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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Agenda Report

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FROM: James D. Herberg, General Manager

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve proposed 2020 schedule of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting dates and times: January no meeting, February 10 at 12:00 p.m., March 9 at 12:00 p.m., April 13 at 3:30 p.m., May 11 at 12:00 p.m., June no meeting, July 13 at 3:30 p.m., August no meeting, September 14 at 12:00 p.m., October no meeting, November 9 at 12:00 p.m., and December no meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Legislative and Public Affairs Committee (LaPA) began in September 2013 as a Special Committee. In January 2015, Board leadership directed staff to establish LaPA as a Standing Committee. The Committee meets monthly to provide updates and make recommendations on matters related to the legislative and public affairs programs of the Orange County Sanitation District (Sanitation District).

Significant progress has been made in the legislative and public affairs programs and the programs are sustainable by staff under the direction of the Public Affairs Strategic Plan and the Legislative Platform adopted by the Board of Directors.

Prior to becoming a Standing Committee, legislative and public affairs items were brought to the Steering Committee for consideration.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Ensure the public's money is wisely spent
- Maintain influential legislative advocacy and a public outreach program

PROBLEM

Staff is in the process of compiling the 2020 Board and Committee calendar which provides an opportunity to re-visit the frequency and timing of the Committee meetings.

Through the Public Affairs Strategic Plan and Legislative Platform adopted by the Board of Directors, the legislative and public affairs programs and initiatives are self-sustaining. As a result, additional policy direction is needed on a limited basis.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff, in consultation with the Sanitation District's lobbyists, recommends the following schedule for the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meetings. This schedule best matches the legislative activity in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2020:

January - No Meeting

February - Bill Positions

March - Bill Positions

April - Bill Positions

May - Bill Positions

June - No Meeting

July - PAO Performance

August - No Meeting

September - CASA/ACC-OC Reports

October - No Meeting

November - Legislative Platform

December - No Meeting

Staff will continue to keep the Board informed of legislative and public affairs activities through the General Manager's monthly update. If there is policy direction needed outside of the Public Affairs Strategic Plan or Legislative Plan that is adopted by the Board of Directors, a special LaPA Committee meeting will be called.

TIMING CONCERNS

Preparation of the Sanitation District Calendar of Board and Committee meetings for 2020 is underway.

PRIOR COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTIONS

April 2017 - Joint meeting of the Steering Committee and LaPA Committee wherein direction was given to continue with monthly meetings of the Committee with January being dark and August to be determined as needed.

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) may be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

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