

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
Bill Roberts, City of West 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, Michelle Banonis, Amy Talbot,
Josette Reina-Luken, Monica Garcia, Cecilia Partridge,

Others in Attendance

Brian Sanders, Greg Zlotnick, Andy Fecko, Mike Huot, Mike Grinstead,
Anne Sanger, Kelye McKinney, Craig Locke, Pam Tobin, Bob Reisig,
Cathy Lee Jessica Law and Paul Helliker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

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

4. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, said that bills are heading into policy committee hearings on the legislative calendar. He gave a summary of

several bills with his recommended position on each. He said that AB 339 will put a financial burden on agencies, especially special districts to comply with expanded outreach and accessibility requirements. Agencies will not be reimbursed for those new and potentially costly changes. AB 703 would update the Brown Act requirements on teleconferencing without the additional requirements included in AB 339.

Mr. Ojakian summarized additional bills, AB 377 would revise and recast the process by which water bodies are listed and removed as impaired and require that all water be impairment free by 2025, AB 564 would establish a policy of the state that all state agencies, boards, and commissions shall utilize their authorities in furtherance of the biodiversity conservation, AB 622 requires that on or before January 2024 all new washing machines sold in California contain microfiber filtration, AB 652 would prohibit sale of specified products containing PFAS for children under 12, AB 697 would reprioritize the use of funds in the existing "Good Neighbor Fund" under the CNRA to address forest health projects, AB 802 requires SWRCB to identify the best available technology for filtering microfibers from commercial laundry facilities, AB 897 authorizes the establishment of regional climate networks, AB 921 updates flood control management and requirements in West Sacramento, AB 1209 would establish the Green means Go grant and loan program to award competitive grants and revolving loans to eligible government agencies in the Sacramento region, AB 1250 authorizes a water or sewer system corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the CPUC through an order authorizing water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system, AB 1376 requires the SWRCB to make state water quality certifications or statements available on the website, AB 1434 would lower the indoor water use efficiency standards, AB 1458 would add vegetation management or fuels treatment projects to mitigate the threat or intensity of wildfire to the list of project types exempt from lake and streambed alteration requirements, AB 1500 would place a \$6.7 billion resilience bond to be placed on the 2022 ballot and SB 378 would limit the ability of local governments to restrict the installation of wires necessary for broadband.

Mr. Ojakian said that the State Water Board will issue guidelines later this year on testing drinking water for microplastics. He gave an update on the resilience bond saying there is more momentum driven by the \$40 billion budget surplus that the state currently has.

Mr. Ojakian reminded the committee that in an urgent situation the RWA Executive Director has the authority to take positions on bills that are consistent with adopted policy principles.

Mr. Ojakian recommended a support position on AB 622, AB 652, AB 697, AB 703, AB 802, AB 897, AB 921, AB 1250, AB 1376, and AB 1458, an oppose unless amended position on AB 339, AB 564, and SB 378, an oppose position on AB 377 and AB 1434 and a support if amended position on AB 1209 and AB1500.

There was discussion that compliance with the current language in some of the bills would be challenging and put a financial burden on agencies. AB 222 and AB 223

were not listed on the meeting agenda and will be presented for action at the next Executive Committee meeting.

M/S/C Mr. Greenwood moved with a second by Mr. Roberts to take positions on State Legislation as recommended by Mr. Ojakian. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present.

5. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Roberts reported that West Sacramento has appointed Robert Strange as their new police chief.

Mr. Schubert announced a public GSP workshop number two outreach meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair York adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary