



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Kim 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 Kim led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Roll call was taken and 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; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; and Brian Engeln were present in the Board Room. 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; Belen Carrillo; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Lisa Frigo; Tina Knapp; Rebecca Long; Joshua Martinez; Tom Meregillano; 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:

Clerk of the Board Kelly Lore read an eComment of support for the Committee provided by Greg Sebourn, PLS.

David This, CCL commented in regard to Item No. 3 requesting Orange County Sanitation District's support of House of Representatives Bill (H.R.) 763.

REPORTS:

Chair Kim congratulated the staff and Board Chairman on a very successful State of the District. He further stated that this will be his last meeting as his term will be coming to end in December and thanked the committee for their service.

General Manager Jim Herberg announced that the Sanitation District would be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. He also provided a brief update regarding OCSD's Headquarters Complex project.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2020-1287](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held September 14, 2020.

AYES: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Christina Shea and David Shawver

NOES: None

ABSENT: Erik Peterson and John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

Chair Kim stated that Late Communication had been received for Item No. 2 with an amended recommendation.

2. 2021 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PLAN

[2020-1262](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Rebecca Long provided a brief PowerPoint presentation. The recommendation was amended as described in late communication.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY TO:

Review the Draft Orange County Sanitation District 2021 Legislative and Regulatory Plan; authorize staff to make changes to the Orange County Sanitation District 2021 Legislative and Regulatory Plan and recommend to the Board of Directors meeting of December 16, 2020 for approval.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Erik Peterson

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. **CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 763** [2020-1263](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided information and a brief overview of the Bill.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Continue to monitor and watch House of Representatives Bill (H.R.) 763 - Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (Deutch); and provide update to future meeting.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Erik Peterson

ABSTENTIONS: None

4. **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020** [2020-1261](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Mr. Sapirstein provided a PowerPoint presentation that addressed key legislative activities including election results and impacts, infrastructure policymaking, and fiscal year 2022 appropriations.

Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included a legislative end of session update, election results, and possible implications of the election results.

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

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the months of September and October 2020.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Erik Peterson

ABSTENTIONS: None

5. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020** [2020-1265](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Daisy Covarrubias, Principal Public Affairs Specialist, provided a PowerPoint

presentation that provided an overview of public affairs activities in September and October, an overview of upcoming activities, and a recap of awards recently received by the Sanitation District.

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

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the months of September and October 2020.

AYES: Peter Kim, Allan Bernstein, Lucille Kring, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers
NOES: None
ABSENT: Erik Peterson
ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

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

Board Chairman Shawver thanked each of the four outgoing members for their service and wished them luck in the future. Chair Kim and Vice-Chair Bernstein also stated their appreciation of staff and partners ENS & TPA for their hard work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Committee Chair Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board