

**REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Monday, February 22, 2021; 8:30 a.m.**

AGENDA

The Committee will discuss all items on this agenda, and may take action on any of those items, including information items and continued items. The Committee may also discuss other items that do not appear on this agenda but will not act on those items unless action is urgent, and a resolution is passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote declaring that the need for action arose after posting of this agenda.

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Meeting Information:

**Executive Committee Meeting
Mon, Feb 22, 2021 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PST)**

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- 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. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9, subdivision (d)(4):
One case, concerning Bay-Delta water quality control plan.

4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
Action: Approve Consent Calendar

6. RWA DUES STRUCTURE AND ALLOCATION

Information and Presentation: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Recommend approval of the Dues Ad Hoc Committee's Proposed Dues Structure and Allocation to the Board of Directors

7. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

8. OFFICE SPACE

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

9. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Information and Presentation: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

Action: Take Positions on State Legislation

Action: Take Positions on Federal Legislation

10. MARCH 11, 2021 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Action: Approve March 11, 2021 proposed RWA Board Meeting agenda.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

12. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Executive Committee Meeting – March 24, 2021, 8:30 a.m. at the RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

Next Regular RWA Board Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m., at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

The Executive Committee Meeting electronic packet will be available on the RWA website at <https://rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/> to access and print the packet. Notification will be emailed when the Executive Committee meeting electronic packet is complete and posted on the RWA website.

RWA Board of Directors

2021 Chair: Sean Bigley

2021 Vice Chair: Dan York

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Evan Jacobs, Operations Manager, California American Water

***Ron Greenwood*, Board Member, Carmichael Water District**
Cathy Lee, General Manager, Carmichael Water District

David Wheaton, Director, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, General Manager, Citrus Heights Water District
Raymond Riehle, Director, Citrus Heights Water District (alternate)

Kerri Howell, Councilmember, City of Folsom
Marcus Yasutake, Environmental/Water Resources Director, City of Folsom

William Lauritsen, Councilmember, City of Lincoln
Ray Leftwich, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Lincoln

Bruce Houdesheldt, Councilmember, City of Roseville
***Sean Bigley*, Assistant Environment Utilities Director, City of Roseville, Chair**
Rich Plecker, Director of Utilities, City of Roseville (alternate)
Dale Olson, City of Roseville (alternate)
Pauline Roccucci, Councilmember, City of Roseville (alternate)

Jeff S. Harris, Councilmember, City of Sacramento
***Michelle Carrey*, Supervising Engineer, City of Sacramento**
Bill Busath, Director of Utilities, City of Sacramento (alternate)
Anne Sanger, Policy and Legislative Specialist, City of Sacramento (alternate)

Martha Guerrero, Council Member, City of West Sacramento
***Bill Roberts*, Director of Public Works and Operations, City of West Sacramento**

Grace Espindola, Councilmember, City of Yuba City
Diana Langley, Public Works Director/City Manager, City of Yuba City

Robert Matteoli, Board Member, Del Paso Manor Water District
John Lenahan, Board President, Del Paso Manor Water District

Pat Dwyer, Director/Board President, El Dorado Irrigation District
Jim Abercrombie, General Manager, El Dorado Irrigation District
Brian Mueller, Engineering Director, El Dorado Irrigation District (alternate)

<p><i>Sophia Scherman</i>, Board Chair, Elk Grove Water District <i>Bruce Kamilos</i>, Assistant General Manager, Elk Grove Water District <i>Elliot Mulberg</i>, Director, Elk Grove Water District (alternate)</p>
<p><i>Randy Marx</i>, Board Member, Fair Oaks Water District <i>Tom Gray</i>, General Manager, Fair Oaks Water District</p>
<p><i>Paul Schubert</i>, General Manager, Golden State Water Company <i>Ernie Gisler</i>, Capital Program Manager, Golden State Water Company</p>
<p><i>Robert Hunter</i>, Board Member, Orange Vale Water Company <i>Joe Duran</i>, General Manager, Orange Vale Water Company</p>
<p><i>Robert Dugan</i>, Board Member, Placer County Water Agency <i>Tony Firenzi</i>, Director of Strategic Affairs, Placer County Water Agency <i>Andy Fecko</i>, General Manager, Placer County Water Agency (alternate) <i>Mike Lee</i>, Board Member, Placer County Water Agency (alternate)</p>
<p><i>Les Clark</i>, Director, Rancho Murieta Community Services District <i>Tom Hennig</i>, Interim General Manager, Rancho Murieta Community Services District</p>
<p><i>Patrick Kennedy</i>, Supervisor, Sacramento County Water Agency <i>Kerry Schmitz</i>, Division Chief, Water Supply, Sacramento County Water Agency</p>
<p><i>Dave Jones</i>, Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District <i>Dan York</i>, General Manager, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Vice Chair <i>Kevin Thomas</i>, Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District (alternate)</p>
<p><i>Dan Rich</i>, Director, San Juan Water District <i>Greg Zlotnick</i>, Water Resources and Strategic Affairs, San Juan Water District <i>Ted Costa</i>, Board President, San Juan Water District (alternate)</p>

RWA ASSOCIATES

Organization	Representatives
El Dorado County Water Agency	Brian Veerkamp , Director Ken Payne , General Manager
Placer County	Ken Graham , Director Public Works and Facilities Brett Storey , Principal Management Analyst
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Arlen Orchard , General Manage/CEO Damien Waples , Strategic Account Advisor Ansel Lundberg , Energy Commodity Contracts Specialist
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)	Christoph Dobson , Director Policy and Planning Terrie Mitchell , Manager Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Jose Ramirez , Policy and Planning David Ocenosak , Principal Engineer
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	Richard Johnson , <i>Executive Director</i>

RWA AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Organization	Representatives
Brown & Caldwell	<i>Paul Selsky, Water Supply Planning, Vice president</i> <i>LaSandra Edwards, Civil Engineer</i> <i>May Huang, Engineer</i> <i>David Zuber</i>
California Pool & Spa Association	<i>John Norwood, Executive Director</i>
Cosumnes CSD	<i>Steve Sims, Park Superintendent</i>
Forsgren Associates, Inc.	<i>Alan Driscoll, Division Manager</i> <i>Sergio Guillen, Division Manager, Sacramento</i>
GEI Consultants	<i>John Woodling, Vice President, Branch Manager</i> <i>Chris Petersen, Principal Hydrogeologist</i> <i>Richard Shatz, Principal Hydrogeologist</i>
HDR, Inc.	<i>Jafar Faghieh, Water Resources Engineer</i> <i>Ed Winkler, Client Development Lead</i>
Sacramento Association of Realtors	<i>David Tanner, Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Christopher Ly, Chief Operations Officer</i>
Sacramento Nevada GCSA	<i>Kurtis Wolford, GCSAA Class A Superintendent</i> <i>Matt Dillon, CGCS</i>
Stantec	<i>Kari Shively, Vice President</i> <i>Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer</i> <i>Yung-Hsin Sun, Principal Engineer</i> <i>Paul Marshall, California Region Sector Leader for Water Resources</i> <i>Hugh Klein, Senior Hydrogeologist</i> <i>Rebecca Guo</i> <i>Kristin Pringle, Associate Public Affairs Specialist</i> <i>Maritza Flores Marquez, Associate Water Resources Engineer</i>
West Yost Associates	<i>Charles Duncan, President</i> <i>Abigail Madrone, Business Development Director</i> <i>Kelye McKinney, Engineering Manager I</i> <i>Jim Mulligan</i>
Woodard & Curran (formerly RMC Water and Environment)	<i>Ali Taghavi, Principal</i> <i>Jim Graydon, Senior Client Service Manager</i>

* Names highlighted in red are Executive Committee members

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**AGENDA ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
– ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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AGENDA ITEM 4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting

Action: Approve the January 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Attachment: Draft January 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes



1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bigley called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. as a teleconference meeting. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan Rich, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Rob Swartz, Amy Talbot, Josette Reina-Luken,
Monica Garcia and Cecilia Partridge

Others in Attendance

Brian Sanders, Greg Zlotnick, Craig Locke, Andy Fecko, Charles Duncan,
Kelye McKinney, Alan Driscoll, Pam Tobin, Kevin Thomas and Paul
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Executive Committee meeting
- b. Adopt the proposed Executive Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021
- c. Approve the Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Implementation Grant Program Agreement

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. York, to approve the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 BUDGET

Josette Reina-Luken, Finance and Administrative Services Manager, gave a presentation regarding the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget development process, including CalPERS projected total unfunded liability.

Last year's RWA Chair, Chair Schmitz, appointed an Ad Hoc Dues Committee in November 2020 to review how member dues are allocated. A recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee is expected to be presented at the February EC meeting for consideration of FY2022 budget incorporation.

5. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Peifer gave an information update on the activities of four ad hoc committees. The committees include the Dues Committee, 3x3 committee, a purchasing committee and a holiday social committee that was not utilized in 2020.

Mr. Peifer requested input and feedback from the Executive Committee members on any of the committees. The RWA will celebrate a 20th year anniversary in 2020. An email message to the Executive Director was requested to convey any thoughts for a celebration.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Bigley provided information on the major initiatives and what we need to do for implementation of the RWA Strategic Plan. The focus is on realistic prioritization, understanding the limited resources available to work with, and what we want to achieve in 2021. Collaboration, information sharing, supporting our small and medium size agencies by undertaking a listening tour to understand what is important to them, and leveraging social media opportunities are all part of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Peifer gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan objectives. Priorities include work towards completion of the water bank, state and federal funding, projects to increase reliability and resilience, water loss regulations protecting our members against problematic, and costly regulatory and legislative mandates. He explained the prioritization process and color coding to evaluate the status of priority objectives.

It was suggested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the Strategic Plan in detail with Board participation.

7. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, reported that the legislature has reconvened and will be introducing bills prior to the February 19th bill introduction deadline. Much of the focus in the Legislature has been on "early"

budget actions. Water ratepayer assistance is among the early budget action issues. Funds have been approved by the Federal government for ratepayer relief; the proportioning of funding to California has not yet been determined. The top issues in the Legislature this year are likely to be related to housing, homeless and wildfire.

Mr. Ojakian provided information on AB 11 and AB 51 that would create region climate adaption plans. AB 59 will seek to shift the legal balance of power between water agencies and developers related to connection and capacity charges. SB 45 is a \$5.5 billion resilience bond. We are focused on the inclusion of conjunctive use language into that bond measure. Bills SB 222 and SB 223 deal with water rate assistance and conditions under which water shut off can occur.

A support if amended position was recommended on AB11, AB 51,, and SB 45. An oppose was recommend on AB 59 and an active watch position was recommended on SB 222 and SB 223.

M/S/C Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Ms. Schmitz, to adopt a support if amended position on AB11, AB 51, and SB 45, an oppose on AB 59, and an active watch position on SB 222 and SB 223. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

8. FEDERAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Bigley gave a brief update on the Federal Affairs Committee activities. With the new administration and changes in the agency level and in congress, the committee will start ramping up activities related to infrastructure and engaging in federal rate payer assistance initiatives. The committee has been working on a prioritized list of projects with a reasonable time expectation. Consultants have been working on a power mapping exercise to begin building local and state support for RWAs efforts. Participation in the Federal Affairs Committee was encouraged.

9. URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Amy Talbot, Water Efficiency Program Manager, reported on the urban water management plan timeframe. DWR released a draft guidance document on how agencies should be putting together certain sections. There is a list of new requirements that include a drought risk assessment, water reliability assessment, and an updated watershed contingency plan outline.

A RWA Urban Water Management Plan Committee was formed with a variety of agencies. RWA hosted webinars on three topics. A link to the materials was included in the packet.

Ms. Talbot is developing a template with information on what the regional water efficiency program has achieved from 2016-2020 for inclusion in individual agency urban water management plans.

10. WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Talbot gave an update on the grant funded Smart Controller Program that has been running since April 2020.

The program will be hosting several Public Outreach meetings to consider messaging for a potential dry year/drought scenario and that will steer clear of indoor hygiene-related water use/reductions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. RWA staff, member agency staff, and consulting support are working to determine messaging for 2021.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer reported Michelle Banonis has accepted the RWA position of Manager of Strategic Affairs and will begin on February 22nd. We are looking forward to implementing the resilience and major project management services programs.

An example of summary minutes was enclosed in the packet. Mr. Peifer asked for input on moving to summary minutes rather than verbatim minutes. After discussion, it was decided the summary minutes would be more efficient and it was agreed to move to the summary minutes format for the next meeting. If the summary format is acceptable, it will be recommended to the RWA Board.

A Special Board meeting will be scheduled for March 5th as an educational event. Staff has invited Jerry Brown to present on Sites Reservoir, James Corless will give a SACOG presentation, and Tony Firenzi with Charles Duncan will give a presentation on River Arc.

12. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Schmitz said that she is looking forward to working with Mr. Bigley and Mr. York. She thanked them for stepping up as 2021 Chair and Vice Chair and is looking forward to their leadership.

Mr. Firenzi commented that the direction given by the Chair and Vice Chair prior to the Strategic Plan presentation was very good.

Ms. Carrey said that the City of Sacramento is exploring their participation in the 2021 groundwater substitution transfers and deciding if they will offer to resume their role as seller's agent on behalf of other agencies in the region for groundwater substitution transfers.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 6: RWA DUES STRUCTURE AND ALLOCATION

BACKGROUND:

The RWA dues structure has been largely the same since the formation of the RWA in 2001. Over time, there has been substantial growth by some of the member agencies in the form of number of connections and new members have joined. A few members have stated concerns over the existing dues structure. These concerns generally involve potential inequities including paying through two organizations (in the case of receiving water from a wholesale supplier), being a member outside the American River watershed, or other potential concerns.

Past Chair Schmitz formed a Dues Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on a revised dues structure. The committee included Tom Gray, Michelle Carrey, Robert Dugan, Paul Schubert, Ron Greenwood, Marcus Yasutake and Kerry Schmitz. The proposed dues structure in general is a declining block structure based on the number of services. Discounts are provided to member agencies that are outside the American River watershed. San Juan Water District is recognized within the large agency category, but in a manner that reduces its dues to address the inequity among the San Juan Water District retail agencies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information and Presentation: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Recommend approval of the Dues Ad Hoc Committee's Proposed Dues Structure and Allocation to the Board of Directors

	2020 Retail Connections	First 3,000 Connections	3,001-7,000 Connections								
Small agencies		\$2.20	\$1.10					Proposed Dues	Current Dues	Difference	Percent Change
Del Paso Manor WD	1,799	\$ 3,958						\$ 3,958	\$ 6,386	\$ (2,428)	-38%
Rancho Murrieta CSD	2,712	\$ 5,966						\$ 5,966	\$ 9,628	\$ (3,662)	-38%
Orange Vale WC	5,809	\$ 6,600	\$ 3,090					\$ 9,690	\$ 9,968	\$ (278)	-3%
		Up to 30,000 Connections									
Medium agencies		\$2.20									
Carmichael WD	11,695	\$ 25,729						\$ 25,729	\$ 25,729	\$ -	0%
Elk Grove WD	12,756	\$ 28,063						\$ 28,063	\$ 28,063	\$ 0	0%
Fair Oaks WD	14,241	\$ 31,330						\$ 31,330	\$ 31,330	\$ 0	0%
City of West Sacramento (1)	15,425	\$ 33,935						\$ 30,542	\$ 33,935	\$ (3,394)	-10%
Golden State WC	17,059	\$ 37,530						\$ 37,530	\$ 37,530	\$ (0)	0%
City of Lincoln	18,973	\$ 41,741						\$ 41,741	\$ 41,741	\$ (0)	0%
Yuba City (1)	19,173	\$ 42,181						\$ 37,963	\$ 42,181	\$ (4,218)	-10%
Citrus Heights WD	19,937	\$ 43,861						\$ 43,861	\$ 43,861	\$ 0	0%
City of Folsom	21,990	\$ 48,378						\$ 48,378	\$ 48,378	\$ -	0%
		Up to 30,000 Connections	Up to 40,000	Up to 50,000	Up to 60,000	Over 60,000					
Large agencies		\$2.20	\$1.10	\$0.55	\$0.28	\$0.07					
San Juan WD (2)		\$ 66,000						\$ 66,000	\$ 77,751	\$ (11,751)	-15%
Placer County WA	37,963	\$ 66,000	\$ 8,759					\$ 74,759	\$ 77,751	\$ (2,992)	-4%
El Dorado ID	41,992	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 1,096				\$ 78,096	\$ 77,751	\$ 344	0%
City of Roseville	45,796	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,188				\$ 80,188	\$ 77,751	\$ 2,436	3%
Sacramento Suburban WD	47,633	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 4,198				\$ 81,198	\$ 77,751	\$ 3,447	4%
Sacramento County WA	56,939	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,908			\$ 84,408	\$ 77,751	\$ 6,657	9%
CA American Water	59,803	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,750			\$ 85,250	\$ 77,751	\$ 7,499	10%
City of Sacramento	141,435	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,750	\$ 5,375		\$ 90,625	\$ 77,751	\$ 12,873	17%
	593,130	\$ 877,276	\$ 77,850	\$ 24,982	\$ 7,408	\$ 5,375		\$ 985,274	\$ 980,741		
								\$ 4,533			

(1) Agency is outside of core American River Basin region, so it receives a 10% discount on its dues after they are calculated based on the number of connections.

(2) San Juan Water District Wholesale is a community services district that provides drinking water to 160,000 people in portions of Sacramento and Placer Counties, so it is treated as the minimum size of a large member agency.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this item is to provide updates to the Executive Committee on developments regarding the RWA providing staffing services to the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority.

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 8: OFFICE SPACE

The collective RWA and SGA staff have grown over time to meet the missions of both organizations and no longer has sufficient office space to accommodate new staff.

The purpose of this item is to discuss office space needs. The COVID-19 crisis is requiring much work to be done at home and may put off the immediate need for office space, but this may not be an appropriate long-term solution.

BACKGROUND:

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 9: LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

As of February 16th there were approximately 1,500 bills introduced. Typically, in the first year of the two-year legislative session there are approximately 3,000 bills introduced. This year it looks like there will be in the range of 2,000-2,500 bills introduced. The bill introduction deadline is February 19th. Policy Committee hearings will begin in March, but the bulk of bills will be heard in April. The Legislature continues to focus on bills related to COVID health and economic impacts, wildfire, and affordability particularly on housing and homelessness. It has been expressed that only bills that must be done this year or that fall into one of those priority areas will be done this year.

There will be a large volume of bills for the Executive Committee to consider in March, as staff has yet to thoroughly review somewhere in the range of 1,500 bills. However, there are a few bills for the Committee's early consideration:

AB 315 Stone D- Scotts Valley- Would limit liability of landowners for streambed restoration projects.

AB 322 Salas D- Bakersfield- Would require that the Energy Commission allocate no less than 20 percent of Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program funds to bioenergy projects for biomass conversion.

AB 361 Robert Rivas D- Hollister - Extends the Brown act exemptions put in place in response to COVID to future emergencies.

AB 418 Valladares R- Santa Clarita - Would create the Community Power Resiliency Program, administered by Cal OES, to support local government efforts to deploy energy resiliency projects to maintain energy services during deenergization events by electrical corporations or publicly owned electric utilities.

SB 230 Portantino D- La Canada Flintridge - Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging

Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on, among other things, the occurrence of constituents of emerging concern (CEC) in drinking water sources and treated drinking water.

SB 323 Caballero D- Salinas - Would apply the same judicial action procedure and timelines, as apply to numerous other services, to sewer service fees or charges.

SB 369 Pan D- Sacramento - Would establish the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program to support the development and implementation of projects within the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough region.

SB 427 Eggman D- Stockton - Would provide the ability to enhance penalties for water theft up to \$1,000 for a first offense, \$2,000 for a second offense, and \$5,000 for a third and subsequent offense.

The Federal Affairs Committee at the January 20th meeting directed the Executive Director to support the H.R. 535 and S. 91, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act which would establish a federal definition of “special district”, allow special districts’ access to future Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations, and designate special districts as “eligible issuers” of the Federal Reserve Board’s Municipal Liquidity Facility.

The Federal Affairs Committee at the February 17th meeting directed the Executive Director to support the H.R. 1015, to establish a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects, and for other purposes.

Information and Presentation: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

Action: Take Positions on State Legislation

Action: Take Positions on Federal Legislation

Support H.R. 535 and S. 91

Support H.R. 1015

AGENDA ITEM 10: MARCH 11, 2021 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

BACKGROUND:

Action: Approve March 11, 2021 Proposed RWA Board Meeting agenda

**REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, March 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public who wish to address the board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. **CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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4. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

a. Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

b. Adopt the revised RWA Board Meetings Schedule for 2021

Action: Approve Consent Calendar Items

6. **RWA DUES STRUCTURE AND ALLOCATION**

Information and Presentation: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Approve the Executive Committee Recommended Dues Structure and Allocation

7. **SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STAFFING**

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

8. **STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIZATION WORKSHOP**

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

9. **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE**

Information and Presentation: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

11. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

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Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Committee Meetings: Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 8:30 a.m. and April 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m. at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m., at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

The RWA Board Meeting electronic packet is available on the RWA website at <https://rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/> to access and print the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 11: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An oral report will be provided.

AGENDA ITEM 12: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS