



**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 12, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Peifer called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Water Authority. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District
Al Dains, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Kelye McKinney, City of Roseville
Jim Mulligan, City of Roseville
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Quirina Orozco, City of West Sacramento
Stan Cleveland, City of Yuba City
Mike Paulucci, City of Yuba City
Ryan Saunders, Del Paso Manor Water District
Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District
Michael Raffety, El Dorado Irrigation District
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District
Mark Madison, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Agency
Michael Schaefer, Orange Vale Water Company
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
Brent Smith, Placer County Water Agency
Darlene Thiel, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Ralph Felix, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Mary Henrici, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

RWA Associates

Arthur Starkovich, SMUD and Brett Storey, Placer County

RWA Affiliate Members

Jim Graydon, Brown & Caldwell, Mike O'Hagan, Forsgren Associates, Inc., Vanessa Nishikawa and Paul Marshall, MWH now a part of Stantec, Charles Duncan and Abigail Madrone, West Yost Associates

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Adam Robin, Nancy Marrier, Amy Talbot, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

Brad Arnold, Einar Maisch, Brian Hensley, David Gordon, Mitch Dion, Shauna Lorance, Roger Kohme, Dan York, Linda Scroggs, Davina Carboni, Karl Brustad and Ingrid Sheipline. Nicole Krotoski participated via conference call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Woodling, Executive Director, introduced new RWA Board Members Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District, Mary Henrici, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Michael Raffety, El Dorado Irrigation District and Quirina Orozco, City of West Sacramento. Mr. Woodling also introduced Brad Arnold who will act as liaison between the California Department of Water Resources North Central Region office in West Sacramento and RWA staff. Mr. Arnold will be acting as the point of contact working with staff on IRWM efforts and different grant opportunities.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Minutes of the November 10, 2016 regular board meeting
- b. Approve November 10, 2016 RWA Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c. Adopt proposed RWA Board Meetings scheduled for 2017
- d. Accept the 2016 RWA Financial Audit Report
- e. Approve contractor selection for Water Efficiency Direct Install Program
- f. Approve Resolution No 2017-01 a Resolution of the Regional Water Authority Regarding Water Conservation Incentives

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. McKinney moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to approve the consent calendar items. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

Ingrid Sheipline exited the meeting.

4. ACWA JPIA DIRECTOR REPRESENTATION

RWA Vice Chair Peifer appointed Pam Tobin as the ACWA JPIA Director Representative for RWA.

5. REGIONAL WATER PLANNING EFFORTS UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, gave an update on the various water management planning efforts that staff and members are involved with. There are three efforts that are currently being managed, the Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP), Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDCP) and American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan). In the 2013 Strategic Plan, staff determined there was a need to increase local planning and increase the reliability of our agencies' water supplies. The RWRP involves assessing the vulnerabilities of each agency's supply and what measures can be implemented to overcome the vulnerabilities. The intent is to have "basic levels of service" as defined by each water agency under varying conditions. Staff will look at expanded conjunctive use and a Water Bank as key strategies to help mitigate threats faced by the region. The Regional Drought Contingency Plan includes drought monitoring, vulnerability assessment, mitigation actions, response actions, operational and administrative framework and updating response. Mr. Swartz explained the tasks, source of funding and the budget for the combined RDCP and RWRP efforts. On August 1, 2016 DWR released revised IRWM Planning Standards and the 2016 Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package. IRWM Plans will need to meet 2016 guidelines. There will be a project committee meeting February 8, 2017 to discuss funding issues and determine how to move the Drought Contingency, Water Reliability and IRWM plans forward together.

Mr. Swartz then provided an overview of two additional planning efforts that RWA will be involved with. The first is the American River Basin Study (ARBS). After Reclamation completed the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers Basin study they released a call for proposals for local studies that could refine the broader study. The American River Basin was interested in down-scaling some of the climate change projections that were done on a larger scale to assess what would happen in the American River Basin. Key objectives of the study are to integrate regional water supply reliability with operational flexibility for Reclamation's Folsom Dam and Reservoir and align regional management strategies and planning efforts with those of Reclamation. Mr. Swartz outlined the ARBS scope of work including climate change data and model development, conducting water supply and demand assessment to identify imbalances and developing and evaluating adaption strategies. The role of RWA in ARBS is limited staff support in developing an application and developing an agreement with Reclamation, serving on the Executive Steering Committee, coordinating adaptation strategies with RWRP, providing RWRP costs as part of local share for ARBS and signing a Memorandum of Agreement with Reclamation.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Yasutake, to approve Resolution No. 2017-02 authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to participate as a Non-Federal Partner in the American

River Basin Study with an amendment that the motion is contingent on approval of Legal Counsel. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

The second planning effort in which RWA will be involved is the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DCIP). The DCIP is a new initiative that the Department of Water Resources launched in 2016 under Proposition 1. The intent of the program is to improve the engagement of disadvantaged communities in the IRWM process, to identify water management needs and to develop strategies and solutions for disadvantaged communities. There are six Regional Water Management Groups in the Sacramento River Funding Area. The Yuba County Water Agency has offered to serve as lead applicant and manager of the grant program. The first phase will be to conduct a needs assessment of disadvantaged communities (DACs) and the second phase will fund priority activities from the first phase. The nine DAC places in the ARB IRWM will be the focus of the Phase 1 work effort and will get formal needs assessments. Technical assistance will be delivered across the SRFA, using a consistent set of circuit riders from several entities who have demonstrated expertise in capacity-building for DACs. The ARB will have an additional work effort focused on outreach to underrepresented communities (URC), the groups that are not specifically identified through the state DAC methodology, but are largely economically disadvantaged and have traditionally had less representation in water planning and implementation. The effort will be a pilot effort focused in the ARB in the first year to develop a process to identify and outreach to URCs, work directly to provide benefit from one to three URCs and share case study results with the broader SRFA region. The results will determine whether to expand application of the strategy throughout SRFA.

The role for RWA in DCIP is to participate on an oversight committee, manage a contracted DAC coordinator to be funded by a grant, participate in a DAC needs assessment of the ARB area, participate in a pilot program to assess URC needs in the IRWM and provide a letter of support for the DCIP application.

M/S/C Ms. Henrici moved, with a second by Mr. Roscoe, to authorize the Executive Director to submit a letter to DWR supporting Yuba County Water Agency as the Applicant and Fiscal Lead for Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Funding on behalf of the Sacramento River Funding Area. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. ELECT 2017 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A copy of the procedures for selection of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was included in the packet. The election process involves multiple rounds of balloting to achieve a total of nine members.

Mr. Bezerra, RWA Legal Counsel, gave a brief overview of the election process. Vice Chair Peifer appointed Ryan Bezerra and Nancy Marrier to act as the Elections Committee. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to make a statement, if they desired. Hard copies of all final ballots will be kept in the RWA office for anyone who wishes to review them.

Pursuant to the RWA Policy 200.3, the Board of Directors elected the following members to the 2017 Executive Committee:

- Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
- Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
- Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
- Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
- Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
- Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District
- Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
- Kelye McKinney, City of Roseville
- Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

7. ELECT 2017 RWA CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Pursuant to RWA Policy 200.3, the Board of Directors elected the Chair and Vice-Chair from the membership of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Jim Peifer was elected as the 2017 Chair.

Mr. Marcus Yasutake was elected as 2017 Vice-Chair.

Stan Cleveland and Mike Paulucci exited the meeting.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woodling thanked everyone for their participation in the Executive Committee election process.

Adam W. Robin, RWA's new program manager for the Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Program, began work on December 6th. In addition to immediately beginning to address some of the region's most important issues, Adam will be setting up meetings with RWA staff and managers, and attending agency board meetings over the next several months.

Government Affairs Update – The State (DWR, State Water Resources Control Board and other agencies) released a draft report outlining a proposal for implementation of the Governor's Executive Order B-37-16. The report covers proposed changes to urban water management planning to better prepare for drought, as well as long term water conservation requirements for both ag and urban water use. RWA submitted comments, as did many RWA members. In addition, RWA and several members signed

on to a coalition letter that included 114 water agencies and associations from throughout the State. The administration has indicated that a final report will be released around January 20, 2017. Measures are expected to be implemented through rulemaking under existing law and through legislation where new authority is required. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a workshop on January 18, 2017 to hear staff proposals for modifying the emergency water conservation regulations. The current “stress test” requirements expire at the end of February.

DWR released the best management practices required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act before the deadline of January 1, 2017. DWR expects to release guidelines for Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grants in spring of 2017 and finalize the guidelines and solicit grant applications in summer of 2017. SGA staff will work with other proposed Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the subbasin to develop a scope for preparation of our Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to be ready to seek funding. Alternatives to a GSP were due by January 1, 2017. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority prepared an alternative for submission to cover the South American Subbasin. The document is available for review on their website at scgah2o.org.

On December 2, 2016, the State Water Board emailed all drinking water systems with information regarding an upcoming statewide initiative to amend all domestic water supply permits. The proposed amendment would require systems to provide lead sampling services to K-12 schools within their service area upon request. While the permit amendments were expected to be issued to all water systems the week of December 20, in late December the Brown Administration initiated an additional review of the proposed permit amendment program with no announcement regarding a revised release date. RWA staff will continue to monitor this initiative and coordinate with ACWA and other statewide associations that are engaged on this issue.

AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) directs the SWRCB to prepare a plan for a potential Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program and directs the State Water Board to report to the Legislature by February 1, 2018 with findings regarding the feasibility, financial stability, and desired structure for such a program, including any recommendations for legislative action. In October and November of 2016, State Water Board staff held a series of workshops around the State to solicit feedback from stakeholders. In early 2017, the State Water Board is expected to release a preliminary draft report that is based in part on the feedback received at the workshops. SWRCB staff have expressed a goal of releasing the final report well in advance of the February 2018 deadline. RWA staff will be tracking the release of the preliminary draft report and any related legislative activities.

The past few years have resulted in a number of new Board members from RWA member agencies. Staff is working to plan and schedule one or more Board Member Orientation presentations over the first few months of 2017. Following the March RWA Board meeting, a member orientation meeting may be scheduled for new board members as well as anyone who would like to attend. The orientation meeting will focus on building a foundation of understanding of RWA and to better understand the policies and procedures so the board can be more fully engaged.

Mr. Woodling gave the remaining RWA 15 year commemorative umbrellas to members who did not previously receive one.

Mr. Woodling will be reaching out to members for any ideas for future RWA activities and other things we could be doing like bulk purchasing programs for the region and Continuing Education Unit credits for some of the meetings that contain high technical content.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Yasutake thanked everyone for voting for him and giving him the opportunity to become the 2017 Executive Committee Vice Chair. The City of Folsom did approve a resolution supporting the American River Basin Study and the MOA.

Mr. Greenwood thanked everyone who voted for him. He looks forward to serving on the Executive Committee and doing what he can to benefit our region. We have a fantastic board and 2017 is going to be a great year.

Mr. Raffety said that El Dorado Irrigation District appreciates the support for the American River Basin Study.

Mr. Dugan thanked everyone for voting for him. For the benefit of new members, we have a big year ahead as our regional collaboration as we advocate for protecting our interests in everything that's coming our way from the state this year. He's proud to be part of the leadership team.

Ms. Henrici said that it is nice to be back and involved with the RWA.

Mr. Schubert reported that Golden State Water Company has a regional project going on-line. They will be taking Aerojet's discharged water from the American River, which will be treated at the Carmichael Water District Bajamont Plant, and then pumped to Golden State's service area in a new pipeline under the American River. Part of that project vision will also be looking at the interconnection with the City of Folsom.

Mr. Schild reported the Sacramento Suburban Water District January and February board meetings have been rescheduled to the fourth Monday in lieu of the third Monday to accommodate holidays.

Ms. Tobin thanked everyone for their vote of support in electing her to the Executive Committee for 2017. Paul Helliker is the new General Manager for San Juan Water District, effective March 6th.

Ms. Schmitz thanked the board for their vote for her to continue to serve on the Executive Committee. She's looking forward to a good year.

Ms. McKinney thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee. Since Pauline Roccucci has termed out, the City of Roseville Council will be considering committee assignments on January 18th. The West Placer Region is starting a regional outreach with the first outreach event scheduled for January 19th. For more information visit their website at www.westplacergroundwater.com.

Mr. Madison said that Tom Nelson is the new RWA Representative for Elk Grove Water District and has also been appointed their board chairman. Their District has two new board members, Lisa Madena and Sofia Sherman, former Elk Grove Mayor.

Mr. Peifer thanked the board for electing him as 2017 Executive Committee Chair. He welcomed Jim Abercrombie back after his health issues.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Peifer adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer