



**NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY'S
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

A Special Meeting has been scheduled for
March 15, 2023, at 12 noon

The meeting will be held at:
Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
1 Fire Authority Road, Classroom 1
Irvine, CA 92601

The business to be transacted at the meeting
and opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee Members
regarding any item of business is described on the Agenda.

Joe Kalmick, /ss/
Chair



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AGENDA

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
12 noon

Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations & Training Center
One Fire Authority Road, Classroom 1
Irvine, CA 92602

Committee Members

Joe Kalmick, Chair

Ross Chun • Anne Hertz-Mallari • Donald Wagner
Katrina Foley • Connor Traut • Chris Duncan

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION

This meeting is open to the public. Committee members will participate in person. There are several alternative ways to make comments including:

In Person Comments at Meeting: Resolution No. 97-024 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the Orange County Fire Authority. Resolution No. 97-024 is available from the Clerk of the Authority.

Any member of the public may address the Committee on items within their subject matter jurisdiction, but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Committee and do not engage in dialogue with individual Board Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

If you wish to speak, please complete a Speaker Form identifying which item(s) you wish to address. Please return the completed form to the Clerk of the Authority prior to item being considered. Speaker Forms are available at the entryway of meeting location.

E-Comments: Alternatively, you may email your written comments to coa@ocfa.org. E-comments will be provided to the Committee members upon receipt and will be part of the meeting record as long as they are received during or before the Committee takes action on an item. Emails related to an item that are received after the item has been acted upon by the Committee will not be considered.

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following Agenda. Unless legally privileged, all supporting documents, including staff reports, and any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Committee members after the posting of this agenda are available for review at the Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA 92602 or you may contact the Clerk of the Authority at (714) 573-6040 Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available online at <http://www.ocfa.org>



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CALL TO ORDER by Chair Kalmick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Chun

ROLL CALL by Assistant Clerk of the Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please refer to instructions on how to submit a public comment on Page 1 of this Agenda.

1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a director or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Minutes for the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Meetings

Submitted by: Maria Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve the Minutes for the January 12, 2023, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.
2. Approve the Minutes for the January 18, 2023, Regular Meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the Minutes for the January 26, 2023, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.

B. Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force Update

Submitted by: Matt Olson, Director of Communications and Lori Zeller, Deputy Chief/Administration and Support

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Legislative Report

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

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed Legislative Report and adopt recommended positions.

B. 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 2023.

REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury and as required by the State of California, Government Code § 54956, that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby and front gate public display case of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee
Board of Directors
Budget and Finance Committee

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 12 noon

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
Concurrent Joint Special Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602**

CALL TO ORDER

A Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, Executive, Budget and Finance, Human Resources, and Legislative & Public Affairs Committees was called to order on January 12, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. by Past Chair of the Board of Directors Dave Shawver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Chair*
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo*
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent: Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Past Chair Shawver opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and as there were no comments, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02E2)

General Counsel David Kendig presented the Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings.

On motion of Director Kalmick and second by Director Chun, and following a roll call vote, approved 3-0 (Directors Hertz-Mallari and Sandy Rains absent) to select Option #1 to make the following findings:

- a. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues in effect; and
- b. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; and
- c. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Past Chair Shawver adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the legislative and public affairs committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday January 18, 2023
12:00 Noon**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee was called to order on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 12:01 p.m. by Chair Joe Kalmick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Chun led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Chair
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo*
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent: Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Director of Communications Matt Olson
General Counsel David Kendig

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

*Committee Members participating via teleconferencing**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Kalmick opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and as there were no comments, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Chun and second by Director Wagner, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-0 Agenda Item No. 2A (Director Rains absent).

A. Minutes for the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Meetings (FILE 12.02E2)

Actions:

1. Approve the Minutes for the October 19, 2022, Regular Meeting as submitted.
2. Approve the Minutes for the November 17, 2022, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.
3. Approve the Minutes for the December 15, 2022, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. 2023-2024 Legislative Platform (FILE 12.02E5)

Legislative Affairs Manager Jay Barkman introduced the 2023-2024 Legislative Platform.

On motion of Director Hertz-Mallari and second by Director Wagner, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-0 (Director Rains absent) to review the proposed 2023-24 Legislative Platform and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of January 26, 2023, with the committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve and adopt.

B. Laguna Woods Fire Station 12 Legislation (FILE 12.02E5)

Legislative Affairs Manager Jay Barkman presented the Laguna Woods Fire Station 12 Legislation.

On motion of Director Hertz-Mallari and second by Director Kalmick, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-0 (Director Rains absent) to receive and file the report.

C. Quarterly Public Affairs Update (FILE 12.02E5)

Director of Communications Matt Olson presented the Quarterly Public Affairs Update. On motion of Director Hertz-Mallari and second by Director Wagner, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-0 (Director Rains absent) to receive and file the report.

REPORTS (FILE 12.02E5)

Legislative Affairs Manager Jay Barkman introduced the following:

- Nielsen Merksamer Partner John Moffatt and Senior Legislative Advocate Geoff R, Neill who summarized potential state legislation.
- Holland and Knight, Senior Policy Advisor Lisa Barkovic, summarized potential federal legislation by Congress.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kalmick adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
Concurrent Joint Special Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602**

CALL TO ORDER

A Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, Executive, Budget and Finance, Human Resources, and Legislative & Public Affairs Committees was called to order on January 26, 2023, at 7:06 p.m. by Past Chair of the Board of Directors Dave Shawver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Chair
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent: None.

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Deputy Chief TJ McGovern	Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco	Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	Director of Communications Matt Olson
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman	General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Past Chair Shawver opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and as there were no comments, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02E2)

General Counsel David Kendig presented the Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings.

On motion of Director Kalmick and second by Director Chun, and following a roll call vote, approved 3-2 (Directors Hertz-Mallari and Sandy Rains opposed) to select Option #1 to make the following findings:

- a. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues in effect; and
- b. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; and
- c. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Past Chair Shawver adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The next special meeting of the legislative and public affairs committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 15, 2023

Agenda Item No. 2B
Consent Calendar

Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force Update

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Administration and Support

Summary

In May of 2021, the OCFA Board of Directors approved an annual disbursement of funding to the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force and directed that an OCFA Community Educator attend the Task Force meetings and collaborate on countywide campaigns. In August of 2022, Stop Drowning Now (SDN), the non-profit tasked with running the administrative portion of the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force, resigned from its position with the Task Force. A replacement non-profit or administrator to run the Task Force and collect OCFA's annual \$25,000 donation has not been identified. Staff will work to determine potential plans that may be under development for future administrative management of the Task Force and seek the direction of the OCFA Board.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Receive and file.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Background

Drowning is the leading cause of death in kids under the age of five in Orange County. Our goal is to save lives by helping communities become more aware of drowning prevention measures.

Last year, the OCFA produced and distributed an array of communications centered around two water safety campaigns — “Always Watch the Water,” which was geared towards parents with small children, and “Never Swim Alone,” which focused on adult swimmers. Both campaigns kicked off in May 2022 and continued through August 2022, a time in which kids are out of school,

temperatures soar, and drowning dangers increase for all. Through PSAs, social media campaigns, presentations, and various other community events, the OCFA dispersed extensive and engaging drowning prevention information throughout Orange County. In 2023, we will again be proactive in our mission to produce and widely distribute the most impactful drowning campaign possible.

The above-mentioned efforts were conducted and funded by the OCFA and are in addition to OCFA's participation and monetary contribution to the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force.

As a historical note, in August of 2015, the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force was formed as a consortium of agencies, cities, and organizations dedicated to preventing drownings with coordinated messaging and collaboration. The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) represented one of many influential partners on the Task Force, contributing county-wide drowning data, supporting prevention marketing efforts, and participating in press conferences and educational events in our region. Other partners in the Task Force's work included the Orange County Health Care Agency, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Newport Beach Lifeguards, the City of Tustin, Blue Buoy Swim School, the Jasper Ray Foundation, and others.

Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) managed receipt and spending of the campaign donations until early 2020. At this point, the role was transitioned to the non-profit, Stop Drowning Now (SDN). A key reason for this was to give the Task Force more flexibility for how funds may be spent to best meet the Task Force's needs. Further, SDN was also tasked with running the administrative portion of the Task Force.

Per OCFA Board direction, the OCFA now has one Community Educator, Jillian Cole, attending all Task Force meetings. While this is a non-leadership (she sits on the Task Force's Education Subcommittee), Educator Cole has been diligent in her attendance and participation, including the sharing of our county drowning data with the Task Force in both presentation form (with OCFA Captain Steve Concialdi) and various written communications. In May of 2022, Educator Cole and her colleagues on our Community Education team also supported and staffed the Task Force's marquee event — The Water Safety Challenge — in each of the OCFA cities that participated.

Also per Board direction, the OCFA contributed \$25,000 to the Task Force in 2021 as an annual contribution. To the best of staff's knowledge, OCFA's 2021 contribution went largely unspent and remains in the Task Force's account for future use towards Drowning Prevention.

In August of 2022, Stop Drowning Now resigned from the Task Force, informing the OCFA that they were uncertain of administrative plans for the Task Force in the future. Further, due to their departure, SDN shared that they would not be sending the OCFA an invoice for the 2022 \$25,000 annual contribution to the Task Force.

Since the \$25,000 contribution is a board-directed line item within OCFA's annual budget, during the October 2022 Agenda Review Meeting, Chiefs Zeller and Cortez informed then-Board leadership Michelle Steggell and Anthony Kuo of SDN's resignation and the fact that the OCFA was awaiting further updates as to where to send the \$25,000 for 2022. Chiefs Zeller and Cortez shared that we would report back upon receiving updates from the Task Force.

We have not yet received an update and no new Task Force meetings have been scheduled in nearly a year, prompting us to include this background for the Legislative and Public Affairs

Committee. Staff will work to determine potential plans that may be under development for future administrative management of the Task Force and seek the direction of the OCFA Board.

In the meantime, we at the OCFA will continue our mission to produce and widely distribute the most impactful drowning campaign possible within our service region and beyond.

Attachment(s)

None.



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 15, 2023

Agenda Item No. 3A
Discussion Calendar

Legislative Report

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Manager

Summary

This item is submitted to inform the committee of legislation staff has identified for tracking and in some cases for adopted positions.

Prior Board/Committee Action

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Review the proposed Legislative Report and adopt recommended positions.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

Not Applicable.

Background

The attached Legislative Report identifies legislation for review and recommended positions. Staff and our state lobbyist will present the bills in the attached report and solicit input from the committee and direction as needed.

A “Recommended Position” of support or oppose, once approved by this committee, will result in a letter to the author. In the case of a “Support if Amended” or “Oppose Unless Amended” staff or lobbyists will contact the author’s office to discuss, and a letter may be subsequently transmitted.

Bills identified with a recommendation to “monitor” will be tracked for additional amendments or analysis by legislative committee that may help clarify impacts. Amended bills that align with OCFA’s legislative platform will receive position letters, or staff will return to the committee for further discussion and direction.

Attachment(s)

Legislative Report



Orange County Fire Authority

Legislative Report

March 2023

The OCFA has identified over 100 bills for review since the state bill introduction deadline of February 17, 2023. A substantial number of these bills express “intent” language meaning that the full potential impact cannot be determined.

Following is a list of bills identified by staff for official positions or bills that we are monitoring and due to the subject matter are making the committee aware.

[SB 475 \(Min\) Laguna Woods Fire Station](#)

Summary: This bill is sponsored by OCFA and the City of Laguna Woods to remove state restrictions on city park property prevention construction of a new fire station. The city was the past recipient of state grant funds and legislation is needed to allow the California Department of Park and Recreation to remove the deed restriction. Staff will provide an oral update on status and any upcoming hearings that may be scheduled.

Emergency Command Center

[AB 277 \(Rodriguez\) Extreme Weather Forecast Center](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Establishes the Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center under the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). The bill proposes this new center be comprised of specified representatives, which at this time does not include fire or law enforcement. However, the bill does seek to collect and distribute forecasts, data, and prevention activity information to emergency operation centers. It is early in the legislative cycle and amendments may clarify roles and participants.

[AB 296 \(Rodriguez\) 911 Education Campaign](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Establishes the 911 Public Education Campaign under CalOES to educate the public on when it is appropriate to call 911 for assistance. This bill is consistent with OCFA’s Legislative Platform directing support for “measures that reduce false or abusive use of 911 requests for service.”

[US HR 369 \(Kim\) Public Safety Communication Standards](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: U.S. Representative Young Kim (CA-40) has introduced this bill to direct federal efforts to improve detection and forecasting of wildfire. The bill was introduced in response to issues the Congresswoman heard about from OCFA, CAL FIRE, and other federal partners about the need to standardize how data and communication are coordinated across agencies.

Operations

[AB 955 \(Petrie-Norris\) Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Prohibits state and local agencies from purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise using an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system produced by a manufacturer of covered equipment, systems, or services pursuant to specified federal law.

[SB 281 \(McGuire\) Aggravated Arson](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Existing statute defining aggravated arson as any fire causing property damage more than \$8.3 million is set to be repealed January 1, 2024. This bill extends the law to January 1, 2029, and beginning on that date deletes the dollar threshold and defines aggravated arson to include damage or destruction of five or more inhabited structures.

[SB 374 \(Ashby\) Firefighter License Plate](#)

Recommended Position: Support- Monitor

Summary: Increases the fee to \$40 for a renewal of registration that includes the continued display of the special license plate for firefighters.

Wildfires

[AB 294 \(Petrie-Norris\) Wildfire Tax Exclusions](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Excludes monies received for costs and losses due to wildfires or natural hazards from the definition of gross income for tax purposes. The bill ensures victims of these disasters who receive financial aid are not subject to paying taxes on those amounts.

[AB 478 \(Connolly\) Insurance](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor- Inform member agencies.

Summary: Limits increases of yearly insurance premiums for anyone 65 years or older living in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone.

[AB 541 \(Wood\) Wildfire Aftermath Safe Drinking Water](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor- Inform local water agencies

Summary: Directs the State Water Resources Control Board to require public water systems, water corporations, or water districts to test their water source for benzene after a major wildfire event.

[AB 609 \(Papan\) Aerial Firefighting Technologies](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development under CALFIRE to submit a report back to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, evaluating innovative aerial firefighter technologies. The bill requires the office to consider whether updates are appropriate to CALFIRE and CalOES procedures and deployment protocols to include innovative wildfire technologies.

[AB 788 \(Petrie-Norris\) Grant Programs](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force, on or before July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, to compile and post on its internet website specified information relating to specified state and federal grant programs relating to fire prevention, as provided.

Community Risk Reduction

[SB 571 \(Allen\) Development Projects Emergency Preparedness](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor- Oppose Unless Amended

Summary: Requires a proponent of a new development within a state responsibility area or local responsibility area that is within a high or very high fire hazard severity zone to include an evacuation plan with its application submitted to the local government for the development. Subjects the evacuation plan to the independent approval of the local government, as defined, the respective law enforcement and fire agencies and the California Highway Patrol.

[SB 675 \(Limon\) Fire Prevention Grazing](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Expands the definition of fire prevention activities to include prescribed grazing, defined as the lawful application of a specific kind of livestock at a determined season, duration, and intensity to accomplish defined vegetation or conservation goals, including reducing the risk of wildfire by reducing fuel loads, controlling undesirable or invasive plants, and promoting biodiversity and habitat for special status species.

Human Resources/Risk Management

[AB 700 \(Grayson\) Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Research](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Establishes the California Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Research Program, and would require the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with the University of California Office of Research and Innovation and the FIRESCOPE Program, to develop and administer the program. Requires the department to award grants to eligible educational institutions to conduct research using a fire service community-based participatory research model.

Community Safety

[AB 1056 \(Davies\) Youth Water Safety Grant](#)

Recommended Position: Support

Summary: Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish and administer the California Youth Water Safety State Grant. Requires the department to make funding available to nonprofit organizations and city or county parks and recreation departments to provide free swimming lessons for low-income and at-risk youth. Authorizes an applicant to apply on an annual basis and would prohibit the department from awarding a grant larger than \$25,000 per application.

Facilities

[AB 944 \(Irwin\) Fire Stations Alternative Power Generation](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor

Summary: Declares the intent of the Legislature to require fire stations to have an alternative method of power generation during power outages.

Administration

[SB 769 \(Gonzalez\) Local Government Fiscal and Financial Training](#)

Recommended Position: Monitor- Oppose Unless Amended

Summary: Requires, if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to a member of a legislative body, or provides reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by a member of a legislative body in the performance of official duties, all local agency officials, as defined, to receive at least two hours of fiscal and financial training, as described. Requires the training to be received at least once every two years, as provided.



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee Meeting
March 15, 2023

Agenda Item No. 3B
Discussion Calendar

Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Business Services Department

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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 an annual and routine item for Committee Member consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

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 (d)(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 Chair may call for nominations for the 2023 Chair and/or Vice Chair positions, close the nominations, vote on the matter and declare the results.

Attachment(s)

None.