

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Executive Committee Members

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Kelye McKinney, City of Roseville
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Adam Robin, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Ryan Bezerra, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance

Nicole Krotoski participated via conference phone.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held December 7, 2016. Mr. Bezerra suggested that a line be added after Mr. Short's name under Executive Committee Members stating that he "arrived as indicated on page 2."

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Ms. McKinney, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2016 Executive Committee meeting with the suggested amendment. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. 2017 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

RWA Executive Committee meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the RWA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110 in Citrus Heights. The

meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. A copy of the proposed schedule of meetings for 2017 was included in the packet. The Executive Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of November and December. The November and December meetings will be combined and held on December 6, 2017.

M/S/C Ms. McKinney moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin to adopt the proposed schedule of Executive Committee meetings for 2017. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

5. STATUS OF RWA STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

John Woodling, Executive Director, gave an informational presentation on RWA's *Strategic Plan 2013-2018+* adopted in late 2013. Three years into implementation, a number of internal and external factors have changed, including the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, an unprecedented statewide drought emergency, and an administration proposal for new permanent water conservation requirements. This is an opportune time to revisit the goals and objectives of the strategic plan and evaluate the need to modify or re-prioritize elements of the Plan.

Mr. Woodling asked that the Executive Committee review the Strategic Plan and bring back suggestions to the February Executive Committee meeting of what items to keep, what needs to be modified, and what needs to be deleted or reprioritized. He asked if a Strategic Planning session would be helpful and if the current plan needs to be changed or updated by the Executive Committee to present to the full board. The ultimate goal would be to have the Executive Committee review the Strategic Plan and be prepared for discussion at the February Executive Committee meeting suggested edits to the Strategic Plan to take us to 2018.

After discussion it was suggested that water workshops sponsored by RWA be scheduled with focus on water education topics that would draw the interest of new board members, elected officials, city council members, county supervisors, members of all of the special districts that are involved with water, state and federal legislative staff and water managers. This type of workshop would create a better understanding of what the water issues are from a Sacramento regional perspective and elevate the status of RWA as a regional leader on water issues.

Chair Peifer appointed a Conference and Education Subcommittee including Rob Roscoe, Kelye McKinney, Pam Tobin and Kerry Schmitz. The committee will discuss and recommend on a possible conference, workshops or ongoing series of events.

Mr. Greenwood entered meeting.

Mr. Woodling requested that the Executive Committee members review the Strategic Plan and send comments to him prior to the February Executive

Committee meeting. The comments should include what RWA has accomplished, identifying RWA successes, and whether RWA is or should be in a lead or supporting role on specific items. The Executive Committee will further discuss the plan and develop a process to get further feedback from the full RWA Board.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018 BUDGET

Staff has begun the process of preparing a draft budget for fiscal year 2017-18. Staff presented a proposed timeline for budget development as well as key issues for feedback from the Executive Committee. A draft budget will be presented to the Executive Committee at the February meeting and, if there is consensus, a draft budget will be presented to the full board in March. If the full board does not decide to take action on the budget in March, then a draft budget with any feedback from the board will come back to the Executive Committee in March to refine further with the intent to have the budget passed no later than the May board meeting.

Mr. Woodling outlined some of the issues that need to be addressed for the February Executive Committee budget discussion. For the Fiscal Year 2017-18 there is a proposed 10% dues increase with an 8% to 9% increase in out years. The rate increase is driven by factors including bringing the WEP Manager's salary into the RWA core budget, the continuing CalPERS pension liability increases and adding a fulltime advocacy position. Associate member dues are also proposed to increase by 10%.

The value that RWA provides to Affiliate members needs to be better identified. There was discussion on how to engage the Affiliate members and how to communicate a better water issues message to them. Affiliate members will be invited to attend future water educational workshops. The full board budget presentation should include a reminder of the value of RWA including the successful grant programs, the current regional planning and how RWA has assisted the region with the drought emergency.

In the budget for FY 2018-19 there will potentially be office moving expenses or a lease increase as our current lease expires August 2018. It was suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to consider alternatives and possibly negotiate a long term lease prior to August 2018.

When the shift was made for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to be a core program there was some money from the subscription program that came with that program. That money has now been depleted. There will be a line item for updating the IRWM Plan, with the bulk of the funding coming from the recent grant we received. Since outreach has expanded beyond the Water Efficiency Program, it is timely to discuss development of a comprehensive public outreach program in the budget. With members expanding their outreach communications themselves does that reduce the need for an RWA budget for that or is it an indication that the RWA budget is not adequate to meet regional needs. There was discussion on increasing RWA membership and approaching both the City of Davis and the City of Woodland to join RWA. There is a need to increase the participation of members who don't actively participate at this time. We should

define a role for members to assist the Executive Director in bringing in new RWA members.

Chair Peifer appointed a building lease subcommittee including Marcus Yasutake, Ron Greenwood, Pam Tobin and John Woodling. The committee's direction is to look into leasing options and to possibly secure a long term lease prior to August 2018. EC members suggested Robert Dugan as Chair of a Membership Committee, but no others were appointed.

7. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Adam Robin, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Program Manager, gave an update on legislation, RWA's lobbyist subscription program, two state board regulatory items and an update on discussions on Prop 218 reform. He provided a map that indicated the local legislative districts and RWA member service areas. Working with Soyla Fernandez, staff has met with staff from each of the local state representatives. RWA staff has also held meetings with Assemblymember Cooper and Senator Nielsen. Upcoming meetings are scheduled with Assemblymember Gallagher, Vice Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, and Senator Stone, Vice Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. In those meetings staff are introducing the members to RWA and discussing issues that we may be dealing with in the coming year, such as conservation. Staff are actively tracking over sixty pieces of legislation with 20 bills currently identified that may be of interest to RWA.

Last week the State Board issued a press release stating that Division of Drinking Water District Offices would begin issuing permit amendments to every community water system in the state requiring them to provide lead sampling services for K-12 schools upon request.

The State Water Board has announced a February 8th workshop where they will be hearing from their staff and panels of stakeholders on a report they are developing in response to AB 401. AB 401 requires the Water Board to prepare a plan and submit recommendations to the legislature for creating a statewide, low income, rate payer assistance program by February of 2018. The next steps are determining a funding source for that program. Staff will continue to monitor AB 401. An update will be given at the February Executive Committee.

Mr. Roscoe exited the meeting.

Kerry Schmitz exited the meeting.

John Woodling, Executive Director, gave an update on conservation, emergency regulations and long term regulations. The Water Board held a workshop focusing on the continuation of the urban water conservation emergency regulation. As long as the emergency regulation is in place the Water Board will continue to receive monthly data. Ryan Bezerra and Paul Helliker took the coalition letter submitted in

response to the Administration's draft "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" report and developed proposed legislative language. That language has been provided to ACWA and a drafting work group of the State Legislative Committee. A key issue will be ensuring the final approach to conservation standards and target setting does not allow the State Water Board to get long-term authority to change those standards through the regulatory process. Spot bill language has been given to Soyla Fernandez with the intent of potentially introducing a legislative vehicle as an alternative to the Administration proposal.

Mr. Bezerra said that on December 22, 2016 DWR and Reclamation released a final EIR/EIS for the California Water Fix. Staff is working on comments that are due January 30, 2017.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Government Affairs Update – Staff are reviewing proposed emergency regulations for water conservation. Comments may be submitted by the January deadline for written comments.

Grants Update – Staff is currently managing four grants totaling \$30 million. Staff submitted the final report for the \$25 million 2006 DWR Prop 50 Implementation Grant, and DWR has accepted the report. DWR is in the process of releasing the final retention on the project. In January, RWA received reimbursement of more than \$300K for three projects that were recently completed under the Prop 50 Implementation Grant.

November 2016 COLA – Consistent with RWA policy, pay scales and salaries were increased January 1, 2017 by 1.7% based on the November consumer price index for small western cities (attached). The updated pay scales are also attached.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Greenwood announced that 2017 calendars sponsored by Carmichael Water District and Barrett Middle School are available for sale. The art work was submitted by students of Barrett Middle School.

Ms. McKinney reported that the City of Roseville City Council nominated Susan Rohan as RWA representative and Scott Alvord as RWA alternate representative. Placer County Water Agency and the City of Roseville have joined together to participate in the planning of the proposed Sites Reservoir. PCWA and Roseville will share a seat on the Sites board, which will alternate annually.

Chair Peifer suggested that it would be good idea to figure out how the pension liability obligation will continue to be the responsibility of an RWA member who chooses to leave the organization.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Chair Peifer adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer