

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 24, 2018; 8:30 a.m.
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AGENDA

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Director of the Authority at (916) 967-7692. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Executive Committee meeting
Action: Approve Consent Calendar item
4. **DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 – 2019 BUDGET**
Information Presentation and Discussion of FY 2018 – 2019 Budget Process, Timeline and Key Questions for Direction
5. **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE**
Information Presentation: Adam W. Robin, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Program Manager
6. **CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**
Information Presentation: Conference Subcommittee
7. **POLICY 500.16 ALLOCATING LIABILITIES TO WITHDRAWING MEMBERS**
Information Presentation: John Woodling, Executive Director
Action: Recommend Approval of Policy 500.16 Allocating Liabilities to Withdrawing Members by the RWA Board of Directors
8. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**
Information Presentation: John Woodling, Executive Director

9. **2018 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**
Action: Adopt proposed schedule of 2018 Executive Committee meetings

10. **WATER EFFICIENCY – LANDSCAPE IMAGERY PROJECT**
Information Presentation: Amy Talbot, Water Efficiency Program Manager
Action: Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with SACOG for Landscape Imagery Project

11. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

12. **DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings – February 28, 2018 and March 28, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the RWA office

Next RWA Board of Directors' Meeting – Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the RWA conference room, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

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AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Executive Committee meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar Item

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Yasutake 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
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
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 W. Robin, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge and Ryan Bezerra, legal counsel. Nicole Krotoski attended via conference phone.

Others in Attendance

Ingrid Sheipline, Bob Simons, Deb Sedwick and Charles Duncan

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held October 25, 2017.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood, to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried by the voice vote of the remaining directors present.

4. RWA 2017 AUDIT REPORT

Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson and Company, reported that they have completed the financial audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017. The full audit report was included in the packet. Ms. Sheipline highlighted portions of the audit stating that reports that were issued included the Auditor's opinion on financial statements,

the Internal Control and Compliance Report, the governance letter and the management letter. The Independent Auditor's Report is an unmodified, "clean", opinion.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis was compiled by Nancy Marrier and Nicole Krotoski and included a comprehensive summary of some of the changes in the financial statement. Ms. Sheipline noted the changes between fiscal year 2016 and 2017 including the restricted cash balance, grants/incentives receivable, net pension obligation, net position, operating revenues and operating expenses. A significant portion of the unearned revenue includes the Powerhouse Science Center. SGA became a CalPERS member on July 1, 2016. RWA employee service while working on SGA administration is now considered SGA compensation for pension plan contributions and liabilities. This is the first year a portion of the RWA pension liability was transferred to SGA. The actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2015 includes an actuarial accrued liability of \$986,832 and an unfunded liability of \$75,579. The historical schedule of funding progress included in the required supplementary section shows whether actuarial value of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits. She explained the restricted net position and board designations at June 30, 2017. The operating fund is designed to ensure cash resources are available to fund daily administration and operations for RWA as well as a resource for matching funds for grant partnership opportunities.

Bob Simons, Richardson and Company, explained the governance letter that shows management judgments and accounting estimates, and a summary of what was done during the audit. There were no audit adjustments noted, there were no differences noted that were not adjusted, there were no difficulties in performing the audit and no unusual accounting practices. The management letter indicated good internal controls with an informational item about GASB 75, recognizing an accounting liability for OPEB, to be implemented in FY18. There is a recurring item regarding the OPEB liability with a change in accounting principles to implement GASB 75.

M/S/C Ms. McKinney moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to recommend RWA Board acceptance of the 2017 RWA financial audit report. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

RWA adopted its *Strategic Plan 2013-2018+* in late 2013. In the interim, a number of internal and external factors have changed, including the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the drought emergency, and proposals for new permanent water conservation standards.

The Strategic Plan included objectives in four primary goal areas, 1) Regional Planning, 2) Implementation, 3) Information and Education, and 4) Advocacy. RWA has made significant progress in implementing the plan over the last four years. However, in order for the Strategic Plan to continue to guide RWA's

success, modifications are needed. RWA Board members were given the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Plan, and their input was considered by staff and the Executive Committee.

John Woodling, Executive Director, said that the RWA Board adopted modifications to the Regional Planning and Implementation elements of the Strategic Plan on July 13, 2017 and adopted modifications to the Advocacy Goal of the Strategic Plan on September 14, 2017. The final piece of the Strategic Plan to be updated is the Information/Education element. Proposed modifications to the Information/Education element were attached for consideration by the Executive Committee. Mr. Woodling explained the modifications that were made.

After discussion it was agreed to add language to A.1. to read “Educate members through periodic RWA Water Workshops and updates on relevant topics.” The title will be amended with “and a clearinghouse for sharing information” removed, with an “and” added between “issues” and “outreach.”

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to recommend RWA Board approval of modifications to the Information/Education element of the RWA Strategic Plan 2018+ with the addition of “and updates” to A.1 and the title amended as noted above. The motion carried by the voice vote of the remaining directors present.

6. 2018 RWA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Ms. Schmitz, to recommend RWA Board approval of the proposed RWA Board meetings for 2018. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

7. RWA JANUARY 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Woodling explained the approval of pay scales on the consent calendar. A requirement of CalPERS is that new salary schedules have to be reported to them. RWA adopted a policy where we add the COLA to the ranges annually and update the schedule. Every time a salary schedule is updated or approved, the exhibit with the new number needs to be sent to CalPERS. Salary schedules for 2014 through 2017 must be approved and sent to CalPERS to comply with their requirements.

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood, to approve the January 11, 2018 RWA Board Meeting agenda. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Kerry Schmitz, Conference/Workshop Subcommittee chair, reported that the October 27th RWA Legislative Process Workshop was attended by over 20 members and interested parties. The workshop was approved for 1.5 hours of SWRCB Drinking Water Operator Certification continuing education contact credit. The subcommittee is planning a workshop on public goods charge and water

affordability on March 15 2018. Progress is being made on securing an event location, a draft agenda, possible speakers and a save the date flyer to be sent out.

Mr. Woodling commented that legal counsel is currently reviewing a proposed building lease. An update on the building lease process will be provided at the next Executive Committee meeting.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Review of North American Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan – Mr. Woodling reported that Reclamation has found the North American Basin Regional Drought Contingency Plan to be in accordance with the Drought Response Program requirements. A copy of the memo from the Bureau of Reclamation was included in the packet.

2018 RWA Holiday Social Event – The Holiday Social is planned for tomorrow night at the North Ridge Country Club.

Legislative Update – Mr. Woodling and Mr. Robin met with Grant Davis from the Department of Water Resources to discuss the need for a technical foundation for standards and the need for the data that the state is committed to providing. Mr. Davis said that he understands what the role of the department should be. There have also been a series of meetings on Water Efficiency Drought Planning bills that are still outstanding where issues remain.

North American Subbasin – Staff submitted a grant application for the groundwater sustainability work. Staff is working on reviewing the DWR best management practices for sustainable management criteria, which is key to the monitoring.

ACWA Fall Conference – Mr. Roscoe won the emissary award at the ACWA Fall Conference. Adam W. Robin accepted a joint award that was presented to RWA and Irvine Ranch for outreach and messaging around water efficiency. RWA has good ACWA representation in the upcoming term with Pam Tobin as the Chair and Mark Emmerson as Vice Chair of Region 4, and Josh Alpine is Chair of Region 3.

Powerhouse Science Center – Staff expects to bring an amended contract with the Powerhouse Science Center to the Executive Committee for approval in January, 2018. The new contract will include payments to be made at certain milestones of the project.

Office Space Lease Update – A renegotiated lease for the current office space is anticipated early in 2018.

Mr. Woodling noted that Mr. Roscoe has served on every Executive Committee since December 2001 when he represented the Citizens Utilities Company. He has also served as Executive Committee Chair and has been on the Executive Committee since RWA's inception.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Schubert asked what the RWA policy is on the maximum carry over of employee accrued vacation time. Ms. Marrier said that the policy states that the cap is a maximum of 360 hours.

Mr. Greenwood asked where we stand with regard to groundwater bank planning in our region. Mr. Swartz said that we continue to move forward.

Ms. Tobin said that she is the chair of ACWA Region 4, along with additional representation from several RWA Board members. She thanked Mr. Roscoe for sharing his great institutional knowledge. She asked that anyone with ideas for ACWA to please forward them to her. She thanked Mr. Woodling and Mr. Robin for all of their work.

Ms. Schmitz said their current Water Resources Chief Financial Officer is retiring and they will be recruiting for the position. With respect to Groundwater, there's a public meeting scheduled for December 13th, that will focus on the basin boundary modification. Tom Gohring, Sacramento Water Forum will be facilitating the meeting.

Ms. McKinney said that she enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee the past year.

Vice Chair Yasutake congratulated Mr. Roscoe on his award at ACWA and he expressed his thanks to Mr. Roscoe for his insight on water policy. Next week the City of Folsom will be holding elections for the 2018 Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Mr. Roscoe suggested that staff bring options back to future Executive Committee meetings to discuss member exit fees for future audits and future liabilities. He thanked everyone for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Vice Chair Yasutake adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer

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AGENDA ITEM 4: DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 – 2019 BUDGET

BACKGROUND:

Staff have begun the process of preparing a draft budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Staff will present a proposed timeline for budget development as well as key issues for feedback from the Executive Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information Presentation and Discussion of FY 2018 – 2019 Budget Process, Timeline and Key Questions for Direction

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AGENDA ITEM 5: LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

RWA staff will present the 2018 Advocacy Program Work Plan to the Executive Committee and review the process for adopting positions on legislation.

RWA staff will update the Executive Committee on legislative and regulatory issues including:

- a) Long-Term Urban Water Use Efficiency Legislation
- b) Water Tax Proposals
- c) SWRCB Permanent Prohibitions on Wasteful and Unreasonable Water Uses

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information Presentation: Adam W. Robin, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Program Manager

RWA ADVOCACY PROGRAM

2018 Policy Priorities and Organizational Goals

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Program (Advocacy Program) was created to advance RWA member agencies' shared commitment to regional collaboration and unity in pursuit of the region's common goals identified in the *RWA 2018+ Strategic Plan*. The intent of the Advocacy Program is to positively influence legislative and regulatory actions to protect, preserve and improve the region's water supply reliability.

Consistent with the Priority Issues and Policy Principles adopted by the RWA Board of Directors, this document identifies legislative and regulatory "**Policy Priorities**" for 2018. While the dynamic nature of California's legislative and regulatory processes may result in a periodic need to re-assess and re-focus the Advocacy Program's priorities over the coming year, the Policy Priorities identified below are anticipated to be the highest priorities of the Advocacy program in 2018. This document also identifies "**Organizational Goals**" for 2018 that are intended to help advance the Advocacy Program's long-term effectiveness through capacity development and other steps to continue positive organizational growth.

2018 Policy Priorities

1. **Long-Term Water Use Efficiency Legislation.** RWA should engage in the development of legislation in this policy area to ensure that bills account for the need to:
 - a. Ensure that any new water use standards or targets account for unique local conditions.
 - b. Protect and promote investments in a diverse, resilient, and reliable water supply.
 - c. Ensure that requirements are technically and economically feasible for RWA member agencies to implement.
 - d. Enhance drought planning and reporting requirements, while ensuring that any state agency oversight and enforcement roles are appropriate and respect local control.
 - e. Maintain existing water rights protections.

2. **Water Tax/Funding Solutions for Safe and Affordable Drinking Water.** RWA recognizes the need for sensible, long-term funding solutions to assist disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water, as well as to address water affordability issues for low-income ratepayers. A tax on Californians' water bills, however, is not an acceptable funding source to address these problems. A water tax would hamper efforts to maintain safe and reliable water infrastructure at a reasonable cost for local ratepayers, including local low-income ratepayers.

In addition to opposing a Water Tax, RWA should seek to engage in the development of viable and sustainable solutions to address these issues. These solutions may include proposals to address governance issues that contribute to or result in the inability of some water systems to provide safe drinking water, as well as innovative policy approaches that would enhance water suppliers' abilities and authorities to design and implement locally-appropriate low-income ratepayer assistance programs.

3. **Drinking Water Issues.** RWA should engage in the development of legislative and regulatory proposals related to drinking water that have the potential to impact RWA member agencies, including the potential establishment of new maximum contaminant levels for hexavalent chromium and perchlorate.

2018 Organizational Goals

- 1. Continue building RWA's reputation as a respected, trusted and recognized leader in California water.**
- 2. Stand prepared to assist RWA members and coordinate efforts in response to developments related to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.**
- 3. Demonstrate how Sacramento region water suppliers have been responsible stewards of local water resources, including the lower American River, over time and during drought.**
- 4. Promote the Sacramento region's success with groundwater management, water efficiency and other accomplishments.**
- 5. Highlight the Sacramento region's previous investments made to assure water supply reliability and drought resiliency.**

RWA Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Program

(Approved by the Board on September 10, 2015)

Introduction

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Program (Advocacy Program) has been created as part of the commitment to regional collaboration and unity in pursuit of the region's common goals as acknowledged by the "RWA 2018+ Strategic Plan". The intent of the Advocacy Program is to positively influence legislative and regulatory actions to protect, preserve and improve the region's water supply reliability.

This advocacy effort takes on many forms including high level commitment to increasing the region's profile in California water politics; a focused and agreed upon set of priorities; a clear and resolute set of Policy Principles to guide advocacy positions and decisions; and fostering beneficial coalitions with allied organizations. The success of these advocacy efforts will be directly linked to maintaining the level of excellence this region has demonstrated in the stewardship of our water resources. This stewardship has resulted in the preservation and enhancement of our local watersheds; protection of a federally designated Wild and Scenic River running through a metropolitan area of over 2 million people (the lower American River); and a reliable and diverse water supply supporting the growth of the local economy.

The Priority Issues and companion Policy Principles that are adopted by the RWA Board and included herein serve as the foundation for RWA's Advocacy Program. The Priority Issues are the long-standing, foundational issues that are at the core of RWA's mission and stand the test of time. An example of a Priority Issue adopted as part of the Advocacy Program is the "protection of the water rights and entitlements of RWA member agencies". Vigilant protection of these valuable, local assets will be a perpetual priority for RWA and its member agencies. The Policy Principles that support each of the Priority Issues are also long-term in nature though the RWA Advocacy Program should carefully consider and modify these on a regular basis to stay abreast of the ever-changing politics of California's water resources management.

Combined, the Priority Issues and Policy Principles adopted by the Board serve as the Advocacy Platform that will guide development of annual legislative and regulatory work plans. The advocacy platform allows RWA staff and member agencies to operate within an agreed upon set of guidelines when advocating for the region's common goals. *(Currently, a contract lobbyist paid for by 10 RWA member agencies supports the Advocacy Program, and the program is staffed on a half-time basis. Consistent with the Strategic Plan, it is a goal of RWA to eventually support full-time staffing and expand participation in funding the lobbyist.)*

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Following the Priority Issues and Policy Principles are the guidelines the Advocacy Program will use for determining recommended positions and prioritizing legislation that is introduced as part of each legislative session.

Finally, this document includes an overview of the California legislative process and calendar, as well as an overview of key state agencies in which we engage.

Priority Issues

- **Ensure a Diverse, Resilient, and Reliable Water Supply**

Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater resources along with cost-effective investments in recycled water, stormwater capture, water efficiency, and water conservation can significantly drought proof the region's water supply, protect the region's water resources and environment, and assure the continued growth of the region's economy.

Policy Principles

- Promote legislative and regulatory measures that enhance local agencies ability to share regional water resources.
- Support and participate in Folsom Reservoir and Central Valley Project operational improvements to assure a reliable surface water supply to RWA agencies.
- Develop infrastructure necessary to access surface water entitlements.
- Advance efforts to streamline CEQA compliance for water resource projects that diversify or strengthen this regions water supply reliability.
- Promote and support amendments to SGMA and development of regulations that enhance water supply reliability and protect groundwater resources.
- Support measures that help expedite and cost-effectively integrate new water resources such as stormwater reuse and recycled water into the regions water supply portfolio.
- Continue to increase conjunctive use capabilities within the region.
- Sponsor and/or support legislation that guarantees investments made in regional water supply reliability and drought resilience are available for their intended purposes.
- Support cost-effective surface water and groundwater storage projects.

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Priority Issues (Continued)

- **Protect the Water Rights and Entitlements of RWA Member Agencies**

Water rights issues are complex and contentious. This region's surface water rights and entitlements and long-standing management of groundwater resources have been critical in the shaping of the local economy and are vital for the future. Our reasonable use of water has and will continue to assure the region's water rights and entitlements provide the region with abundant, affordable and high quality water while maintaining and protecting the environmental resources of the Lower American River and the region's watersheds.

Policy Principles

- Support and defend the existing water rights priority system.
- Support enforcement of the existing water rights laws.
- Maintain area-of-origin protections.
- Oppose any unreasonable curtailments of our area's water rights that impact our beneficial use of water.
- Promote legislation that supports and clarifies the multiple beneficial uses of water.
- Support legislation and regulatory action that allows for retaining groundwater rights.
- Support new laws, policies, and regulations embracing the concept that recognize inherent regional differences that drive water use efficiency and conservation.
- Ensure that water rights are preserved in the context of conserving water.
- Promote system operations that ensure delivery of water supplies based on water rights and contract obligations.
- Proactively engage with the SWRCB on the Delta tributary flow process.

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Priority Issues (Continued)

- **Maximize Funding Opportunities Beneficial to RWA Member Agencies**

The region is prepared to make and support investments that will improve water supply reliability and protect the environment, including the Lower American River. Large-scale infrastructure projects such as improvements at Folsom Reservoir, increased or new storage capacity, additional facilities on the Sacramento River, and expanded groundwater, recycled water, transmission and distribution facilities will help prepare the region for the future while protecting the environment and increasing water supply reliability.

Policy Principles

- Actively engage in legislative and regulatory initiatives that consider the development of a public goods charge.
 - Develop RWA policy on public goods charges.
- Assure that any funding that is extracted from this region be returned to this region for the benefit of this region.
- Support policies that provide funding allocations based on merit of the project and the impact or benefit.
- Promote the statewide benefits that our actions provide due to our unique location within the State's water system.
- Support Proposition 218 reform that improves water agencies ability to fund programs that help diversify the region's water supply portfolio.
 - Develop RWA policy on Proposition 218 reforms.
- Promote statewide funding to increase flexibility for the CVP.
- Support legislation that provides funding for local and regional water resources infrastructure projects.
- Support funding for agencies to develop and utilize storm water capture projects.
- Ensure state funding is available for state imposed mandates.

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Priority Issues (Continued)

- **Promote Balanced Statewide Water Management Solutions Beneficial to the Greater Sacramento Region**

RWA recognizes the need for a statewide water plan that assures a reliable water supply for all regions in the state. RWA supports a statewide solution, including protection of the Delta that is balanced and beneficial to the Sacramento region's water supply reliability.

Policy Principles

- Ensure improvements or modifications to the statewide water system are protective of this region's water supply.
- Support statewide water plans and policies that recognize and honor previous investments made to assure this region's water supply reliability.
- Promote a statewide drought action plan that acknowledges this region's investment in drought resiliency.
- Encourage revisions to policies and operations that streamline water transfers.
- Support statewide water storage solutions that provide benefit or are neutral to the region's water supply reliability and flood protection.
- Encourage statewide water planning efforts that recognizes water management differs based on climate, population density, return flows, and other regional geographic and hydrologic factors.
- Promote modifications to state and federal operations that protect the region's ability to use regional resources.

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Priority Issues (Continued)

- **Promote Water Efficiency and Water Conservation**

Our region invests in water efficiency and water conservation that are locally cost effective, feasible, and improve the water supply reliability of the region. Water efficiency makes good business sense and is key to assuring we continue our reasonable use of water consistent with our water rights and contracts.

Policy Principles

- Unique factors such as climate, land use, and return flows must be taken into consideration when developing statewide laws and regulations.
- Promote policies that recognized the differences between water efficiency and water conservation.
- Promote a better understanding of water use efficiency based on local supplies and site-specific factors.
- Define appropriate water conservation requirements that consider local supplies.
- Develop partnerships with other local agencies on public affairs campaigns/messaging.
- Promote public-private partnerships with local businesses that lead to greater water efficiency and benefit the local economy.
- Support a state led effort to establish rate stabilization funds programs that are consistent with state laws.
- Assure that the region receives the benefit of its water conservation efforts.

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Priority Issues (Continued)

- **Support Stewardship of the Region's Environmental Resources**

The region's management of water resources is committed to the preservation of the Lower American River (LAR) and tributary watersheds as demonstrated by the historic Water Forum Agreement enacted in 2000. The LAR is a federally designated Wild and Scenic River running through a metropolitan area of over 2 million people that still supports one of the prime cold water fisheries in the State and is home to Chinook Salmon and threatened Central Valley Steelhead.

Policy Principles

- Support flow management standards that protect the ecosystem of the Lower American River, prevent dead pool conditions in Folsom Reservoir, and improve flood safety.
- Promote legislative and regulatory initiatives supporting conjunctive use that will make more surface water available for the Lower American River in dry years.
- Implement infrastructure projects that will improve temperature control and access to cold water at Folsom Reservoir.

RWA Legislative Analysis Process

- **Process for Adopting Positions on Introduced Legislation**

The Priority Issues and Policy Principles will be adopted by the RWA Board and serve as the Advocacy Platform, for which RWA works from in the legislative and regulatory arenas.

Each new legislative session, RWA staff and the contract lobbyist will screen newly introduced legislation using the adopted Advocacy Platform as a guide. Bills that are relative to RWA's platform or are otherwise considered noteworthy to RWA interests are presented to the Lobbyist Subscription Program (LSP) Committee for analysis and consideration.

Through this collaborative process, the LSP Committee determines a recommended position on each bill and then assigns a priority (see the list of formal positions and priorities below). During this process, bills may be removed from further consideration and additional bills may be added to RWA's list based on input from the LSP Committee or other factors. The Committee's

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RWA Legislative Analysis Process (Continued)

recommendations are taken to the RWA Executive Committee for further discussion and approval, consistent with RWA Policy 100.5.

Many of these initial positions and priorities will change as bills are amended throughout the course of the legislative process. The LSP Committee will be routinely updated on the status of bills as they move through the legislative process and will decide upon changes in position and priority as the process dictates. In time sensitive situations, RWA staff may change a current position and/or priority with the approval of the RWA Executive Director and concurrence of general counsel. Such changes will be done using the adopted Advocacy Platform as guidance. The LSP Committee will be updated of changes as soon as possible and the Executive Committee will be asked to ratify such changes at its first meeting following the changes.

- **Formal Positions**

Support - A bill that would benefit RWA or one or more RWA members (without detriment to others), and/or is generally good public policy

Support if Amended - A bill that could benefit RWA, or one or more RWA members, if amended. This position implies that RWA is ready to offer specific amendments.

Oppose - A bill detrimental to RWA or one or more RWA members.

Oppose Unless Amended - A bill that is detrimental to RWA or one or more RWA members, that could be amended to remove the detrimental provisions. This position implies that RWA is ready to offer specific amendments, and will move to a neutral position if accepted.

Watch - A bill of interest to RWA and its members that does not affect RWA directly, or for other reasons does not yet merit a position. May be a “spot” or “intent” bill that does not yet have meaningful language.

Neutral - Generally a bill from which we have removed an Oppose or Oppose Unless Amended position due to amendments or other factors.

RWA Legislative Analysis Process (Continued)

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- **Bill Priorities**

High Priority - A bill of major significance with direct impact to RWA or a number of RWA members. RWA has a formal position and is actively lobbying, writing letters, offering amendments, testifying in committee, and taking other direct actions as necessary. “Watch” bills can be considered high priority, especially early in the legislative process, depending on the topic, the author, or other factors that warrant heightened monitoring.

Medium Priority - A bill of interest but not anticipated to have major significance to RWA or more than a few of its members. RWA has a formal position but is not actively lobbying legislators. RWA and/or RWA members may submit letters, provide testimony or take other actions as part of other groups or coalition or, in some situations, directly. Individual RWA members may be more active depending on the topic of the bill.

Low Priority - A bill in an area of interest to RWA, but with little potential impact. RWA will only have a Watch position on such bills. No immediate action is planned but these bills will be monitored to assure they don't evolve into a high priority status. Individual RWA members may be more active depending on the nature of the bill.

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The California Legislative Process Calendar

January – February

- Bills are introduced in their houses of origin. Most bills first go to the Legislative Counsel's Office where they are drafted into formal legislative language.
- Deadline for introducing bills to be heard that year is the end of the third week of February.
- Bill is given a "first reading" in its house of origin.

March – April

- Bills are heard in their respective policy committees.
 - Bills with a fiscal impact must be out by the beginning of May.
 - Bills without fiscal impact must be out by the beginning of the second week of May

May

- Fiscal committees in house of origin hear bills
- Bills go to the "floor" for vote by full house by last week of May.

June – August

- Process is repeated in the other house.
 - June through mid- August in policy committees
 - Second half of August considered by fiscal committees.

September

- Floor sessions held in both houses.
- All bills must be out of the legislature and to the Governor's desk by end of second week of September.
- Governor has until the end of September to act on bills.

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State Regulatory Agencies and Processes

- **State Water Resources Control Board**
 - Water Rights
 - Water Conservation
 - Drinking Water Program
 - Grants
 - Discharge Programs (through the Regional Water Quality Control Boards)

- **Department of Water Resources**
 - Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Regulations
 - Water Efficiency
 - State Water Project
 - Grants - IRWM

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AGENDA ITEM 6: CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

RWA will convene a symposium on Thursday, March 15th, 2018 regarding the timely legislative and regulatory issues of water affordability and safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities. The event will feature a broad discussion with panels made up of representatives on all sides of the issue. The attached invitation contains additional details.

RWA members and associates have been invited to attend and asked to consider sponsorship at the Table Sponsor level or above, as outlined in the attached flyer.

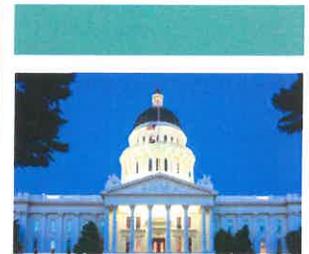
Space is limited for this event, and a good turnout is expected from the region as well as other parts of the state. Early registration is advised.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information Presentation: Conference Subcommittee



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SYMPOSIUM ON Making Safe, Clean, Affordable and Accessible Water a Reality



Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	Capitol Event Center at the MAY Building 1020 11th St Sacramento, CA 95814
9:15 to 10:30 a.m.	Panel One	
10:30 to 11:45 a.m.	Panel Two	

Leaders from state government, local agencies and the non-profit sector will explore the challenges and potential solutions that can help make safe, clean, affordable and accessible water a reality in California.



Featuring Introductory Remarks By
Sacramento Mayor
Darrell Steinberg

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Identifying the Challenges

Darrin Polhemus - Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water

Katie Porter - Staff Engineer, California Urban Water Agencies

Maria Herrera - Community Development Specialist, Self-Help Enterprises and Member of the California Water Commission

Denise England - Water Policy Manager, County of Tulare *(invited)*

Exploring Potential Solutions

Max Gomberg - Water Conservation and Climate Change Manager, State Water Resources Control Board

Paul D Jones II - General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District

Cindy Tuck - Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations, Association of California Water Agencies

Laurel Firestone - Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center

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Purchase tickets by March 9, 2018

at <https://wateraffordabilityevent.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Contact Cecilia Partridge,
Regional Water Authority, (916) 967-7692

Sponsorship Opportunities

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8:30 am – noon

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Benefits	Table (\$500)	SOLD Coffee (\$750)	SOLD Speaker (\$1,000)	Session (\$1,250)	Presenting (\$2,000)
Company representatives identified as sponsors on their name badge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement in the RWA Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listing on the RWA website with link to sponsor's website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Verbal recognition at the event	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition as a sponsor in the event program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo placement in printed materials and on event signage		✓	✓	✓	✓
1 reserved table of 10	✓	✓			
2 VIP tickets for seating at the head table			✓		
Opportunity to introduce Mayor Darrell Steinberg at the event			✓		
Opportunity to provide materials to meeting participants				✓	✓
1 reserved table of 10 – front row				✓	✓
Opportunity to speak about your company/agency					✓



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For more information about sponsorships, contact Michelle Smira-Brattmiller at michelle@mmsstrategies.com or 916.479.3687

January 24, 2018

AGENDA ITEM 7: POLICY 500.16 ALLOCATING LIABILITIES TO WITHDRAWING MEMBERS

BACKGROUND:

Members of RWA operate under a joint exercise of powers agreement that outlines powers and responsibilities of RWA and of members. The Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Regional Water Authority, dated October 8, 2013, provides for the voluntary withdrawal from membership subsequent to 90 days' notice. Such withdrawal is subject to the provision that the withdrawing member "shall remain responsible for any indebtedness incurred by the Member under any Project or Program Agreement to which the Member is a party, and further provided that the withdrawing Member pays or agrees to pay its share of debts, liabilities and obligations of the Regional Water Authority incurred by the Member under this Agreement prior to the effective date of such withdrawal."

Since RWA membership is voluntary, the Executive Committee requested a policy to clarify how obligations and liabilities of RWA would be allocated if a member chooses to withdraw from membership.

Most of RWA's obligations are budgeted for on an annual basis and incorporated into the annual budget. Some obligations are incurred during the membership, but the payment is made over several future periods. Examples of these types of delayed payments for past services include unfunded pension and other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") liabilities.

This draft policy outlines the framework to allocate debts, liabilities and obligations of the Regional Water Authority that are not budgeted for on an annual basis. Some changes were made to this draft policy since the last discussion occurred at the May 24, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting. The liability allocation methodology for the unfunded pension plan obligation was changed to simply the calculation and to also account for the how a membership may change over time (i.e. increasing dues as a result of changes to members' size). This draft policy also now includes other obligations, such as OPEB.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Action: Recommend Approval of Policy 500.16 Allocating Liabilities to Withdrawing Members by the RWA Board of Directors.

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Type : Fiscal Management
Policy Title : Allocating Liabilities to Withdrawing Members
Policy Number : 500.16
Date Adopted :
Date Amended :

ALLOCATING LIABILITIES TO WITHDRAWING MEMBERS

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Unfunded Pension Liabilities

RWA provides defined pension benefits for plan participants that meet the vesting criteria as established by CalPERS, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA)¹. The fundamental financial objective of an employee defined

¹ Any current or future changes to the pension laws will dictate available benefits to employees or retirees.

benefit pension plan is to fund the long-term costs of benefits promised to the plan participants. In a defined benefit plan, an employer has promised a benefit and must make contributions to the plan in order to meet the promised benefit². In order to assure the pension benefits will remain sustainable, RWA should accumulate adequate resources for future benefit payments in a systematic and disciplined manner during the active service life of the benefitting employees.

These pension plan obligations are accumulated over the life time of employee service. RWA's pension plan payments have been based upon CalPERS Annual Valuation reports which specify the amount of payments RWA is required to make to fund these pension plan obligations. RWA has paid 100% of the annual required contributions towards the pension plan. However, due to amortization policies³ of the CalPERS pension plan that account for differences between actuarial assumptions and actual results, RWA's actuarially determined pension liabilities for prior employee service has not yet been fully funded. Because RWA's membership is voluntary, RWA has adopted Policy 500.15 Defined Benefit Pension Plan Funding Policy. The goal of Policy 500.15 is to accelerate additional payments towards the unfunded pension liability over a period of four years so as to achieve a 100% funded ratio. A 100% funded ratio is calculated by comparing the allocated market value of pension assets compared to the actuarial accrued liability for RWA's plan. However, since every year new liabilities can be created when actual pension plan results don't match the actuarial assumptions or assumptions change, new additional unfunded liabilities can be created.

Since RWA membership is voluntary, it is important that the pension costs for employee services incurred while serving active members is adequately and timely funded by these RWA members as they receive these services so as to achieve intergenerational equity. The unfunded liability represents pension costs associated with past service of employees that have been received by RWA members. These past services have contributed to the current influence and success of RWA as a regional water advocate.

RWA's unfunded pension liability is considered incurred by the member for services received during membership. This liability shall be calculated and allocated to members who withdraw based upon the following framework:

1. Determine the withdrawing member's proportion of annual dues for all years of membership.
2. Determine total RWA membership dues since organization inception in July 2001 for all remaining members, including the withdrawing member.
3. Calculate an allocation percentage for the withdrawing member by taking the dues in step one divided by the dues in step two.

² The required contributions are typically variable in nature due to variable market performance and changing assumptions.

³ CalPERS has amortization policies that typically amortize these differences over 30 years with a five-year ramp up of amortization costs.

4. Obtain the unfunded hypothetical termination liability (“UHTL”) as prepared by the latest available CalPERS annual valuation report using the highest discount rate available as calculated for the UHTL. The hypothetical termination liability assumes that once the termination liability is “paid” by the employer, the pension plan will no longer continue to receive employer funds and therefore must be self-sustaining to pay for legal pension obligations. A lower discount rate is assumed for this calculation to mitigate the risk of funds being insufficient to pay for pension obligations due to changes in assumptions. Even if RWA has fully paid its unfunded liability as determined by CalPERS using funding discount rates,⁴ RWA can still have an unfunded hypothetical termination liability since lower discount rates are used.
5. The members’ allocation percentage as calculated in step 3 multiplied by the UHTL in step 4 will result in a pension liability payment due from the withdrawing member.

Any funds received by RWA specifically for the pension plan obligations as calculated above will be remitted to CalPERS pension plan as part of the annual additional lump sum payment(s) made by RWA in excess of the required annual contributions. Based upon staff recommendations, the Board may exercise discretion in regards to the timing of the payment to CalPERS for these type of payments.

Unfunded Other Post-Employment Liabilities (“OPEB”)

Bi-annually, RWA has an actuary calculate the unfunded OPEB. Beginning in fiscal year 2017, the unfunded liability includes two components – an explicit and implicit liability. RWA has been funding both portions of this liability since fiscal year 2017. The annual required contribution for OPEB pays for the current year employees OPEB benefits and for the prior year unfunded benefits. In determining the portion to allocate to a withdrawing member, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability as determined by the latest actuary report, including both the explicit and implicit liability, will be the liability basis used to allocate to the member. This unfunded actuarial accrued liability allocation will be determined in the same manner as the unfunded pension liability allocation.

Dues Surcharges

From time to time, RWA may incur obligations that benefit members but may be paid for over a period of several years, such as the Powerhouse Science center project. RWA may make one-time or multi-year special assessments to fund these opportunities. Withdrawing members will be responsible for the allocated obligation of these special assessments, including any future unpaid multi-year assessments. These obligations due from the withdrawing member will be calculated using the same allocation basis to derive the special assessments.

⁴ The discount rates for funding have varied over the years. Historically, the discount rate was 7.75% and is expected to decrease to at least 7.0 and perhaps further in future years.

Project or Program Management Liabilities

These specific liabilities are based upon project management agreements between various members, depending upon the project. As stated in the joint powers agreement, the withdrawing member shall be obligated to pay its portion of liabilities as agreed to according to the project or program management agreement and approved by the Project Committee as of the date of withdrawal.

Leases

If leases represent use of space or equipment on a prospective or ongoing use basis, these obligations are accounted for in current dues and would typically not be allocated to withdrawing members.

Payment to RWA

Payment for these obligations and liabilities are payable to RWA within 90 days of withdrawal.

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AGENDA ITEM 8: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

Throughout the course of 2017, the Executive Committee considered modifications to RWA's Strategic Plan. The Planning, Implementation, and Advocacy elements of the Plan were updated and approved by the full RWA Board of Directors. The Information/Education element was modified by the EC, and will be taken to the Board for approval in March 2018.

The Strategic Plan was completed in 2013 and designed to serve the needs of the organization to 2018 and beyond. With the modifications made in 2017, the Strategic Plan should serve RWA well for the next few years.

The full text of the modified goals and objectives is attached. Note that the Information/Education element is draft until approval by the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information Presentation: John Woodling, Executive Director

AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018+

PLANNING GOAL – Continuously improve an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan that is comprehensive in scope and guides effective water resources management in the region.

Objective A. Develop a Regional Water Reliability Plan to identify the most promising regional opportunities to improve water supply reliability.

1. Identify most promising opportunities for intra- and interregional transfers and exchanges to meet demands or environmental needs.
2. Evaluate regional opportunities to reduce water use.
3. Support interregional groundwater management and conjunctive use planning.
4. Support recycled water planning
5. Identify most promising opportunities for shared infrastructure and resources.

Objective B. Evaluate and respond to external impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.

1. Evaluate climate as a regional vulnerability and consider climate adaptation strategies.
2. Promote Delta solutions that protect the region's water supplies.
3. Promote forecast informed reservoir operations that enhance water supplies while maintaining flood protection.
4. Update a regional hydrologic model, in coordination with groundwater sustainability agencies, to support regional planning and groundwater management.

Objective C. Complete a comprehensive update to the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

1. Coordinate completion of a Regional Stormwater Plan for incorporation into the IRWM Plan.
2. Ensure compliance with state standards for eligibility and competitiveness for future funding.
3. Develop MOUs with adjacent IRWM groups for coordination in areas served by RWA members.

AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018+

IMPLEMENTATION GOAL– Assist members with implementing successful water resources management strategies and related programs. This includes identifying, acquiring and administering external sources of funding.

Objective A. Promote implementation of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

1. Seek funding for projects included in the IRWM Plan and support efforts of individual entities to leverage the IRWM Plan for funding.
2. Assist with acquiring and managing grant funding for regional projects including infrastructure, water conservation, and water reliability.
3. Maintain the IRWM database and make appropriate updates to the IRWM Plan on a quarterly basis.

Objective B. Promote improvements in water use efficiency in the region to meet future water needs and ensure compliance with applicable requirements.

1. Continue to cost effectively implement a clearly defined water efficiency program that allows members to satisfy public outreach and school education requirements for a number of purposes, including the Central Valley Improvement Act and Urban Water Management Plans.
2. Continue to track and report progress in attaining compliance with metering requirements.
3. Track individual member agency water use and assist in developing a strategy for regional compliance with state standards.
4. Lead the Water Forum water caucus in development of modifications to the Water Conservation element.

Objective C. Support a lower American River Flow Management Standard that is consistent with the Water Forum co-equal goals.

Objective D. Support water transfers among agencies (intra- and interregional) that are beneficial to the region.

Objective E. Support programs to benefit from economies of scale in purchasing and resource sharing as opportunities present themselves.

AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018+

INFORMATION/EDUCATION GOAL – Inform and educate members and interested parties by providing a forum for discussion of issues and outreach to stakeholders. DRAFT – for consideration by the RWA Board

Objective A. Educate and inform members and other interested parties on water management issues affecting the region.

1. Educate members through periodic RWA Water Workshops and updates on relevant topics.
2. Maintain a subcommittee to solicit and prioritize topics and assist in planning workshops.

Objective B. Raise RWA's profile and credibility to external audiences through outreach efforts.

1. Inform the media on water management successes in the region.
2. Inform federal, state and local elected officials on water issues and water management successes.
3. Inform the public about water supply conditions by developing talking points and compiling water shortage information throughout the year.

Objective C. Develop and maintain strong partnerships to advance RWA member interests.

1. Represent the Water Caucus in the Water Forum Successor Effort.
2. Develop and maintain partnerships with other northern California water interests and water agencies outside the RWA region.
3. Maintain partnerships with business organizations including Metro Chamber and local chambers.
4. Expand involvement in statewide organizations to convey the region's views.

Objective D. Maintain communication among members to create and implement a consistent message for RWA and the region that supports other strategic plan elements (planning, implementation and advocacy).

AMENDMENTS TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018+

ADVOCACY GOAL - REPRESENT REGIONAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POLICIES AND ACTIONS. THIS INCLUDES WORKING TO PRESERVE THE WATER RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS OF MEMBERS, MAINTAIN AREA OF ORIGIN PROTECTIONS, AND PROTECT AND ENSURE WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

Objective A. Engage state and federal legislators representing the region and legislators on relevant committees to discuss an agenda for legislative action that represents a collective RWA member vision on items of regional importance

1. Annually, develop a state legislative agenda and outreach plan for the region to guide advocacy efforts.
2. Maintain a tracking system of significant water related state legislation and make the information and a summary readily available electronically to members.
3. Using priorities identified through regional planning efforts, develop and advocate for positions on federal and state funding programs.
4. Monitor and actively engage on actions of the ACWA State Legislative Committee and coordinate with other external organizations.
5. Support RWA member agency activities on federal legislation and coordinate with external organizations including ACWA, NWRA, and the Metro Chamber.

Objective B. Evaluate, comment and advocate on statewide water regulatory issues that may impact the region and its water supply reliability

1. Track, evaluate and respond to water quality, water conservation, water affordability and other regulatory issues that may affect members.
2. Track, evaluate and respond to the ongoing regulatory implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
3. Participate and coordinate with efforts of partner organizations with similar interests.

AGENDA ITEM 9: 2018 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND:

RWA Executive Committee meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the RWA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110 in Citrus Heights. The meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. The Executive Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of March, November and December. The March meeting will be held on March 21, 2018 to accommodate spring break. The November and December meetings will be combined and held on December 5, 2018.

Current 2018 Executive Committee Schedule	Meeting Conflicts	Proposed 2018 Executive Committee Schedule
February 28, 2018		February 28, 2018
March 28, 2018	Spring Break	March 21, 2018
April 25, 2018		April 25, 2018
May 23, 2018		May 23, 2018
June 27, 2018		June 27, 2018
July 25, 2018		July 25, 2018
August 22, 2018		August 22, 2018
September 26, 2018		September 26, 2018
October 24, 2018		October 24, 2018
November 28, 2018	Week after Thanksgiving	December 5, 2018
December 26, 2018	Week of Christmas	Cancel

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Action: Adopt proposed schedule of Executive Committee meetings for 2018

January 24, 2018

AGENDA ITEM 10: WATER EFFICIENCY – LANDSCAPE IMAGERY PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

To assist with the evaluation of AB 1668 and SB 606, several water agencies expressed a desire to purchase aerial imagery for their service areas. Aerial imagery provides data on landscape material type and irrigable/irrigated designation to help estimate residential landscape irrigation budgets (when combined with evapotranspiration data) like those associated with the proposed legislation. RWA staff researched several options for a regional purchase of aerial imagery for all RWA water agencies.

Currently the most cost effective option is to partner with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and join their existing effort to purchase aerial imagery. SACOG is under contract with Sanborn, Inc. to purchase imagery that would provide coverage for approximately half of the region's service areas (primarily Sacramento County). SACOG has offered access to this imagery for our use. RWA proposes to collect additional funding to cover the remaining areas, which include parts of the city of Yuba City, Placer County Water Agency, California American Water, El Dorado Irrigation District, San Juan Water District, and City of Roseville. Figure 1 shows the proposed project areas.¹ The goal is to obtain comprehensive consistent imagery for the entire region to evaluate regulation proposals and provide local imagery files to each agency for additional planning purposes. The imagery is at a 3-inch resolution, which will provide enough details to identify different types of vegetation and irrigable versus irrigated area of residential and commercial parcels. Currently the Department of Water Resources is using 6-inch imagery (less detailed) to implement the landscape area analysis pilot program with Padre Dam Municipal Water District and City of Santa Rosa. The SACOG imagery is scheduled to be collected between February and April 2018 with delivery expected in September 2018. Detailed estimated areas and costs are included in Table 1.² Staff proposes to cover costs of ground control and the SACOG administrative fee from the Water Efficiency Program Budget.

SACOG's deadline for participation in the project is January 26th. RWA will submit service area coverage and mileage of those agencies that are interested on the 26th for inclusion in the SACOG effort. RWA will need to execute a contract with SACOG and then execute agreements for payment from each participating agency.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with SACOG for Landscape Imagery Project.

¹ Project areas subject to change based on feedback from participating agencies.

² Please note that water agency service area miles in the table may be higher than expected as the imagery data is collected in quarter mile segments and may not directly overlap irregular water agency service area boundaries.

Figure 1: Proposed Landscape Imagery Project Areas

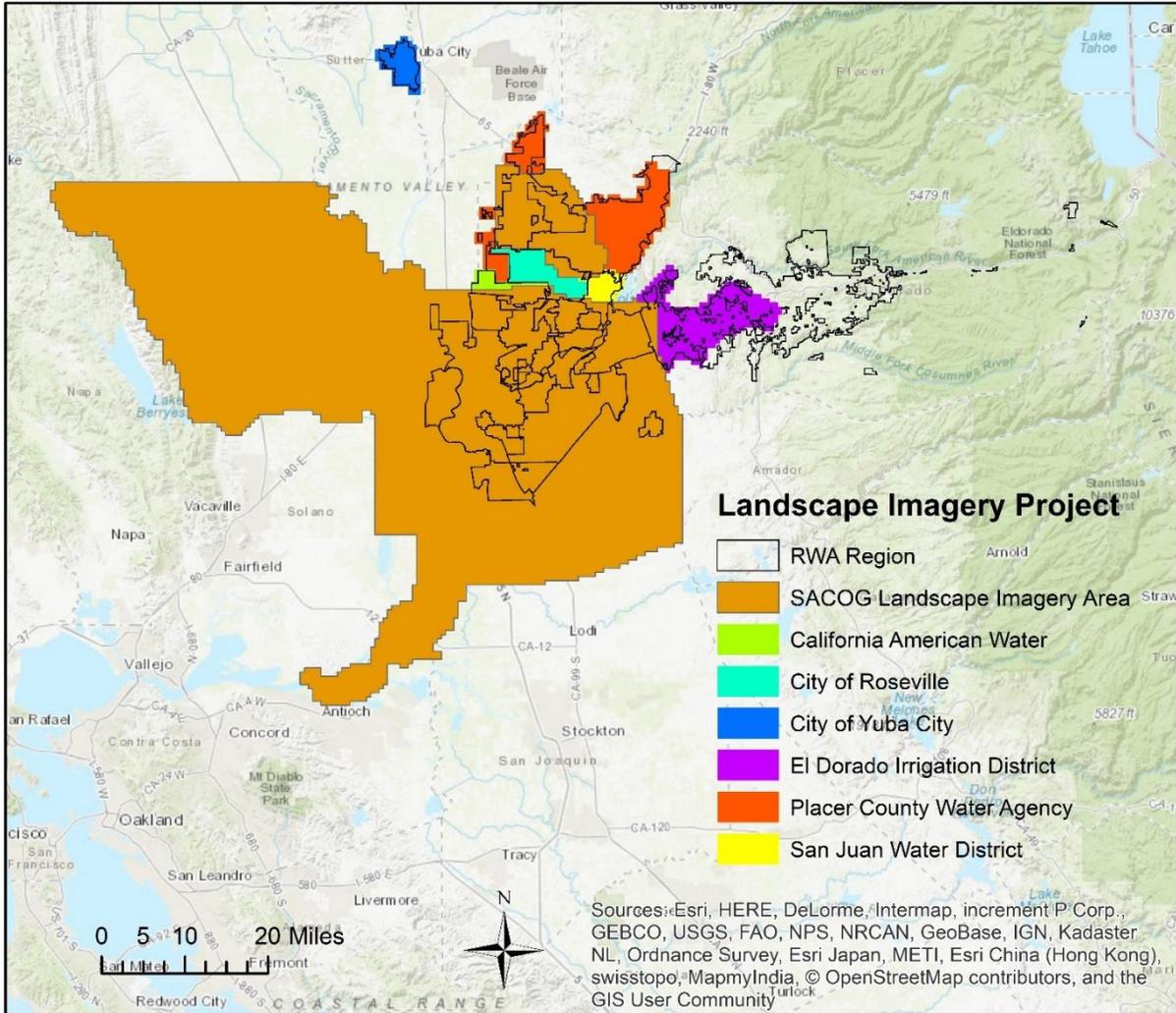


Table 1: Landscape Imagery Project Estimated Costs

Participating Agency	Number of Miles	Imagery Cost (\$282/sq. mile)	Ground Control	5% SACOG Admin Fee	Total Cost
Placer County Water Agency	118	\$33,276	\$0	\$0	\$33,276
El Dorado Irrigation District	100	\$28,200	\$0	\$0	\$28,200
City of Roseville	30	\$8,460	\$0	\$0	\$8,460
San Juan Water District	15	\$4,230	\$0	\$0	\$4,230
California American Water	11	\$3,102	\$0	\$0	\$3,102
City of Yuba City	25	\$7,050	\$0	\$0	\$7,050
Regional Water Authority	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$4,216	\$11,716
TOTALS	299	\$84,318	\$7,500	\$4,216	\$96,034

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AGENDA ITEM 11: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 24, 2018

TO: REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHN WOODLING

RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. RWA Outreach** – Mr. Woodling will speak to the North Bay Water group regarding the Regional Water Authority. Water agencies and local governments in the counties of Marin, Sonoma and Napa are considering formation of a regional water planning organization to build on the success they have had in the North Bay Water Reuse Authority. RWA will be the first of several organizations in the state who will provide information on potential alternatives to the group. Mr. Woodling will attend the first meeting for 2018 of the ACWA State Legislative Committee on January 19, 2017, will chair the ACWA Groundwater Committee on February 21, 2017, and will attend the ACWA Board workshop and meeting on February 1-2, 2017. Adam Robin will serve as the lead on water issues for the Metro Chamber's State Legislative Summit on March 13, 2017. Amy Talbot will speak at a meeting of the California Data Collaborative, hosted by the City of Sacramento, on January 19, 2017.

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AGENDA ITEM 12: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS