

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Yasutake called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 8:00 a.m. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

### Executive Committee Members

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

### Staff Members

John Woodling, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge and Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

### Others in Attendance

Kelye McKinney and Charles Duncan.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held April 25, 2018. It was noted that under agenda item 6, Legislative and Regulatory Update the first sentence of the second paragraph should read “leaving RWA on April 27<sup>th</sup>.”

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood, to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2018 Executive Committee meeting with the noted change. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

## **4. CHAIR TO APPOINT 2018 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Each year the RWA Chair appoints an executive Director Review Committee. Policy 400.4 states that “The RWA Chair will select an Evaluation Committee comprising four members, consisting of two members from the RWA Executive Committee and two Board Members from the SGA. Members of the Evaluation

Committee will not be from the same agency. Whenever feasible, the Chair of the RWA will chair the Evaluation Committee and the Chair of the SGA will serve on the Evaluation Committee.”

After discussion it was decided that after the HR Consultant is hired they can work with the Executive Director and Executive Committee to redefine the Executive Director Evaluation process. As a neutral facilitator the HR Consultant can provide input to make the evaluation process smoother. Questions for the HR Consultant include asking if it is beneficial to have a separation of time between the review and salary discussion, what is the best practice and what are our priorities.

In the interim, this year’s evaluation will proceed per the usual process; however, an online survey will be designed to solicit input from Board members. Chair Yasutake appointed Paul Schubert, Dan York, Debra Sedwick and Audie Foster to the Ad Hoc 2018 Executive Director Review Committee. Chair Yasutake will serve as chair of the committee.

## **5. DESIGNATE REMAINING SALARY BUDGET**

RWA is in the process of recruiting to fill the position of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, which will likely be vacant through May and June of 2018. The salary budgeted for fiscal year 2018-19 was based on the current incumbent in the position. Staff is proposing to move the salary savings from the current fiscal year into the FY 2019 budget to provide for the ability to recruit highly qualified candidates for the position.

John Woodling, Executive Director, said that when we have the budget discussion we look at where people are in the pay range, assume a cost of living increase, and assume for those that are not at the top of their range that they will perform well enough to receive a step increase. When we budgeted for the legislative position it was lower in the range and that could preclude us from bringing someone new in at the top of the range. Mr. Woodling is proposing that we take the salary budget that we didn’t spend this current fiscal year and push it forward into next year. The ability to pay may be a driver in the ability to get the individual we need for advocacy going forward.

There was discussion about the current and future budgeted salary for the advocacy position and how that may change and affect future fiscal year budgets.

M/S/C Ms. Sedwick moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to recommend that the Board designate the remaining salary budget of approximately \$24,600 from FY 2018 into FY 2019. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

The RWA Board adopted Policy 500.16 in March 2018, which identifies how long-term liabilities of members could be assessed. In 2017 the Executive Committee discussed the need for this policy prior to recruiting new members. Membership Subcommittee Chair Dugan requested additional participation from the Executive

Committee members. Mr. Woodling, Chair Yasutake, Mr. York and Ms. Tobin volunteered to assist Mr. Dugan on the subcommittee. Mr. Woodling handed out a list of agencies to potentially recruit for RWA membership, associate membership and affiliate membership. Mr. Dugan reported that the subcommittee will meet to refine the list of agencies, determine what their dues structure would be and strategize how to move forward with presentations showing the value of becoming a member of RWA. The subcommittee recognizes that each agency is unique in their needs and circumstances.

There was discussion on the agencies that would be invited to join and what RWA membership category would be the best fit for each agency. The RWA profile increases as membership increases. Mr. Dugan said that the subcommittee will meet and bring a proposed agency list back to the June Executive Committee. The subcommittee will match potential agencies with board members who have a connection to the agency to be involved in reaching out to them.

The conference subcommittee sent out a survey to members and staff asking for input on the March 15<sup>th</sup> event. The survey will include questions on cost, location, dates and topics of interest in the future. A request for additional participation on the Conference Subcommittee from additional board members was included in the survey.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Legislative and Regulatory Update** – The Long-Term Urban Water Use Efficiency and Drought Planning Legislation, AB 1668 and SB 606, have passed the Legislature and moved to the Governor for signature. RWA and its partners were able to gain favorable amendments in the final versions of the bills that largely satisfied our outstanding concerns. Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, the author of two RWA-sponsored bills last year, was instrumental in achieving the amendments. Mr. Woodling provided a draft letter that he proposed sending to Assemblymember Rubio to thank her for her leadership role in legislation to improve drought planning and the efficient use of water in California. The letter will be signed by Chair Marcus and Mr. Woodling. After some discussion there was unanimous support from all directors present for the letter to be sent as presented.

Water Tax Legislation in SB 623 and a Budget Trailer Bill continues to be problematic. RWA, several members, and a variety of regional business groups sent a letter of opposition to the water tax on May 13, 2018. On Thursday, May 17, Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation voted to advance a temporary augmentation with one-time funding for safe and affordable drinking water, while not advancing the tax proposal.

**RWA Outreach** – Mr. Woodling chaired the meeting of the ACWA Groundwater Committee on May 8<sup>th</sup> and moderated a panel on the future of IRWM on May 9<sup>th</sup> at conference. Mr. Woodling has agreed to represent ACWA Region 4 on the selection panel for ACWA's next executive director. Mr. Woodling has agreed to serve on the advisory committee for the Groundwater Exchange, a product of the Environmental Defense Fund in conjunction with Chris Austin of Maven's Notebook

and the California Water Library. The Exchange seeks to bring together the broad universe of information and documents that will support SGMA implementation. The first meeting was held on May 14, 2018. Mr. Woodling will be a speaker at the Groundwater Resources Association's GSA Summit on June 6, 2018 and at *An Uncommon Dialogue* on managing groundwater quality under SGMA hosted by Stanford University's Water in the West Program on June 11, 2018. Mr. Woodling will participate as a member of GRA's Contemporary Groundwater Issues Committee on May 24, 2018. Mr. Swartz will speak to NCWA's Northern California Water Leaders Course 2018 cohort on May 24, 2018.

**Financial Reports** – The RWA financial reports through April 30, 2018 were included in the packet.

## 8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. York reported that the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board needs to fill the vacancy left with passing of Mr. Schild. Eight applications for the position have been received.

Ms. Tobin reported that Paul Helliker will be getting married over the weekend and he will not be available until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sedwick said that Del Paso Manor Water District has a hearing scheduled for their rate increase. It appears that the rate increase will go through.

Ms. Schmitz reported that the rate hearing for Sacramento County Water Agency that was held yesterday failed. The matter will be presented to the board again next month.

Mr. Greenwood said that the Carmichael Water District board met May 21<sup>st</sup> and approved the water meter replacement program. They have prepared a draft budget.

Mr. Yasutake said that in the Sacramento Bee today there was an article on City of Folsom's Prop 218. City council has decided to postpone the July 10<sup>th</sup> hearing date.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Chair Yasutake adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer