

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schubert called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:30 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
Dan Karleskint, City of Lincoln
Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento
Ben Moody, City of Yuba City
Trish Harrington, Del Paso Manor Water District
Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Agency
Brent Smith, Placer County Water Agency
Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency
Mark Martin, Rancho Murieta Community Services 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 Associate Members

Ansel Lundberg, SMUD and Jose Ramirez, SRCSD

RWA Affiliate Members

Alan Driscoll, Forsgren Associates, Inc.

Staff Members

Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Ryan Bezerra,
Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

David Gordon, Chelsea Spier, Debra Sedwick, Ted Costa, Misha Sarkovich, Greg Zlotnick, Pauline Roccucci and Paul Olmstead

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Olmstead, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), commented on replacing the recently retired Executive Committee Member from Del Paso Manor Water District. He said that the person who has been recommended by Del Paso to potentially replace the vacated position does not have the knowledge and experience to move RWA forward. SMUD is interested in seeing RWA be successful.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Mr. Bezerra, RWA Legal Counsel, said that in compliance with the RWA Joint Powers Authority agreement, the Interim Executive Director recommends that the Board temporarily appoint Cecilia Partridge, RWA Executive Assistant, as the RWA Secretary for the June 13, 2019 meeting.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Yasutake moved, with a second by Mr. Nugent, to approve appointment of Cecilia Partridge as Secretary for the June 13, 2019 RWA Regular Board meeting. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 15, 2019 and May 22, 2019 RWA Special Board meetings and the May 2, 2019 RWA Regular Board meeting

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.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Information: Final minutes of the March 27, 2019 and April 24, 2019 Executive Committee meeting and the April 26, 2019 and May 13, 2019 Special Executive Committee meetings

6. FILL VACANCY ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The RWA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was seeking to fill a post-election vacancy. When a committee member leaves the committee mid-year, RWA Policy 200.3 provides procedures for the filling of a vacancy. A copy of Policy 200.3 was included in the packet.

Debra Sedwick, Del Paso Manor Water District's former general manager, was a member of the Executive Committee prior to her retirement from that District. With her retirement, her seat on the Executive Committee was vacated. Under Policy 200.3, Del Paso Manor Water District recommended Trish Harrington as a replacement on the Executive Committee in a June 8, 2019 letter to the Board Chair. Consistent with Policy 200.3, the RWA Board of Directors considered appointing Ms. Harrington to serve in the vacated Executive Committee seat for the remainder of the 2019 term.

Consistent with Policy 200.3 the Board was asked to vote on the appointment of Ms. Harrington to the Executive Committee. Mr. Bezerra, RWA Legal Counsel, gave a brief overview of the process. Each agency was instructed to mark their ballot either for or against Ms. Harrington's appointment to the Executive Committee. Chair Schubert appointed Ryan Bezerra and Cecilia Partridge to act as the Elections Committee. Ms. Harrington was allowed time to make a statement.

Ms. Harrington did not receive a majority of the votes. Six votes were received approving the recommended appointment, specifically those of the City of Lincoln, City of Sacramento, Del Paso Manor Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, Placer County Water Agency, and Rancho Murieta Community Services District. Twelve votes were received against the recommended appointment, specifically those of California American Water, Carmichael Water District, Citrus Heights Water District, City of Folsom, City of Roseville, City of Yuba City, Elk Grove Water District, Golden State Water Company, Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento Suburban Water District and San Juan Water District. Fair Oaks Water District abstained. With the majority votes against, Ms. Harrington will not fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Greenwood entered the meeting.

RWA Policy 200.3 requires that the makeup of the Executive Committee include:

- At least two members who are members of a governing board of a member of RWA.
- At least two members who are management staff of a member of RWA.
- At least one member who represents a city or county member of RWA.
- At least one member who represents a contracting entity of RWA.

These requirements are satisfied by the existing eight members of the Executive Committee. As a result, any RWA board member whose organization is not already represented on the Executive Committee is an eligible candidate for the

Mr. Bezerra gave a brief overview of the election process. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to make a statement.

Sean Bigley from the City of Roseville received a majority of the votes, with 12 votes. Those votes were from Sacramento County Water Agency, Carmichael Water District, Placer County Water Agency, El Dorado Irrigation District, City of

Roseville, City of Folsom, Golden State Water Company, San Juan Water District, Elk Grove Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District, California American Water and Yuba City. Ms. Harrington received one vote from Del Paso Manor Water District, Mr. Karleskint received one vote from the City of Lincoln, and Mr. Riehle received four votes from Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District, City of Sacramento, Citrus Heights Water District and Rancho Murieta Community Services District.

Pursuant to Policy 200.3, Mr. Bigley was elected with the majority of votes to serve as a member of the 2019 Executive Committee for the remainder of its term.

7. POLICY 400.1 APPENDIX G UPDATE

Rob Swartz, Interim Executive Director, said that in March changes were adopted to our current employee and retiree employee health benefits. The benefit details were presented to the Board and requires an update to Policy 400.1, Appendix G. This change was necessary due to a CalPERS rule that requires that a contracting agency make available equal health benefit contributions to employees and retirees in the same group or class unless the Statutory Minimum approach is adopted. The revised version of the appendix was included in the packet.

M/S/C Mr. Nugent moved, with a second by Ms. Tobin, to approve the Amended RWA Policy 400.1, Appendix G. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Regional Water Reliability Plan has been completed and is posted on the RWA website. Hard copies will be available for each agency at the July 11, 2019 RWA Board meeting. With completion of the RWRP, staff is now moving into the main recommendation of the plan, the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

Funding opportunities have come up to help fund the planning to arrive at a water bank. The first funding opportunity is a Bureau of Reclamation water management option pilot program that includes an opportunity to request approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000. Staff is working on an application that is due July 10, 2019. RWA and Placer County Water Agency have been invited to pursue funding from this program.

Another opportunity came up through the WIIN Act, a federal program. With additional planning needs to complete the second phase, this program represents 25% federal funding cost share. Staff is pursuing approximately \$800,000 with a proposal that was submitted on June 10th to the Mid-Pacific Region with recommendations as to whether to advance the proposal to a Reclamation-wide review process expected June 14th.

Mr. Swartz gave a presentation to the Sacramento Suburban Water District on May 20th and was part of a regional contingent that met with the Mid Pacific Region Director on June 12th, briefing him on our goals to establish a water bank in the region.

Mr. Fecko commented that the work that Mr. Swartz and staff have done for the region program are appreciated.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tobin congratulated Mr. Bigley on his election to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Greenwood said he recently participated in a Bay-Delta tour sponsored by the Water Education Foundation. He said it was well worth the time and he recommended the tour to anyone.

Mr. York reported that Sacramento Suburban Water District is in the final stages of a water rate study that is being supported by their board.

Ms. Harrington thanked Carmichael Water District and San Juan Water District for assisting Del Paso Manor Water District in the past few weeks.

Mr. Bigley thanked members for voting him to the Executive Committee. He provided an update on the City of Roseville's Article 3F Recharge Operations System. Since February 20th, they have been taking water under their water service contract under Article 3F. They are currently at approximately 900 acre feet of recharge. The City will have an Environmental Assessment that will be posted by the Bureau of Reclamation regarding a transfer between SMUD and City of Roseville that will be used as testing of their groundwater program.

Ms. Rocucci congratulated Mr. Bigley for his election to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Shaw said that he attended a stakeholder meeting in West Sacramento sponsored by DWR that focused on entering the penalty phase of SB 606. A second meeting held downtown focused on maximum water loss. He would like to see an update presented by staff to the board on these meetings.

Chair Schubert said that the Golden State Water Company's Arden system will be fluoridated beginning this month and expected to be up and running by August. The rate increase that was filed in 2017 has been approved.

10. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code §§ 54954.5(e), 54957(b)(1)) Title: Executive Director

- 11. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code §§ 54954.5(f), 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Paul Schubert, Kerry Schmitz and
Marcus Yasutake
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director**

12. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

There were no actions to report from the Closed Sessions.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Bezerra said that the employment contract under consideration has been modified beginning with section 5. Under Work Hours, the paragraphs will be numbered subsections 5.1 and 5.2. In subsection 6.3 the text will read “An automobile allowance of \$600 per month, which covers all personal vehicle-related expenses. Employee will be responsible for all expenses associated with the vehicle Employee obtains using the above automobile allowance, including without limitation automobile insurance and any expenses for which Employee otherwise might seek IRS-authorized mileage reimbursement.” In paragraph 9 in the first sentence it will be amended to read “Employee’s employment also will be governed by **all applicable laws and the...**”.

Ms. Sedwick commented that she had served on the Executive Committee during the recruitment of the Executive Director. She feels the contract is fair and equitable and the RWA is gaining an excellent Executive Director with the hiring of James Peifer. She congratulated the negotiating committee on their accomplishments.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Nugent, to approve the Executive Director Appointment and Employment Agreement as amended. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

Ms. Tobin thanked Ms. Sedwick for her service on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Bezerra noted that the employment agreement is with James Peifer.

Chair Schubert reminded everyone that an SGA Board meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m., with the same process to approve the employment agreement before it is final.

Chair Schubert thanked Mr. Swartz for serving as the Interim Executive Director the past few months. He thanked staff for assisting throughout the lengthy interview process.

ADJOURNMENT

The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. with the Closed Session beginning at 11:17 a.m. The Closed Session adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with nothing to report. With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, Chair Schubert adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Cecilia Partridge, Executive Assistant/Secretary