



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

AGENDA

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

12 noon

Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations & Training Center

Board Room
One Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

Committee Members

Ross Chun • Don Wagner • Anne Hertz-Mallari
Anthony Kuo • Sandy Rains • Kathy Ward • Joe Kalmick

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CALL TO ORDER by OCFA Board of Directors Vice Chair Kuo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Wagner

ROLL CALL by Clerk of the Authority

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1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Action:

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2022.

B. Quarterly Legislative Update

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Jay Barkman, Legislative Affairs Manager

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

C. Quarterly Public Affairs Update

Submitted by: R Matt Olson, Director of Communications/Corporate Communications and Sophia Champieux, Public Relations Manager/ Corporate Communications

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

D. 2022-2023 Preliminary Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Calendar

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department, Jay Barkman, Legislative Affairs Manager and Matt Olson, Director of Communications/Corporate Communications

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the 2022-2023 preliminary Legislative & Public Affairs Committee calendar.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update
- End of Year Legislative Recap
- Proposed 2023-24 Legislative Platform

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee	Thursday, July 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Thursday, July 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and all Committees	Thursday, July 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Human Resources Committee	Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 12 noon
Operations Committee	Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 12 noon
Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and all Committees	Thursday, August 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Legislative & Public Affairs Committee	Wednesday, October 19, 2022



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
July 20, 2022

Agenda Item No. 3A
Discussion Calendar

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

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Summary

The Rules of Procedure includes provisions for the election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Prior Board/Committee Action

This is a routine item for Committee Member consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2022.

Impact to Cities/County

None.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Background

The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board of Directors includes a provision for election of the Chair and Vice Chair, as follow:

“RULE 10. THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Section (b)(2) At the first meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee following the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Directors assigned to the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee shall elect from their members a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.”

The committee may call for nominations for the 2022 Chair and/or Vice Chair positions, close the nominations, vote on the matter and declare the results.

Attachment(s)

None.



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Agenda Item No. 3B
Discussion Calendar

Quarterly Legislative Update

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Summary

This item is submitted to provide an update on legislative activities and seek direction from the committee on future items.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Receive and file the report.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Background

The attached July 2022 Legislative Report provides a summary of state budget items impacting OCFA along with legislation and positions consistent with the OCFA Board approved Legislative Platform. Reports from our Federal and State lobbyists are also included.

Attachment(s)

1. July 2022 Legislative Report
2. Federal Lobbyist Report
3. State Lobbyist Report



Orange County Fire Authority
Legislative & Grants Report

July 2022

State and Federal Legislation

The Governor and legislators came to an agreement on state funding and the Governor signed the budget on June 30, 2022. As previously shared in the Board Advisory we were notified by Senator Dave Min (D-Costa Mesa) that, on behalf of OCFA, he was able to secure \$16,950,000 million in funding for a Wildland Hand Crew Station, vehicles, and equipment. This is one time funding that will be administered by the California Office of Emergency Services.

However, the budget also includes \$35.4 million ([Budget Act of 2022 Preliminary Summary](#), see Page 28) in funding for the six contract counties to staff 12 hand crews (two per county) to be utilized year-round for vegetation management, hazardous fuel reduction, and wildland fire suppression. This increase to baseline funding for the contract counties will allow for year-round staffing of two full-time crews via our contract with CALFIRE.

Details on both the Wildland Hand Crew Station and staffing will be shared as they become available.

With the budget complete legislators are back in their districts for a month-long summer recess. They return August 1st and will have two weeks to conduct committee hearings. Then only two more weeks to complete floor votes and send any bills to the Governor for consideration before the Constitutional deadline of August 31st. This will complete their two-year legislative session and for many legislators the start of campaigning for re-election.

Bills previously identified as impacting OCFA are listed below:

Clerk of the Authority

[AB 1944 \(Lee\) Local Government Meetings](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Allows the use of teleconferencing by a local agency without having to identify each remote location or make them accessible to public. However, a local agency must identify those officials that participate remotely, provide a video streams accessible to the public, and an option for the public to make comments through audio-visual or call-in.

[AB 2449 \(Rubio\) Local Government Meetings](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Allows the use of teleconferencing by a local agency if at least a quorum of the local body is present in person at a singular location.

Communications/Education

[SB 855 \(Newman\) Childhood Drowning Data](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to establish a five-year data collection pilot program on fatal and nonfatal childhood drownings and to use the data to develop a water safety action plan and standardized forms for data collection. At OCFA's Executive Committee meeting on June 23, 2022, the Committee voted unanimously to support this bill. A letter of support will be sent before its next hearing on August 3, 2022.

Emergency Command Center (ECC)

[AB 2070 \(Bauer-Kahan\) Electrical Corporations-Notifications to Local Fire Agencies](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires an electrical corporation or utility to notify a fire protection district at least 24 hours before performing scheduled, nonemergency hot work, deploying a safety and infrastructure protection team, or performing a prescribed or controlled burn within the district's jurisdiction.

This bill is supported by the California Fire Chiefs association to improve local readiness and awareness especially during wildfire season.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

[AB 1770 \(Rodriguez\) Ambulance Patient Offload Time](#)

Held in Assembly

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires the State EMS Authority to take certain actions in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Services and the State Department of Public Health, for the purpose of reducing ambulance patient offload delays, protecting patients from unnecessary and life-threatening impacts to their overall health outcomes, and preparing for surges in demand for emergency medical services.

This bill is supported by the California Fire Chiefs Association.

[AB 2130 \(Cunningham\) EMS Training](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Requires an EMT-Paramedic, upon initial licensure or renewal, to complete at least 20 minutes of training on issues relating to human trafficking.

Human Resources/Risk Management

[SB 1127 \(Atkins\) Workers Compensation Presumptions](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Reduces Workers compensation liability presumptions from 90-day time periods to 60 days for all injuries and employees and, for certain injuries or illnesses, including hernia, heart trouble, pneumonia, or tuberculosis, among others, sustained in the course of employment

of a specified member of law enforcement or a specified first responder, would reduce those time periods to 30 days.

Fire Prevention/Building Standards

[AB 2322 \(Wood\) Building Standards](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Requires the Building Standards Commission to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for fire resistance based on occupancy risk categories in very high, high, and moderate California fire severity zones in state responsibility areas, local responsibility areas, and in land designated as a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area by cities and other local agencies.

[AB 2672 \(Flora\) Defensible Space Inspections](#)

Held in Assembly

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Authorizes CALFIRE to establish a statewide defensible space and home hardening platform allow property owners to support and augment defensible space inspection requests. The bill seeks to enable greater digital tools to streamline certification and allow a form of “self-certification/inspection”, which has raised some questions and concerns. There is ongoing discussion happening with CALCHIEFS and author.

[AB 2705 \(Quirk-Silva\) Housing Fire Safety Standards](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Require cities and counties to make findings regarding wildfire standards before approving discretionary entitlements for new residential developments in very high fire hazard severity zones (VHFHSZ). The bill is sponsored by California Building Industry Association in what appears to be an effort to create clear and consistent standards across the state for development in the VHFHSZ. Staff is continuing to review and CALCHIEFS is engaged in conversations with the author and sponsors.

Operations

[SB 1062 \(McGuire\) CALFIRE Staffing](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Requires CalFire to maintain a minimum level of staffing of three firefighters per engine.

GRANTS

On November 8, 2021, FEMA opened the FY 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to fire departments like OCFA to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. OCFA applied for structure turnouts and wildland protective clothing to ensure an adequate supply of both compliant with state and federal standards. Awards are expected to be announced in the coming months.

Current OCFA Grants

2020 AFG: OCFA is beginning to work on the over \$1.3 million award by FEMA for frontline SCBAs. A team has been formed to lead this project under direction of Deputy Chief Dossey and Assistant Chief Ruane. The grant provides two years to complete the project.

2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant: The award for \$163,586.67 to purchase a new education trailer and props is almost complete. Public Relations Manager Sophia Champieux is working with our Purchasing section to finalize a bid award in the coming month. This item was included in our FY 2021/22 Mid-year Budget Adjustment approved by Board on March 24, 2022.

CAL FIRE Grant: A \$250,794 award for OCFA's Crews and Equipment to purchase equipment was accepted by OCFA's Board of Directors in November 2021.

2018 AFG- Fire Ground Survival: FGS training was completed in November 2021. The NFPA 1521 Incident Safety Officer classes were approved for funding under the grant, and classes are proceeding. OCFA is also proceeding to use the remaining balance of funds to purchase Wildland PPE and ventilating fans for our truck companies.

CAL FIRE Tree Pest Mitigation: The 2018 award of \$5.4 million has been progressing under our Community Risk Reduction with an original expiration set for 2022. The deadline was recently extended until March 15, 2025. Work is progressing in conjunction with our Crews and Equipment to complete projects identified as priorities by OCFA, County, and our cities.

CAL FIRE Vegetation Management: The OCFA received a direct award grant for \$1,225,000 to support our crews and equipment with the purchase of vehicles, equipment, tools to support vegetation management projects in the SRA. The Board approved the budget for this grant at their June meeting.

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Orange County Fire Authority July 2022 Monthly Report

Congress

House Appropriations Committee Completes Mark-Up Process, Bills Ready for Floor Consideration

- The House Appropriations Committee released draft bills for fiscal year (FY) 2023. The bills represent the first draft of the House's planned spending allocations for the next fiscal year.
- The House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee released a [draft bill](#) allocating \$25.89 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), \$1.73 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level, and \$771.3 million above the President's request.
- The bill includes \$740 million for firefighter grants, an increase of \$20 million above FY 2022 (funding equally divided by AFG & SAFER grants). In addition, the bill proposes the following:
 - \$37.8 million for Urban Search & Rescue, an increase of \$2 million above FY22
 - \$615 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
 - \$520 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP).
 - \$360 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, an increase of \$110 million above FY 2022.
 - \$100 million for Port Security Grants.
 - \$105 million for Transit Security Grants.
 - \$370 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, an increase of \$15 million above FY 2022.
 - \$40 million for the Next Generation Warning System.
- The House Homeland Security Appropriations bill also continues the waiver for AFG & SAFER grants for FY23. They also make recommendations for prioritizing AFG grants. The Committee wrote:
 - *Recognizing the economic and operational hardships caused by the current pandemic, an administrative provision is included the bill to allow FEMA to waive the matching and maintenance of expenditure provisions for the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program. The Committee expects that the Administrator will use the discretion granted in section 309 to relieve the economic and operational hardships caused by the pandemic.*
 - *The Committee encourages FEMA to consider the replacement of fire and emergency response vehicles as a priority in establishing criteria for awards under the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program.*

- *The bill continues a provision from prior years to allow FEMA to waive the matching and maintenance of expenditure provisions for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program. The Committee expects the Administrator to use the discretion granted in section 307 as much of possible to relieve the economic and operational hardships caused by the current pandemic*
- The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies released a [draft bill](#) appropriating \$16.6 billion in discretionary appropriations for the Department of the Interior (DOI), an increase of \$2.1 billion above the FY 2022 enacted level. In addition, the bill would provide Wildland Fire Management with \$6.43 billion - \$762.2 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- The House will move to consider their bills on the floor when they return from July 4th recess the week of July 11. The Senate has yet to announce their mark-up schedule.

Administration

FEMA, USFA Release Wildland-Urban Interface Report

- On June 9, FEMA, and the U.S. Fire Association (USFA) released the “[Wildland-Urban Interface: A Look at Issues and Resolutions](#)” Report. The report will educate stakeholders on catastrophic wildfire losses in the wildland-urban interface (WUI).
- The report aims to "help the wildland and structural firefighting community and neighborhoods unite around key actions to reduce risk to themselves." The report focuses on the WUI and how to mitigate fire risk and severity in communities bordering wildland.
- The report identifies 33 challenges within 13 key WUI issues and provides 112 recommendations for all levels of leadership. The 13 issues include firefighter health and safety, climate change, forest health, community planning, and infrastructure and utilities. For each issue, the report provides recommendations for firefighters and other service providers to implement into their practices.

EPA Issues First Test Order for PFAS in Commercial Fire Fighting Foam

- On June 6, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its first test order, as part of the Toxic Substances Control Act, requiring companies to conduct and submit testing on per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances. The agency has also announced its [Strategic Roadmap](#) to confront PFAS contamination nationwide and its [Testing Strategy](#) to help identify PFAS data needs. With this test order, EPA describes the process future PFAS test orders will follow to obtain data on human health effects.
- The order, pursuant to the National PFAS Testing Strategy, is 6:2 fluorotelomer sulfonamide betaine, a chemical substance used in commercial fire-fighting foams. Estimates indicate that at least 500 workers can be exposed to this chemical in a year. Still, there is insufficient data to determine the effects on human health associated with this exposure. The released test order is aimed at addressing this data need.

- The Chemours Company, DuPont De Nemours Inc., E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, National Foam Inc., and Johnson Controls Inc. are the recipients of this first test order. Those subject to the test order can comply through testing physical-chemical properties and health effects following inhalation or by providing EPA with new information.

President Biden Celebrates First Annual National Wildland Firefighter Day

- Last week, the National Interagency Fire Center’s Fire Management Board proclaimed July 2, “National Wildland Firefighter Day.” The board represents the national fire programs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and USDA Forest Service, along with partners including the National Association of State Foresters, U.S. Fire Administration, the National Weather Service, and the Department of Defense.
- The July 2 date will now be designated each year to honor the important work of wildland firefighters. The newly established National Wildland Firefighter Day recognizes the dedication of wildland firefighters, including federal, state, local, military, rural, contract, and support personnel. The selected date occurs during the Week of Remembrance, which is held annually June 30 to July 6, and serves as an opportunity to renew our commitment to wildland firefighter safety as we remember those who have fallen in the line of duty.
- President Biden stated “my Administration continues to make supporting this workforce a top priority. [Building on what I initiated last year](#), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized historic new initiatives and resources for wildland firefighters that we are implementing now. [This includes a substantial pay](#) increase, new programs to support wildland firefighter mental and physical health, and the creation of a wildland firefighter job series that will improve recruitment, retention, and opportunities for professional growth.”

President Biden Signs Bipartisan Gun Legislation Into Law

- On June 25, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law S. 2938, [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#), the first major gun control enacted in decades. The bipartisan law aims to protect America’s children, keep schools safe, and reduce the threat of violence across the count
- A [summary](#) was released by Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), lead negotiator on legislation and includes the following details of interest to first responders:
 - Community and first responder mental health training: Appropriates \$120 million over four years to prepare and train community members and first responders on how to respond to individuals appropriately and safely with mental disorders.
 - Support after traumatic events: Appropriates \$40 million over four years to improve treatment and services for children, adolescents, and families who have experienced traumatic events.
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline/9-8-8: Appropriates \$150 million to support implementation of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that provides 24/7, free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

DHS Announces Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program

- This week the Department of Homeland Security announced the opening of the FY 22 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program.
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – [FY 2022 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program \(RCPGP\)](#)
 - Regions 1-10
 - The purpose of the RCPGP is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness.
 - Applications are due by July 29, 2022.

TO: Jay Barkman
Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA)

VIA PDF E-MAIL

FROM: John Moffatt

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: July Update Report

OCFA Projects Funded in State Budget

Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS)

On June 27, 2022, Governor Newsom signed SB 154, the state's primary budget bill for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. We have confirmed with CalOES that SB 154 included \$30 million and 31 positions (\$5.6 million for Cal OES and 20 positions for CAL FIRE) to take control of and expand the FIRIS program.

Wildland Hand Crew Station

As reported in the Board Advisory released yesterday, on June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed AB 178, which included \$16.95 million in funding for OCFA for a Wildland Hand Crew Station, vehicles, and equipment as outlined below:

To accommodate for the future growth of hand crews, OCFA requested \$16.95 million for the following:

- Hand crew station: OCFA will need 25,000 square feet to house up to 60 personnel, 30 vehicles, and related equipment.

- Wildland equipment: OCFA will need additional vehicles and infrastructure to support the hand crew and overall wildland fire operations including vehicles (dozers, trailers, crew carrying vehicles) and HeloPods.

The funding was specifically requested by Senator Dave Min and will be made available to OCFA from the state in the coming months.

OCFA Legislation of Interest

Beginning today, the California legislature has recessed for their summer break, from which they will return on August 1. Because of this recess, the month of June was an extraordinarily busy month for policy committee hearings on bills moving through the legislature. For any bill to continue moving through the legislative process, the bill must have been heard by and passed policy committees by June 30. Any bills that were not heard or did not pass in the policy committee are dead for the year.

Bills that did pass policy committees are awaiting hearing in the Appropriations committees, whose deadline to hear bills is August 12. August 31 is the last day for the legislature to pass bills in this year's legislative session.

Status updates on OCFA tracked bills are as follows:

AB 2705 (Quirk-Silva) – Passed Senate Housing Committee (6-0) and Senate Governance and Finance Committee (5-0). Awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2705 seeks to address California's housing shortage and climate change concerns by requiring high standards for home building in very high-risk hazard severity zones. The bill is sponsored by the California Building Industry Association (homebuilders) and supported by several business and construction industry organizations.

SB 1062 (Maguire) – Passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (10-0). Awaiting hearing in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Titled “The Fixing the Firefighter Shortage Act of 2022,” SB 1062 requires Cal Fire to:

- Maintain a standard minimum staffing level of each of its fire engines of three professional firefighters;
- Increase its existing firefighter fuel crews budget for FY 2021/22 by adding 16 additional fuel crews and 768 firefighters to staff those crews; and
- On or before January 1, 2024, to provide a long-term staffing plan, including staffing and infrastructure needs, for CAL FIRE through 2030, as specified.

In addition, OCFA is tracking three bills related to open government meetings and distribution of materials:

AB 1944 (Lee and Garcia) – Dead. Bill was not heard in Senate policy committees.

Would have allowed public officials to attend Brown Act meetings remotely without being required to publish their address or open their remote location to members of the public.

AB 2449 (Rubio) - Passed Senate Judiciary Committee (9-1). Awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Allows local officials to attend meetings remotely, though under slightly different conditions. This bill would require at least a quorum of a legislative body to attend in person at the primary location and for all remote members to participate by both audio and visual technology. It would also require the public to be able to provide public comment remotely, either by phone or an internet-based option and it clarifies that there must be a procedure for resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities.

J. Barkman
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*AB 2647 (Levine) - Passed Senate Governance and Finance Committee (5-0).
Awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee.*

Gives local agencies more flexibility to make documents provided to governing board members available to the public online when they're distributed outside of standard business hours.



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Agenda Item No. 3C
Discussion Calendar

Quarterly Public Affairs Update

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Summary

This item is submitted to provide a preliminary update of current OCFA public affairs programs and analytics that will be presented to the committee.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Receive and file the report.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not applicable.

Background

Over the past quarter, the Corporate Communications section has implemented various innovative new strategies to engage, educate, and inform the communities we serve. This includes the agency's first every social media campaign focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion; the launch of an agency-wide, interactive "Chief's Bulletin;" and multiple press conferences and media events that resulted in hundreds of news articles, radio spots, and TV clips. Updates will include these and other areas of Public Affairs interest such as social media engagement numbers, community education events, multimedia projects, and current seasonal campaigns (drowning prevention and wildfire awareness).

Attachment(s)

None.



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Agenda Item No. 3D
Discussion Calendar

**2022-2023 Preliminary Legislative & Public Affairs
Committee Calendar**

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Summary

This item is submitted to provide a preliminary outlook of future legislative and public affairs standing/or routine items that will come before the committee.

Prior Board/Committee Action

On January 27, 2022, Chair Shawver presented a request to consider establishing additional subcommittees of the Board of Directors. His motion to consider establishing an operations committee and a legislation and public affairs committee was approved 21-1.

On March 24, 2022, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee as an additional standing committee to serve in an advisory capacity to staff and the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Board approved the Committee Protocols and a resolution to amend the Board Rules of Procedure to reflect the addition of the committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Receive and file the 2022-2023 preliminary Legislative & Public Affairs Committee calendar.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Background

The Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is an advisory body to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors on matters related to public outreach and legislative affairs at the local, state, and federal levels. The Legislative and Public Affairs Committee reviews and provides recommendations on legislative and regulatory matters that may impact the OCFA. The Committee shall receive status reports from OCFA's legislative advocates and staff. In addition, the Committee will review and provide recommendations pertaining to OCFA's public outreach,

branding, communications activities, and will evaluate opportunities to enhance OCFA public relations.

Following is a preliminary calendar of standing and/or routine items that will come before the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee for consideration:

July 2022

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update

October 2022

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update
- End of Year Legislative Recap
- Seek Input in Preparation of the 2023-2024 Legislative Platform (two-year cycle)*

January 2023

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update
- Review Proposed 2023-2024 Legislative Platform (two-year cycle)*

April 2023

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update
- Drowning & Wildfire Prevention Update

*Occurs every other year

Attachment(s)

None