Orange County Sanitation District
Minutes for the
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, November 4, 2019
12:00 PM
Board Room
Administration Building
10844 Ellis Avenue
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CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Peter Kim on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 12:01 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District. Chair Kim led the pledge of allegiance.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

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; Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Kathy Millea, Director of Engineering; Tina Knapp, Assistant Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Daisy Covarrubias; Lisa Frigo; Al Garcia; Rebecca Long; Kelly Lore; Kelly Newell; Tyler Ramirez; and Wally Ritchie.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brad Hogin, General Counsel; Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources (via teleconference); Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); Cori Williams, Townsend Public Affairs (TPA); Jessica Gauger, California Association of Sanitation Agencies; and Bruce Channing, Association of California Cities-Orange County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

REPORTS:

Chair Kim reminded the Committee about the GWRS Final Expansion Groundbreaking event taking place on Friday, November 8 at the Orange County Water District. He also reminded the Committee that, due to upcoming holidays, the Board of Directors meetings will take place one week earlier than usual in November and December - November 20 and December 18.

General Manager Jim Herberg did not provide a report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2019-697

Originator: Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee held October 14, 2019.

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

Noes: None

Absent: Erik Peterson

Abstentions: None

NON-CONSENT:

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 2019-696

Originator: Jim Herberg

Administration Manager Jennifer Cabral introduced Daisy Covarrubia who was recently promoted to Principal Public Affairs Specialist who, in turn, provided an update on recent public affairs activities and upcoming activities.

Chair Kim thanked staff for an outstanding State of the District event and Annual Report.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of October 2019.

3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 2019-698

Originator: Jim Herberg

Rebecca Long, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, provided a brief recap on the State of the District event and indicated that OCSD is in the process of applying for a $3 million grant from CalRecycle.

Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources, provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief overview of key legislative activities for the month including: FY 2020 Appropriation

Status, Extended NPDES Permit Terms and WOTUS, and PFAS/PFOA: National Defense Authorization Act.

Eric O'Donnell and Cori Williams, TPA, provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping the legislative schedule and looking ahead, update to priority two-year bills, and legislative proposals for 2020, specifically OCSD-led legislative concepts.

WITHOUT OBJECTION ACTION TAKEN TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of October 2019.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

4. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SANITATION AGENCIES AND ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CITIES-ORANGE COUNTY 2019-549

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Long introduced Jessica Gauger, Director of Legislative Advocacy for the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), who provided a PowerPoint presentation that overviewed the 2019 legislative priorities that included SB 332 (Hertzberg): Ocean Discharge, AB 1672 (Bloom): Wet wipe labeling, SB 69 (Wiener): Ocean Resiliency Act, and housing related bills. Ms. Gauger's presentation also provided an outlook for legislative interests for 2020.

Ms. Long introduced Bruce Channing, Executive Director for the Association of California Agencies-Orange County (ACC-OC), who provided a PowerPoint presentation that overviewed the recent infrastructure tour; ACC-OC committees; the ACC-OC Legislative and Regulatory Committee; legislative platform issues; the ACC-OC Energy, Environment, and Water Committee; the ACC-OC Housing Committee; and a look-forward on ACC-OC positioning and activities.

WITHOUT OBJECTION THIS ITEM WAS:

Information Item.

5. DRAFT 2020 LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY PLAN 2019-550

Originator: Jim Herberg

Ms. Long provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item that reviewed guiding priciples of the legislative plan, how the plan is developed, new portions of the plan focusing on PFAS/PFOA, and the legislative team. Board Chair Shawver asked that the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee be added to the legislative team list.

Chair Kim indicated that the Committee is in agreement with the plan and to move forward with Board approval. Using the concepts presented in the State legislative

update (Bill Concept 1 - Bid Advertising Requirements, Bill Concept 2 - Job Order Contracting, Bill Concept 3 - Video Surveillance, and Bill Concept 4 - Raising the Contract/Bid Threshold), Chair Kim summarized the interests of the Committee by indicating that there is interest to move forward with Bill Concepts 1, 2, and 4; and asked that these items be presented to the Committee in December (draft Bill language and prioritization of each Bill Concept).

WITHOUT OBJECTION THIS ITEM WAS:

Information Item.

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:

Committee Chair Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. to the next Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting, Monday, December 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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