



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, May 10, 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.

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, David Shawver and John Withers
ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board, and Josh Martinez 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; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Brian Engeln; Tina Knapp; 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:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2021-1599](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held April 12, 2021.

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen, David Shawver and John Withers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

Board Vice-Chair Withers departed the meeting at 5:01 p.m., during Item No. 2.

2. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 [2021-1608](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included a Legislative Calendar and an overview of current bills: AB 59, AB 339, AB 622, AB 802, and AB 1434.

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief overview of current issues including: Infrastructure: S.914 (89-2) and American Jobs Plan; Appropriations: Budget request, House and Senate Hearings, and funding levels; PFAS Regulations; and Nominations confirmed. He also stated that a virtual meeting is scheduled with Congresswoman Michelle Steel this week.

In response to Chair Silva's request as to the percentage of disadvantaged communities in the Orange County, Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral stated that OC San's service area is considered 18% disadvantaged for purposes of Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement Program grant funding applications.

Sr. Public Affairs Specialist Rebecca Long announced that a large wipes manufacturer, Kimberly-Clark, has agreed to meet flushability specifications as part of a settlement agreement in a class action lawsuit in South Carolina and mark their products as "do not flush".

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

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

AYES: Jesus Silva, Marshall Goodman, Kim Carr, Anthony Kuo, Andrew Nguyen and David Shawver
NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

Chair Silva stated that Item No. 4 would be heard prior to Item No. 3 at the request of staff.

4. OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 1434 (FRIEDMAN)

[2021-1621](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Oppose Assembly Bill 1434 - Urban Water Use Objectives: Indoor Residential Water Use (Friedman).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

[2021-1615](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Daisy Covarrubias, Principal Public Affairs Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping activity over the recent 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 April 2021.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Silva stated that the Committee is dark in the month of June.

Chair Silva declared the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore

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Clerk of the Board