviewing current issues including the Senate Infrastructure Bill, "Soft" Infrastructure Bill, FY 2022 appropriations, and an update on legislation pertaining to PFAS/PFOA.

Cori Takkinen, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided information on the legislative calendar; 2021-2022 trailer bill status and State budget update - water and sanitation; AB 361 (Rivas); AB 818 (Bloom); and a review of bill status for AB 59 (Gabriel), AB 339 (Lee), AB 622 (Friedman), and AB 1434 (Friedman).

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

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

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and Chad Wanke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kim Carr and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Silva declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. to the next Regular Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting to be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board