

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Short called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Audie Foster, California American Water
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Spencer Short, City of Lincoln
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Debra Sedwick, Del Paso Manor Water District
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier, Amy Talbot, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Katrina Gonzales, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance

Mike O'Hagan, Kelye McKinney and Kevin Thomas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held July 27, 2016.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Sedwick moved, with a second by Ms. Schmitz, to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. REGIONAL RELIABILITY PLAN UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services gave a brief Regional Reliability Plan update. Staff is continuing to work with our consultant, MWH, to develop a survey of information to collect from each agency. As part of this process, there have

been pilot interview meetings with Fair Oaks Water and the City of Lincoln. Staff expects to begin interviews of participating agencies in October.

Mr. Swartz said that the Department of Water Resources has just released the IRWM planning grant program. Staff will be applying for the grant with the application due on September 23, 2016. The goal is that the grant funding will offset the difference between the Phase 1 theme and the not to exceed theme. The department has updated their IRWMP guidelines that include new requirements. DWR is deferring the release of the implementation grants until early 2018 giving local agencies time to update their plans.

There was discussion on how detailed future information will be as a method of standardizing agency data is determined.

5. 2015 PROPOSITION 84 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROJECT AGREEMENT

Mr. Swartz said that in 2015, RWA was recommended for a \$1.757 million award from the final round of the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The grant will fund four priority projects in the region. The grant agreement between RWA and DWR is currently being routed for signature. The DWR grant agreement requires that RWA demonstrates the grant sub-recipients are aware of, and agree to, the terms of the DWR agreement. Additionally, in accordance with RWA's policy, projects are to be funded directly by the participants. The project agreement was enclosed in the packet and will launch an RWA subscription project to manage the grant on behalf of the grant recipients. The project agreement has been reviewed by RWA legal counsel. Staff requested that the Executive Committee approve the RWA project agreement.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Peifer, to Approve 2015 Proposition 84 Grant Project Agreement. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. RWA AFFILIATE APPLICATION

On May 15, 2014, the RWA Board approved a new Affiliate Membership policy. Entities eligible to become RWA Associate Members include public or private entities with an interest and management role in regional water matters that are not eligible for other classes of membership in RWA. The purpose of the Affiliate relationship is to promote communication between water managers and the community and to support RWA's efforts to educate and inform the public. Included in the packet was a letter that RWA received from Brown and Caldwell requesting Affiliate status.

Mr. Woodling said that in addition to consultant firms becoming Affiliate members, we have a broad mix of other entities including California Pool and Spa Association, Sacramento Golf Industry Water Conservation Task Force and Sacramento Association of Realtors. Staff has had opportunities to reach out to the Affiliate members offering them resources and benefits.

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Mr. Dugan, to recommend RWA Board approval of RWA Affiliate application from Brown and Caldwell. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

7. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(E) and 54957 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

8. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S PERFORMANCE

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Mr. Dugan to approve the report on Executive Director’s Performance Evaluation pursuant to Exhibit A of the existing contract. Roll call was taken with unanimous support of all directors.

9. MODIFICATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER POLICY 100.3

Mr. Woodling said that the changes made to Policy 100.3 may grant Associate Membership to an entity who otherwise qualifies for that membership and whose delivery of potable water is a minor element of its activities and not a primary reason for its seeking Associate Membership in RWA.

M/S/C Mr. Dugan moved, with a second by Mr. Roscoe, to recommend RWA Board approval of proposed amendments to Policy 100.3. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

10. RWA SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 BOARD MEETING

There was discussion on the RWA September 8, 2016 Board meeting agenda. It was agreed to move items from the Executive Committee Report and Recommendations to the Consent Calendar and adding item 4b to report on the Executive Director’s Performance Evaluation. The Chair to Appoint 2016 Awards Committee will be a report item only.

M/S/C Mr. Peifer moved, with a second by Ms. Sedwick, to approve the agenda for September 8, 2016 meeting of the RWA Board of Directors with the amendments discussed. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Government Affairs Update – The State Water Resources Control Board and DWR have begun the process to prepare recommendations to implement the Governor’s Executive Order on long term water conservation. Mr. Woodling and Mr. Peifer are serving on an Urban Advisory Group which will meet over the next few months to provide input to the report, which is due in mid-January. The report is expected to include recommendations that will need to be implemented through legislation. Four areas will be addressed: reducing water loss, changes to the water shortage contingency plan element of urban water management plans, targets that will exceed those required in SBX7 7 (20x2020), and reporting and enforcement. RWA has

convened a water efficiency policy group to provide input to our participation. They have a current process ongoing for SB 555, which will be the primary driver for what populates the framework. The main focus will be strengthening local drought resilience, changing the requirements in the Urban Water Management Plan and planning for a five year drought. There are working groups that will meet next week. Using water more wisely, which is the new standard for indoor water use, outdoor landscape water use, residential, CII reductions in water use and the ER specifically states that there will be new standards for those areas and those will result in targets for water agencies and shall accomplish more conservation than 20 x 2020 requirements currently do.

The Legislature will complete its work in the two-year session on August 31, 2016. The RWA Advocacy Program has had another successful year. One of the major concerns at the beginning of the year, a public goods charge on water, failed to gain traction. RWA was successful in getting amendments to SB 1398 (Leyva) which requires replacement of lead service lines or those of unknown composition. In its original form, the bill would have required replacement of service lines on customer property, and could have been excessively burdensome to some RWA members that had inherited poorly documented water systems.

RWA participated in an ACWA coordinated letter to the Governor commenting on the Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy. One particularly troublesome element of the plan would be to use precious stored water to increase summer Delta outflows.

Grants Update – Staff is currently managing seven grants totaling \$54.2 million. Staff is nearing execution of a funding agreement with DWR for the \$1.757 million grant award from the 2015 Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant round. Over the next quarter, RWA will be closing out the 2006 \$25 million Prop 50 award. An example of regional collaboration is the check, in the amount of \$723,187, that was just sent to Carmichael Water District for completing their project to serve treated water to Golden State Water.

Water Efficiency Update – Beginning in June, new emergency regulations for water conservation went into effect. All RWA member water providers certified the capacity of their water supplies to serve customer demand for three additional years of drought. As a result, state mandated water conservation standards no longer apply. The media has characterized this as “zero conservation is required.” In reality, the result is that water conservation is back in the hands of local agencies, as it has always been in the past. The Sacramento region continues to keep water use low compared to 2013, achieving a 23% reduction in July. We are aggressively reaching out to the media to promote a more accurate message.

Mr. Peifer commented on the Delta smelt resiliency plan letter. He thanked John for signing on to an effort where sending Delta outflow in a certain way could be problematic for the agencies and water supplies.

12. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Roscoe reported that Sacramento Suburban Water District has two Director positions open for election this fall. One position will be contested.

Ms. Tobin said that San Juan Water District has three people running for two Director positions available this year.

Ms. Sedwick said that in the election for Del Paso Manor Water District no one ran opposed. She asked for a status update on the Powerhouse Science Center at the September Executive Committee meeting. Mary Henrici was appointed to the Rio Linda Board.

Mr. Dugan reported that Placer County Water District has three seats open with only one running opposed. He suggested that we continue the SGMA dialog with municipalities who are not RWA members to educate them as opportunities are presented.

Mr. Peifer commented that the subject of water will always be a challenge with SACOG. RWA needs to continue to be diligent with their responses and perspectives on water use.

Mr. Foster said that California American Water customers have been notified of a rate increase that will take place over the next three years.

Chair Short said that there are six people running for three Director positions for the City of Lincoln. There are serious concerns regarding the effect of the drought on the street trees. The city council approved a letter to be sent to the Placer electeds and the managers of each agency to discuss SGMA.

Ms. McKinney said that Pauline Roccucci and Mayor Carol Garcia have termed out.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer