



CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 12:02 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Committee Chair Kim led the pledge of allegiance.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

A quorum was declared present, as follows:

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

Jim Herberg, General Manager; Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Celia Chandler, Director of Human Resources; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Tanya Chong; Daisy Covarrubias; Brian Engeln; Rebecca Long; Kelly Newell; Wally Ritchie; and Ruth Zintzun.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brad Hugin, General Counsel; Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources (via teleconference); Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); Cori Williams, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); and Jon Barilone and Ryder Smith (Tripepi Smith).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

General Manager Jim Herberg provided an update to the Committee on the recent steps that OCSD has taken in light of the Coronavirus.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2020-895](#)

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held February 10, 2020.

AYES: Peter Kim, Lucille Kring, Erik Peterson, Christina Shea, David Shawver and John Withers

NOES: None

ABSENT: Allan Bernstein

ABSTENTIONS: None

NON-CONSENT:

Chair Kim stated that staff requested that Item No. 7 be moved forward.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT REPORT [2020-949](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral introduced Jon Barilone and Ryder Smith from Tripepi Smith who provided an informative PowerPoint presentation regarding the Communication Audit that was recently conducted.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ORDERED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Communications Audit Report.

2. ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIPS [2019-784](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Mr. Herberg provided a brief verbal presentation of the current agency memberships.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ORDERED TO:

Receive and file the report.

Committee Vice-Chair Bernstein arrived at the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020 [2020-936](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Principal Public Affairs Specialist Daisy Covarrubias distributed "The Neighborhood Connection". Ms. Cabral stated that OCSD will begin advertising in the "OC Register" in April 2020.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ORDERED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of February 2020.

4. **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020** [2020-940](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Rebecca Long provided an update on her recent visit to Washington, DC for the CASA conference.

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided an update on key legislative activities including: PFAS and flushable wipes, budget and appropriations, and permit terms and infrastructure. Mr. Sapirstein played a video clip presentation from the US EPA regarding the Water Reuse action plan.

Cori Williams and Eric O'Donnell, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current legislative schedule; Governor's State of the State address; and provided information regarding AB 1672 (Bloom) - Flushable wipes, SB 931, AB 2560 (Quirk) - State Board, SB 996 (Portantino), and SB 1056 (Portantino). Staff announced that the Chair and Vice-Chair, along with staff, will be travelling to Sacramento on March 31st for an Advocacy Day.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ORDERED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of February 2020.

Board Vice-Chair Withers departed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

5. **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2093** [2020-941](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve letter opposing Assembly Bill (AB) 2093 - Public Records: Writing Transmitted by Electronic Mail: Retention (Gloria).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

6. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION ACT** [2020-942](#)

Originator: Jim Herberg

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve the Letter of Support for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Withers

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

None.

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

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Committee Chair Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m. to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting, Monday, April 13, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly A. Lore, MMC
Clerk of the Board