



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yasutake 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
Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Matthew Wheeler, City of Lincoln
Dan Karleskint, City of Lincoln
Scott Alvord, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Martha Guerrero, City of West Sacramento
Denix Anbiah, City of West Sacramento
Dave Shaw, 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
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Agency
Brent Smith, Placer County Water Agency
Mark Martin, Rancho Murieta Community SD
Brent Dills, 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
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

RWA Affiliate Members

Alan Driscoll, Forsgren Associates, Inc., Charles Duncan and Kelye McKinney,
West Yost Associates, Alyssa Leidel, GEI Consultants and Vanessa Nishikawa,
Stantec

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Nancy Marrier, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

David Gordon, David Wheaton, Rich Plecker, Ken Payne, Brett Storey, Jose Ramirez, Peggy Vande Vooren, Karl Brustad and Chelsea Spier. Nicole Krotoski participated via conference call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve Minutes of the November 8, 2018 regular board meeting
- b. Adopt proposed RWA Board Meetings scheduled for 2019
- c. Approve RWA Personnel Rules, Policy 400.1; Appendix C: Harassment and Retaliation Prevention; Appendix D: Drug Free Work Place; Appendix E: Workplace Violence; Appendix G: Health Reimbursement and Appendix H: Family Care Leave
- d. Approve Amended Policy 400.2
- e. Accept the 2018 RWA Financial Audit Report

Mr. Greenwood noted that the November 8, 2018 board minutes should be corrected to indicate that he attended the meeting and Mr. Nugent did not.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Sedwick moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood, to approve the consent calendar items with the noted correction. 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 24, 2018 Executive Committee meeting and draft minutes from the December 5, 2018 Executive Committee meeting

5. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NON-FEDERAL PARTNERS TO DEVELOP A WATER MARKETING STRATEGY PLAN

John Woodling, Executive Director, referred to a resolution included in the packet regarding a Memorandum of Agreement with non-Federal partners to develop a

Water Marketing Strategy Plan. El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) is the lead on the federal grant.

Rob Swartz, Manager of Technical Services, said that the US Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart program released a water marketing grant opportunity. EDCWA acted as the lead applicant on the grant and they are now executing an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. The MOA will document the role of the partners and the funding contribution commitments.

Ken Payne, El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) General Manager, said that this project is related to other ongoing projects and this element supplements the work that RWA is doing on the groundwater substitution transfer component.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to adopt Resolution 2019-01 regarding a Memorandum of Agreement with non-Federal partners to develop a Water Marketing Strategy Plan. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

6. ELECT 2019 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 Yasutake 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 2019 Executive Committee:

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

Martha Guerrero, City of West Sacramento, exited the meeting.

7. ELECT 2019 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.

Paul Schubert was elected as the 2019 Chair.
Kerry Schmitz was elected as 2019 Vice-Chair.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woodling noted that Mr. Schubert is the first representative of an investor-owned utility to Chair the RWA.

Legislative and Regulatory Update – The 2019 legislative session began December 3, 2018 and there have been over 215 bills introduced. The Legislature reconvenes January 7, 2019 and it is expected that there will be a wide range of topics touched on in legislation with somewhere in the range of 3,000 bills typically introduced in the first year of the two-year legislative cycle.

The biggest legislative issue for RWA in 2019 is likely to be a “water tax” in relation to clean drinking water. At this time there is one bill (AB 134 Bloom) that has been introduced related to the water tax. The expectation is that Senator Monning will be reintroducing a bill that will include a “voluntary opt-out” monthly tax on water customer bills and Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia will introduce a bill that is intended to be a discussion vehicle to address clean drinking water. ACWA is sponsoring a bill that centers on a limited general fund capitalization of a trust fund to provide stable funding for clean drinking water. Ryan Ojakian has been involved in the ACWA safe drinking water group that has been developing the ACWA proposal.

Beginning January 1, 2019, the contract lobbyist will be funded as a core program of RWA rather than a subscription program. A representative, selected by each agency, will be involved in monthly meetings to discuss legislative and regulatory issues. The representatives will provide input to staff on bill positions and regulatory issues. The Executive Committee has the authority to take positions on bills based on policy priorities.

RWA Outreach – Thanks to all those who attended the 18th Annual RWA/SGA Holiday Social on December 6, 2018. We were pleased to honor Ryan Bezerra for the second time with the Water Statesperson Award and Pam Tobin with the Distinguished Service Award. Ms. Tobin was again elected to Chair the Sacramento Groundwater Authority in 2019. Mr. Woodling was awarded the ACWA Emissary Award at the Fall Conference and will continue to serve on the ACWA Board, on the State Legislative Committee and as Chair of the Groundwater Committee in 2019. Mr. Woodling was invited on December 6, 2018 to present our

approaches to drought response in 2014-15 to a group of water managers from Morocco.

Succession Planning – At the time of the Executive Director’s performance evaluation in 2018, members of the evaluation committee recommended creation of an ad hoc committee to focus on long term planning for succession in the Executive Director position. It is time-consuming, but beneficial to be better prepared up front. The ad hoc committee has discussed priorities and reviewed past recruitments, and staff has issued a request for proposals to a number of recruitment firms. The ad hoc committee will formalize the selection at the next Executive Committee meeting.

SB 998 – Senate Bill 998, passed in 2018, creates new requirements for water shutoff and reconnection for nonpayment of water bills. The Executive Committee discussed briefly what actions RWA member agencies will take in response. After discussion, it was suggested that this bill be watched closely and the progress documented. Ms. Tobin said that she would bring up this issue with ACWA. She requested all concerns be e-mailed to her to present at ACWA.

9. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Nelson said that AB 2557 became effective January 1, 2019 as an amendment to the Brown Act that requires a link on the front page of a website for a board of director meeting agenda.

All new Executive Committee members thanked the board for the vote of confidence in electing them to the 2019 committee.

Mr. Schubert thanked Mr. Yasutake for his service as 2018 RWA Chair.

Mr. Wheeler said that Jennifer Hanson has been selected as interim City Manager for City of Lincoln. Councilmember Dan Karleskint is a new RWA representative for the City.

Mr. Storey reported that the Department of Water Resources has reclassified the Martis Valley groundwater basin in Placer County from a medium basin to a low basin, relieving them from Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for that portion of the county.

Ms. Tobin requested the board members direct any concerns or questions they may have to the Executive Committee members. She also extended an open invitation for all members to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

Mr. Straus introduced David Wheaton as a new Citrus Heights Water District alternate representative for RWA.

Mr. Shaw introduced himself as a new RWA representative for the City of Yuba City.

Mr. Raffety reported that El Dorado Irrigation District has two new board members.

Mr. Dills commented that he is glad to be back with RWA as a representative for Rio Linda/Elverta CWD.

Chair Yasutake thanked the 2018 Executive Committee, and said he is looking forward to 2019.

Adjournment

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

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer