



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 11, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
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
Paul Joiner, City of Lincoln
Scott Alvord, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Denix Anbiah, City of West Sacramento
Stan Cleveland, City of Yuba City
Diana Langley, City of Yuba City
Deb Sedwick, Del Paso Manor Water 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
Sharon Wilcox, Orange Vale Water Company
Brent Smith, Placer County Water Agency
Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency
Mary Henrici, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Tim Shaw, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District

RWA Affiliate Members

David Zuber, Brown & Caldwell, Sergio Guillen, Forsgren Associates, Inc., Charles Duncan, Abigail Madrone and Kelye McKinney, West Yost Associates

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance:

Einar Maisch, Dave Jones, Rob Roscoe, David Gordon, Lindsay Swain, Joe Duran and Marty Hanneman. Nicole Krotoski participated via conference call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 9, 2017 regular board meeting
- b. Adopt proposed RWA Board Meetings scheduled for 2018
- c. Approve pay scales for 2014 through 2018 to comply with CalPERS

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

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Information: Final minutes of the October 25, 2017 Executive Committee meeting and draft minutes from the December 6, 2017 Executive Committee meeting
- b. Accept the 2017 RWA Financial Audit Report

M/S/C Ms. Sedwick moved, with a second by Mr. Nugent, to accept the 2017 RWA Financial Audit Report. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

Ingrid Shepline, Richardson and Company directed the board to page 8 of the audit report for a summary of the audit. A change in the financial statements in the audit indicates a portion of the pension liability for the RWA employees who work on SGA that was moved over to the SGA. She said that it was a clean audit with no exceptions, no adjustments and no issues with compliance.

John Woodling, Executive Director, thanked Ingrid Shepline and the Richardson and Company team for their sixth year as auditors for RWA/SGA. RWA will be sending out an RFQ for a new auditor contract for next year.

Ingrid Sheipline exited the meeting.

5. APPROVE RWA FIVE YEAR LEASE

John Woodling, Executive Director, reported that staff has been working on options for when our August 2018 lease ends. The Executive Committee discussed several alternatives including remaining at our current location. Legal counsel has reviewed the lease. The lease with the details of the agreement was included in the packet. The agreement includes a five year lease with an option to renew for two additional years.

Chair Peifer thanked Ms. Tobin and Mr. Greenwood for their work on seeking possible options including purchasing the current offices and leasing other properties.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to approve the new five year lease through Vermeer & Goedhart Dairy, LLC. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. ELECT 2018 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. 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 2018 Executive Committee:

- Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
- Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
- Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
- Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
- Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
- Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
- Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
- Deb Sedwick, Del Paso Manor Water District
- Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency

7. ELECT 2018 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. Marcus Yasutake was elected as the 2018 Chair.

Mr. Paul Schubert was elected as 2018 Vice-Chair.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woodling thanked everyone for their participation in the Executive Committee elections. In the past couple of years the Executive Committee has created subcommittees for different activities including the conference and education subcommittee. A future goal is to broaden the subcommittees to include RWA board members on the subcommittees with the Executive Committee members.

Legislative and Regulatory Update – RWA staff provided testimony at a State Water Resources Control Board workshop and submitted written comments in response to the Board's draft "Permanent Prohibitions Against Wasteful and Unreasonable Water Uses." RWA's comments emphasized the effectiveness of locally-driven approaches to advancing water use efficiency and provided specific comments on the proposed prohibitions. The 2018 legislative session began on January 3. We will be focusing on Water Efficiency legislation and SB 623, the water tax to provide safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities.

Immediately following the January 24th Executive Committee meeting there will be a workshop with Paul Jones from Eastern Municipal Water District. Mr. Jones will talk about a legislative initiative that they're sponsoring with a goal of providing an institutional structure to make some of the small water systems more sustainable in the state as a part of this solution to disadvantaged communities.

Save the Date – The Making Safe, Clean, Affordable and Accessible Water a Reality event is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Capitol Event Center. A flyer will be sent out with additional information. There will be two panels to talk about the issue of affordable water. There are two issues, how are we going to fund the operations and maintenance costs of the small water systems that don't have safe drinking water and the affordability of water for customers throughout the state in general. The March 15th event will discuss what the challenges and problems are and what some of the solutions are with broad representation of the interest groups and environmental justice groups that are pushing these issues.

Water Efficiency Update – Staff is working on a project to understand the landscape water needs on the ground in our communities. The idea is to obtain information related to a standard for water use that is based on the needs of your community by mapping out what the landscape area is, what the indoor water use

is and moving away from the percentage based standard of saving 20% by 2020SACOG goes out periodically to member agencies to see what their aerial imagery needs are. Staff is trying to cover the agencies that are not covered by the existing SACOG effort so the entire RWA region is covered one time so we can see what parcels look like.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Madison said there should be special acknowledgement made to Mr. Roscoe for the emissary award that he was presented at the ACWA Fall Conference. It's a very prestigious award and was well deserved.

Ms. Sedwick thanked the board for electing her to the Executive Committee. Del Paso Manor Water District appointed Jeff Elmore as a new board member.

Mr. Greenwood said that he's looking forward to another great year serving on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Yasutake thanked the board for electing him as RWA Chair and thanked the 2017 Executive Committee and Chair Peifer. The new City of Folsom mayor is Steve Miklos and the vice mayor is Ernie Sheldon. He reminded the board members that Executive Committee meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Mr. Schubert thanked the board for their vote of confidence in reelecting him to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Alvord commented that the RWA Board meetings that he's attended as an alternate have always been professional.

Ms. Schmitz thanked the board for the vote of confidence and she's looking forward to another year on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Cleveland said that the City of Yuba City made water supply out of the Feather River stable by performing emergency levee repairs that were accomplished in four months on a three mile stretch. They now have close to 40 miles of reconditioned levees where the slurry wall is up to 120 feet down, which stabilizes their side. Yuba City held the kick off for their newly completed \$70 million four-lane bridge project. They are working on additional water reliability in preparation of their next drought declaration. The City of Yuba City received recognition from the State of California for their levee project when it was voted the top project by the engineers.

Ms. Henrici introduced Tim Shaw as the general manager for Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District. Mr. Shaw was formerly with Olivehurst Public Utilities.

Ms. Tobin thanked the members for their vote of confidence and thanked the 2017 Executive Committee for their hard work during the year. She introduced Marty Hanneman as the new San Juan Water District board president.

Mr. York thanked the members for their vote of confidence voting him on the 2018 Executive Committee. Mr. Roscoe will remain with the Sacramento Suburban Water District for a few more months.

Mr. Raffety reported that beginning April 1, 2018 a portion of the property tax revenue that El Dorado Irrigation District receives will go towards subsidizing 1,500 low income customers.

Chair Peifer said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the March 15th event. He thanked everyone for their support for him as 2018 Executive Committee Chair. He thanked Mr. Yasutake and the Executive Committee. Councilmember Jeff Harris will be a new RWA Board member for the City of Sacramento,

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Peifer adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer