

**REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, July 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Director of the Authority at (916) 847-7589. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. The Board of Directors may consider any agenda item at any time during the meeting.

Note: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and given the state of emergency regarding the threat of COVID-19, the meeting will be held via teleconference.

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RWA Board Meeting
Thu, Jul 8, 2021 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PDT)

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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. 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 May 6, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 10, 2021 RWA Special Board Meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

4. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PAM TOBIN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 supporting the nomination of Pam Tobin for President of the Association of California Water Agencies

5. WATER FORUM UPDATE

Information and Presentation: Jessica Law, Executive Director, Water Forum

6. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BRIEFING

Information and Presentation: Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs

7. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STAFFING

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

8. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Discussion: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Committee Meetings: Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m. and June 23, 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, September 9, 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.

RWA Board of Directors

2021 Chair: Sean Bigley

2021 Vice Chair: Dan York

S. Audie Foster, General Manager, California American Water
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)

Rebecca Scott, Principal Operations Specialist (alternate)

Kerri Howell, Councilmember, City of Folsom

Marcus Yasutake, Environmental/Water Resources Director, City of Folsom

William Lauritsen, Councilmember, 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)

Sophia Scherman, Board Chair, Elk Grove Water District

Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager, Elk Grove Water District

Elliot Mulberg, Director, Elk Grove Water District (alternate)

Randy Marx, Board Member, Fair Oaks Water District

Tom Gray, General Manager, Fair Oaks Water District

Paul Schubert, General Manager, Golden State Water Company

Ernie Gisler , Capital Program Manager, Golden State Water Company
Robert Hunter , Board Member, Orange Vale Water Company Joe Duran , General Manager, Orange Vale Water Company
Robert Dugan , Board Member, Placer County Water Agency Tony Firenzi , Director of Strategic Affairs, Placer County Water Agency Andy Fecko , General Manager, Placer County Water Agency (alternate) Mike Lee , Board Member, Placer County Water Agency (alternate)
Les Clark , Director, Rancho Murieta Community Services District Tom Hennig , Interim General Manager, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Patrick Kennedy , Supervisor, Sacramento County Water Agency Kerry Schmitz , Division Chief, Water Supply, Sacramento County Water Agency
Dave Jones , Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District Dan York , General Manager, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Vice Chair Kevin Thomas , Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District (alternate)
Dan Rich , Director, San Juan Water District Greg Zlotnick , Water Resources and Strategic Affairs, San Juan Water District Ted Costa , Board President, San Juan Water District (alternate)

RWA ASSOCIATES	
Organization	Representatives
El Dorado County Water Agency	Lori Parlin , Chair Ken Payne , General Manager (alternate)
Placer County	Ken Grehm , Director Public Works and Facilities Jared Deck , Manager Environmental Engineering
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 , Executive Director

RWA AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Organization	Representatives
Brown & Caldwell	Paul Selsky , Water Supply Planning, Vice president LaSandra Edwards , Civil Engineer May Huang , Engineer David Zuber , Vice President
Cosumnes CSD	Steve Sims , Park Superintendent
Forsgren Associates, Inc.	Alan Driscoll , Division Manager Sergio Guillen , Division Manager, Sacramento
GEI Consultants	John Woodling , Vice President, Branch Manager Chris Petersen , Principal Hydrogeologist Richard Shatz , Principal Hydrogeologist
HDR, Inc.	Jafar Faghih , Water Resources Engineer Ed Winkler , Client Development Lead
Sacramento Association of Realtors	David Tanner , Chief Executive Officer Christopher Ly , Chief Operations Officer
Stantec	Kari Shively , Vice President Vanessa Nishikawa , Principal Water Resources Engineer Yung-Hsin Sun , Principal Engineer Rebecca Guo , Senior Associate Water Resources Engineer Kirsten Pringle , Associate Public Affairs Specialist Ibrahim Khadam , Principal Engineer
West Yost Associates	Charles Duncan , President Abigail Madrone , Business Development Director Kelye McKinney , Engineering Manager I Jim Mulligan , Principal Engineer
Woodard & Curran (formerly RMC Water and Environment)	Ali Taghavi , Principal Jim Graydon , Senior Client Service Manager

AGENDA ITEM 3: 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.

- 3a. Approve minutes of the May 6, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
- 3b. Approve minutes of the May 10, 2021 RWA Special Board Meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

Attachments:

- 3a. Draft minutes of the May 6, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
- 3b. Draft minutes of the May 10, 2021 RWA Special Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bigley called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. as a teleconference meeting. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento
Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento
Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City
Diana Langley, City of Yuba City
John Lenahan, Del Paso Manor Water District
Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District
Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Ken Payne, El Dorado Water Agency and Ansel Lundberg, SMUD

RWA Affiliate Members

Abigail Madrone, West Yost Associates

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Josette Reina-Luken, Amy Talbot, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Josh Horowitz, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

Pam Tobin, Kristi More, Brian Sanders, Mike Huot, Craig Locke, Mike Grinstead, Paul Helliker and James Graydon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Tobin, ACWA Vice President, reported that ACWA/JPIA refunded \$1,843.96 to RWA for the Liability Property and Workers' Compensation program. Refunds are based on performance of a prior policy year with a total of \$6.2 million being refunded to members. She mentioned that RWA staff members have attended classes and training that have been offered by ACWA/JPIA.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes from the March 11, 2021 Regular Board meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Espindola moved, with a second by Ms. Roccucci, to approve the Consent Calendar Item. Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, John Lenahan, Del Paso Manor Water District, Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District did not vote. The motion carried.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 BUDGET

Mr. Peifer introduced the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget that includes a 0% increase in total Core and Water Efficiency Program dues from last year's approved budget. This was possible because of significant savings last year due to the COVID 19 crisis, additional revenue brought in by staff, subscription programs and less travel, meetings and office expenses.

Ms. Reina-Luken said that the proposed budget was recommended to the RWA Board by the Executive Committee. The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget includes RWA Board's direction for additional funding for some of the strategic plan goals that was directed in March at the special board meeting for prioritizing the strategic plan.

Ms. Reina-Luken gave a summary of the unfunded pension liability, how the payments are determined, and how the liability is being paid down. An updated

CalPERS valuation report is expected by the end of the first quarter 2022 at which time an update will be presented to the RWA Board.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Carey, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 budget. Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, John Lenahan, Del Paso Manor Water District, Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District did not vote. The motion carried.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNICATION GOAL REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that our communication goals are based on shared values, communicating with one voice on issues of regional significance to strengthen relationships, elevating regional visibility, and influencing and advancing the collective interests of the region. Communication is a means to support the other objectives in the RWA Strategic Plan and the outcomes that we are looking for.

Mr. Ojakian explained that the public decision makers do not understand what it takes to achieve the delivery of drinkable water to customers. There are two avenues that we need to communicate: 1) the good work we do; and 2) what it really takes to deliver high quality, affordable water at a low cost. There needs to be a consistent message to most effectively get policy improvements.

Ms. Kohn shared the progress that the communications program has been making and talked about the accomplishments in the past year and for the future. The program is in a strong position by laying a foundation for a strategic, thoughtful multi-year campaign that sets us up for the next three years. Foundational communications program guidance includes communications to members and external audiences. She gave an overview of RWA Strategic Plan goals and objectives, priority communications issues and opportunities, brand building and specific issues like the current dry year. The next steps include more media coverage, digital advertising, ensuring RWA outreach and programs are equitably communicated and continued member communication.

Ms. Espindola said that because not all customers speak English, she suggested that media efforts also include Spanish and possibly Russian. She would like to see this become a priority for RWA.

Ms. Kohn recommended focus groups in Spanish to create a foundation for outreach to non-English speaking communities to include adding a page to the website and working on publications in Spanish.

6. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STAFFING

Mr. Peifer said that the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) is a standing agenda item for RWA Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings. Gina Bartlett, Consensus Builders Institute, will be the facilitator for this effort. Ms. Bartlett is currently conducting a stakeholder assessment. Staff worked with the Water Forum in obtaining facilitation services with the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) through the Facilitation Support Services Program. After the stakeholder assessment is complete, Mr. Woodling and Mr. Peifer will schedule a special joint board meeting between the three authorities.

7. POLICY 500.18 – NEW RWA MEMBER DISCOUNTED DUES

Mr. Peifer outlined the proposed policy to aid in the recruitment of new RWA members. The policy would give them a 50% discount on their first-year dues and a 25% discount on their second-year dues. They would guarantee their RWA membership for three years and would pay the full dues amount during the third year and every year thereafter.

M/S/C Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Dugan, to approve Policy 500.18. Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville, Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, John Lenahan, Del Paso Manor Water District, Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District did not vote. The motion carried.

8. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian discussed legislation, drought response, and regulatory actions. There is activity focused on stopping AB 377, which would have dramatically revised water quality enforcement; AB 1434 would revise the indoor standard but is not expected to move forward; SB 222 and SB 223 focus on affordability and shutoff prohibitions and are all opposed unless amended. DWR is in the draft stage of recommending changes to the indoor water use efficiency standard, which is part of the larger water efficiency objective, to the legislature. Any change must be made through a change in law. The California Natural Resources Agency is conducting work to advance the Governor's Executive Order to protect 30% of the state's habitat and biodiversity. There remains an open question as to how this would apply to freshwater. The Executive Order referenced only land and coastal waters. The State Water Board sent out information on drought actions and is expected to schedule a workshop on curtailment methodologies in early May.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that dry year coordination meetings with general managers and others is scheduled. There will be discussion on how we approach the water supply conditions that are deteriorating within the American River Basin.

Chair Bigley said that with regard to helping manage the drought, any operational arrangements or partnerships that we develop add to how we communicate as a region. He encouraged everyone to participate in the conversation for the dry year coordination meeting to prepare to navigate as a region working with RWA as our key organization.

Mr. Peifer asked that May 10th at 2:00 p.m. be reserved on everyone's calendar for a possible Special RWA Board meeting.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Greenwood reported that Carmichael Water District has gone through a forensic audit. Ronald Davis has been elected as director for the district.

Ms. Roccucci, City of Roseville, reported on how the drought affects different parts of the region differently. She appreciates the constructive efforts of RWA representing our region and helping us move forward in the water industry.

Mr. Kamilos said that Mr. Ojakian has been working with Elk Grove Water District on SB 427, which is the water theft enhanced penalties bill. It appears that this proposed bill may become law.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary / Treasurer

1. Chair Bigley called the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. as a teleconference meeting. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento
Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Diana Langley, City of Yuba City
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Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan Rich, San Juan Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Ansel Lundberg, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District and Ken Payne, El Dorado Water Agency

RWA Affiliate Members

Rebecca Guo and Vanessa Nishikawa, Stantec and Jim Mulligan, West Yost Associates

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Amy Talbot, Josette Reina-Luken, Monica Garcia and Jennifer Buckman, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance:

Angela Frost, Anne Sanger, Bill Busath, Bobby Alvarez, Brett Ewart, Brian Hensley, Brian McKee, Brian Sanders, William Cassady, Chris Nelson, Christian Bennett, Dan Corcoran, Debra Kahn, Don Smith, Edwin DeLeon, Jeffrey Weaver, Jennifer Sbaffi,

Jessica Law, Karen Wilhelm, Kristin White, Linda Higgins, Marcy Goodman, Marty Hanneman, Maurice Chaney, Mike Huot, Erika Nelson-Johnson, Pam Tobin, Paul Selsky, Rich Plecker, Robert Barragan, Roshini Das, Ryan Burnett, Stephen Grinnel, Travis Franklin, William Granger, Christine Kohn, Greg Bundesen, Mike Grinstead and Paul Helliker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. MEETING PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES, AND UPDATES SINCE MARCH 3RD DRY YEAR COORDINATION MEETING

Chair Bigley said that the intent and purpose of this meeting is for general managers in the region to have discussion about coordination, collaboration and other areas relative to dry year or drought situations and any other issues along those lines. Information was provided on our water supply outlook and a draft resolution was presented for discussion and feedback. There was discussion from water efficiency staff, communications practitioners and our government relations staff on coordinating the region.

4. WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Mr. Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), gave a report on PCWA operations and supply on the Middle Fork Project, the American River watershed where PCWA operates their system and Lake Spaulding. The forecast is that PCWA will make the carryover target of 130,000-acre feet. There are concerns about temperature management for the fisheries during the dry years.

Mr. Corcoran, El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), reported on the district water supplies and what they anticipate for the future. Any runoff is at its peak now and over the next 3 to 4 weeks will return to base flow conditions. Creek Tunnel diverts water from their canal and the South Fork of the American River. EID is on target to be in the range of end of carryover storage target conditions. Preparations are being made for a potential curtailment and they are messaging to have responsible use of water resources. Review of the district's drought action plan will be presented to their board on May 24th.

Mr. Lundberg, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), presented on the reservoir system in the Upper American River Project, mainly on Silver Creek and the South Fork of the American River. He explained their storage volumes, how the water flows through their system, the forecasted precipitation and their storage contents at their three largest reservoirs.

Ms. Law, Water Forum Executive Director, said that the dry conditions throughout California continue to deteriorate. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Bureau of Reclamation earlier this year. Work has been done with the Bureau of Reclamation and other agencies to take local action for management to balance our water supply. Conditions on the Lower American River are complex and based on all current forecasts and modeling, we are expected to be in a dire situation. She said that we need to be thinking about what storage looks like now and what it could

potentially mean for subsequent years.

Mr. Weaver, HDR, presented expectations for inflows for the rest of the year. He provided information on where we are today and the estimate from the Bureau of Reclamation with regards to storage. Storage in Folsom is well below what we have seen historically, with the exception of 1977. Calendar year 2013 was one of the driest falls on record with historically low inflows into the reservoir and storage plummeted. It was equivalent to 99% exceedance inflow that fall, which shows that whatever snow there had been in the watershed was gone by fall. Our low runoff between the snow and the reservoir inflows are of real concern.

5. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION COORDINATION

Ms. White, US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), reported that releases are being made everywhere for Delta outflow. We are entering a critical year and the shifting down towards 90% exceedance that we saw in February is not unusual for a critical year. She gave an overview of the results from lack of inflows and snowpack with nothing flowing into our reservoirs creating a serious water delivery problem. They are working on any action that can boost Folsom storage. Other reservoirs in the system have challenges as well. Another concern is the loss of water to groundwater underneath the river systems. If water that is taken for landscaping and irrigation could be reduced that could be helpful for Reclamation given the situation. Any information that can be given to Reclamation about any plans, shortage revisions or changing up on some of the upstream reservoir operations would be helpful.

6. KEY COORDINATION MATTERS – REVIEW OF KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FROM MARCH 3RD DRY YEAR COORDINATION MEETING

Mr. Peifer said that a mutual aid agreement has been distributed to member agencies that can be adapted for their own purposes. The RWA drought year messaging has been updated and will be updated again with the information received today.

7. REVIEW AND POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO COORDINATED REGIONAL APPROACHES (TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Chair Bigley presented a draft resolution for discussion and possible recommendation for RWA Board adoption. The resolution, as presented, is written in a way to be non-binding for RWA member agencies. It provides some helpful tools for the RWA to move forward and recognizes differences between public utilities and investor-owned companies. The resolution provides a clear message that although our water supplies are secure, we understand the dry year situation and RWA is willing to help coordinate local efforts to mitigate and solve dry year and drought related challenges. The resolution provides RWA with the ability and tools to be responsive and supportive in providing necessary help to the RWA membership when requested and needed.

Mr. Peifer said that the resolution is consistent with the RWA mission, while being responsive to hydrologic conditions and the stressed fishery in the Lower American

River. Through water use efficiency and reduced water demands within the region and investments in our water facilities, we have a secure water supply for this summer.

Mr. Yasutake mentioned that in the document it refers to asking agencies to reduce or conserve water. Some agencies require governing body approval to implement water use reductions or to require or ask for water use reductions. Agency approval may be needed to be able to support the RWA resolution.

Chair Bigley said that the language in the resolution needs to give RWA member agencies the ability to implement the resolution in a way that works for them. We are looking for a quick time turnaround before the resolution is presented to the full board for adoption recognizing that some agencies have to go to their boards for explicit approval to take these types of actions.

There was discussion on what agencies should use for a baseline for water efficiency and reduction in water use. It was suggested that Amy Talbot give her thoughts on what an appropriate baseline would be to operate from and incorporate that into the resolution.

RWA was looking for direction from the agencies before presenting the resolution to the full RWA Board for deliberation, consideration, and ultimate adoption. With the input and

discussion today, edits will be incorporated into the document prior to presentation to the RWA Board.

8. COMMUNICATION, PROGRAMMATIC AND POLICY COORDINATION UPDATES

Ms. Talbot gave a PowerPoint presentation with information on regional monthly water production and individual production by agency. She addressed the baseline question saying that she recommends using 2019 as a baseline. She outlined plans for drought related messaging and available resources. Drought activities include grant funded rebate programs that are available to suppliers to supplement their local programs including rebates for irrigation nozzles, irrigation controllers, drip irrigation and turf replacement programs. Interested agencies will pay for rebates upfront, submit invoices to the RWA Water Efficiency program and receive reimbursement funding directly from RWA through the Department of Water Resources. Additionally, regional grant funding supplements the RWA Water Efficiency Program's annual public outreach program by expanding media buys. The Public Outreach Committee has already updated messaging language for outdoor water use and household water use to be responsive to dry year conditions.

Mr. Ojakian gave updated information on legislative activities. It remains to be seen what the details are with the Governor's \$5.1 billion in funding to address drought issues and the \$3.4 billion Senate budget package and where the funding will be directed.

9. SET NEXT MEETING

A meeting will be scheduled in a month, as needed.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary / Treasurer

AGENDA ITEM 4: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PAM TOBIN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

BACKGROUND:

Every two years, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) forms a nominating committee to select and propose a “slate of candidates” for president and vice president. The ACWA members vote for the slate at the ACWA fall conference. In general, the candidate for president is the current vice president. The terms for president and vice president are for two years.

Ms. Pam Tobin would like to be selected by the nominating committee for ACWA President. The purpose of the resolution is to support the nomination of Ms. Tobin.

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 supporting the nomination of Pam Tobin for President of the Association of California Water Agencies

Attachment:
Resolution No. 2021-02

Resolution 2021-02

A Resolution of the Regional Water Authority in Support of Pamela Tobin for ACWA President

Whereas, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and

Whereas, Pamela Tobin has served as a member of the San Juan Water District Board of Directors since December 2004; and

Whereas, Pamela Tobin has served in a leadership role as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors since 2018; has served on the ACWA Region 4 Board since 2016 and is currently Region 4 Chair; has served on the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee and the ACWA Local Government Committee since 2014; has served as ACWA Vice President since 2019; and

Whereas, Pamela Tobin has served on the Board of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) since 2004, has previously served as RWA Board Chair, has served on the RWA Executive Committee for a number of years and received the RWA "Distinguished Service" Award for 2018; and

Whereas, Pamela Tobin has served on the Board of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) since 2004 and has previously served as the SGA Chair.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors does hereby support Pamela Tobin for the office of ACWA President.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Authority held on _____.

By: _____
Chair, Regional Water Authority

Attest: _____
Board Secretary, Regional Water Authority

AGENDA ITEM 5: WATER FORUM UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

Jessica Law will be giving a presentation on the Water Forum.

Information and Presentation: Jessica Law, Executive Director, Water Forum

AGENDA ITEM 6: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BRIEFING

BACKGROUND:

A presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act will be given.

Information and Presentation: Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs

AGENDA ITEM 7: SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY STAFFING

BACKGROUND:

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

Gina Bartlett from Consensus Builders Institute is serving as the facilitator for the matter of potentially consolidating the SGA and SCGA. Ms. Bartlett has conducted stakeholder assessments and presented her findings and recommendations at a joint meeting of the RWA, SCGA and SGA boards on June 7th.

A request has been made by some SGA Board members to have the opportunity to discuss the matter just with SGA Board members. A workshop for SGA will be held at a Special SGA Board Meeting on September 8th to accommodate this request. Staff is currently working on drafting an FAQ (frequently asked questions) document to provide assistance to Board members as the proposed consolidation is evaluated.

Discussion: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 8: LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

The Legislature is headed toward summer recess, which begins July 16th. At that time, all live bills will have had to have passed policy committee in the second house. Recently, every member was limited to a total of 12 bills. This limitation in combination with Appropriations has significantly changed a number of higher profile bills that RWA has been engaged on. Those bills include:

- SB 45 (Portantino D- La Canada/Flintridge) resilience bond,
- SB 222 (Dodd D-Napa) Low-income water rate assistance,
- SB 223 (Dodd D-Napa) Water shutoffs,
- AB 377 (Lee D- San Jose) Water quality,
- AB 1434 (Friedman D- Glendale) Indoor water use efficiency, and
- AB 1500 (E. Garcia D- Coachella) Resilience bond,

The Legislature passed a budget on June 15th that included \$3.475 billion for drought response and \$1 billion to address water arrearages. The Legislature is currently expected to pass a budget bill junior by June 30th that will provide specifics on how the \$3.475 billion, the \$1 billion for water arrearages, and how an additional \$1.2-3.7 billion for climate resiliency will be spent.

Discussion: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

AGENDA ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JULY 8, 2021

TO: RWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JIM PEIFER

RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Grants Update** – Staff is currently managing six grants totaling \$21.5 million. Four of the six grants will be concluded in 2021. RWA held a project kickoff meeting for the recipients of the \$8.74 million Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant on June 9, 2021.
- b. RWA Outreach** – Jim Peifer had an Op-Ed on the benefits of local groundwater management to ensure water supply reliability during dry conditions published in the Sacramento Bee on June 15, 2021 (enclosed). Rob Swartz was a panelist on a June 21, 2021 webinar on collaborating on Integrated Regional Water Management and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- c. SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC) Update** – The MOSAC is located on the banks of the Sacramento River in downtown Sacramento. RWA is sponsoring two exhibits in MOSAC: Home Water Detectives and Water Champions. Home Water Detectives walks visitors through a larger-than-life size house highlighting both indoor and outdoor water efficiency actions. Water Champions shows a collection of 2-3 minutes videos highlighting how organizations, students and people are already working to solve some of California's water challenges. RWA and MOSAC staff are working to finalize design and exhibit construction plans with a late 2021 public opening targeted. As part of our sponsorship agreement, RWA will have access to the facilities for private events once open. For more information visit the MOSAC website at: <https://visitmosac.org/>.
- d. Financial Reports** – Unaudited RWA financial reporting is attached through June 30, 2021.

Attachments

- 1. Sacramento Bee Op-Ed
- 2. Financial Reports

How an invisible water source will help Sacramento get through the upcoming drought

By Jim Peifer Special to the Sacramento Bee
June 15, 2021 08:00 am



A boat floats near exposed lakebed at Folsom Lake on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, when the lake's surface elevation was 396 feet. The lake has risen almost 20 feet since January, but it was almost fifty feet higher a year ago on this date. DANIEL KIM/DKIM@SACBEE.COM

One look at Folsom Lake, the Sacramento region's primary surface water storage reservoir, says all we need to know about California's current water situation: We're in another drought.

Like reservoirs throughout the state, Folsom is shockingly low and won't be refilled by snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada. Low reservoir levels are a big concern for the Lower American River, a critical habitat for salmon and steelhead.

Local water managers are working closely through the Water Forum, a coalition of water providers, environmentalists, business groups and local governments, to monitor and address the river's conditions with our federal and state partners. Many will request voluntary conservation, as we all play a role in helping preserve as much water as possible.

One important action water providers will take this year to help the river is relying more on our other major water reservoir which we cannot readily see: groundwater.

Far below the Sacramento metro area are two large groundwater aquifers. These are able to hold 1.8 million acre-feet of water — nearly twice the amount of water as Folsom Reservoir — in the soil and rock crevices 2,000 feet below the surface. Unlike other parts of California, our groundwater aquifer is stable, sustainable and ready to serve as our drought buffer.

This wasn't always the case. More than two decades ago, groundwater levels were declining dramatically, threatening the long-term viability of some groundwater-dependent communities. The American River was also overtaxed. So, in 2000, leaders across the region came together in the historic Water Forum Agreement to balance the needs of our communities and the environment by jointly managing surface water and groundwater.

Today, thanks to that effort, the Sacramento region's groundwater aquifers are no longer declining, and mechanisms are in place to ensure they recharge on a regular basis. They are so stable, in fact, that we are able to use them as a Water Bank, storing water during wet years for use during dry years.

We've achieved a lot of groundwater recharge naturally, simply by reducing reliance on the river. The less we pump out, the more water is available to seep into the aquifer. This means a significant portion of the Water Bank can be filled up without expensive new infrastructure.

Several hundred million dollars have been invested over the past two-plus decades to actively replenish the Water Bank, allowing us to recharge the aquifer with 60,000 acre-feet of surface water in wet years and pump the same amount out in dry years without any harm. That's enough to serve up to 150,000 homes in dry years. Additional investments are in the works to boost this banking capacity by 50% in the years to come.

We're ready for this drought in other ways, too. Since 2014, the Sacramento region cut per-capita water use in half. In the same time period, we leveraged state grant funding to build creative projects worth over \$30 million aimed at reducing dependence on Folsom Lake and American River water during dry conditions by increasing water sharing among communities.

Historically, some local water agencies were totally dependent on the American River and had no access to groundwater. One project modified existing pipelines so water can move in both directions, and new inter-tie plumbing now links Sacramento-area water providers together better allowing the region to move water where it's needed.

Our groundwater banking program doesn't just help local residents. Shifting urban demand to groundwater allows us to reduce pumping from surface water sources like the Lower American River, leaving more for fish and wildlife — a critical action in a drought year.

Thanks to two decades of foresight and cooperation, our groundwater is there for us this year when we need it.



Jim Peifer is executive director of the Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

<https://www.sacbee.com/opinion/op-ed/article251476978.html>

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5620 BIRDCAGE STREET, SUITE 180
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

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Account Number: 90-34-019

June 2021 Statement

Account Summary

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	2,900,424.01
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	2,900,424.01

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As of the financial markets most recent close of business (06/30/2021), the total value of your account(s) is **\$1,608,262.19**.

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Contributions to the CERBT AND CEPPT :

Contributions may be submitted using three different transmittal methods:

- Electronic Funds Transfer by Wire Transfer
- Electronic Funds Transfer by ACH Credit Method
- Check

When submitting a contribution, a Contribution Form by transmittal type must be submitted to ensure proper crediting to your OPEB or Pension Contribution Prefunding Account. To obtain a contribution form by the transmittal type, please email CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov or CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov and a team member will be happy to email you the appropriate form.

Please note: Contributions by Wire Transfer or ACH Credit Method in the amount of \$5 million or greater require 72 hour notice prior to sending the contribution.

Disbursements from the CERBT and CEPPT:

All requests for disbursements must be in writing using the CERBT Disbursement Request Form or CEPPT Disbursement Request Form and must include a certification that the monies will be used for the purposes of the Prefunding Plan. The requests must be signed by an individual serving in the position authorized by the employer to request disbursements from the Trust(s).

Please note: Disbursements \$10,000 or greater require two signatures.

Please email: CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov or CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov to obtain the Disbursement Request Form(s).

Upon completion of the Disbursement Request form, please mail the original to the following address:

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CERBT/CEPPT
P.O. Box 1494
Sacramento, CA 95812-1494

Please email a completed copy of this form to CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov or

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Income Statement

June 2021

	12 Months Ended June 30, 2021	Annual Budget	Unused	% Used
REVENUES				
Annual Assessments	980,738.00	990,700.00	9,962.00	99.0 %
Affiliate Members Annual	6,000.00	7,500.00	1,500.00	80.0 %
Associate Membership Annual	57,644.00	57,600.00	(44.00)	100.1 %
SGA Service Agreement Fees	490,724.93	661,850.00	171,125.07	74.1 %
Holiday Social Revenue	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,054.40	0.00	(24,054.40)	
Cash Discounts	215.68	0.00	(215.68)	
Interest on S/T Investments	21,702.49	42,000.00	20,297.51	51.7 %
TOTAL REVENUES	1,581,079.50	1,767,650.00	186,570.50	89.4 %
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 GROSS PROFIT	 1,581,079.49	 1,767,650.00	 186,570.51	 89.4 %
 OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Staff Expenses				
General Salaries	924,388.61	1,015,462.00	91,073.39	91.0 %
Benefits/Taxes	341,119.75	457,267.00	116,147.25	74.6 %
Travel / Meals	3,078.09	31,500.00	28,421.91	9.8 %
Professional Development	1,287.50	7,400.00	6,112.50	17.4 %
TOTAL Staff Expenses	1,269,873.95	1,511,629.00	241,755.05	84.0 %
Office Expenses				
Rent & Utilities	34,310.00	35,600.00	1,290.00	96.4 %
Insurance	31,992.87	38,000.00	6,007.13	84.2 %
Office Maintenance	3,234.65	700.00	(2,534.65)	462.1 %
Telephone	8,762.55	13,300.00	4,537.45	65.9 %
Dues and Subscription	24,054.79	11,900.00	(12,154.79)	202.1 %
Printing & Supplies	4,996.47	21,800.00	16,803.53	22.9 %
Postage	236.52	3,000.00	2,763.48	7.9 %
Meetings	2,952.13	13,800.00	10,847.87	21.4 %
Computer Equipment/Support	28,769.44	24,200.00	(4,569.44)	118.9 %
TOTAL Office Expenses	139,309.42	162,300.00	22,990.58	85.8 %

	<i>12 Months Ended June 30, 2021</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Unused</i>	<i>% Used</i>
Office Furniture & Equipment				
Office Furniture	(4,629.79)	3,000.00	7,629.79	-154.3 %
Office Move	21,583.53	0.00	(21,583.53)	
Computer Server Upgrades	15,428.00	20,000.00	4,572.00	77.1 %
New Telephone System	487.09	0.00	(487.09)	
TOTAL Office Furniture & Equipment	32,868.83	23,000.00	(9,868.83)	142.9 %
Professional Fees				
ADP / Banking Charges	2,266.02	2,800.00	533.98	80.9 %
Audit Fees	29,220.00	28,100.00	(1,120.00)	104.0 %
Legal Fees	43,456.70	65,000.00	21,543.30	66.9 %
GASB 68 reporting fee	350.00	0.00	(350.00)	
Consulting Expenses - General	276,562.85	317,700.00	41,137.15	87.1 %
Powerhouse Science Center Payments	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	80.0 %
TOTAL Professional Fees	371,855.57	438,600.00	66,744.43	84.8 %
Miscellaneous Expense	306.85	0.00	(306.85)	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,814,214.62	2,135,529.00	321,314.38	85.0 %
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(233,135.13)	(367,879.00)	(134,743.87)	63.4 %
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(233,135.13)	(367,879.00)	(134,743.87)	63.4 %
NET INCOME (LOSS) NET OF PROGRAM	(233,135.13)	(367,879.00)	(134,743.87)	63.4 %



Per California Government Code 6505.5 (e), RWA reports the following unaudited information:

For the period ending June 2021

Cash in checking account:	\$	155,519
LAIF Balance	\$	2,900,424

For the period of April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

Total cash receipts for the period:	\$	1,275,539
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Total cash disbursements for the period:	\$	1,295,487
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AGENDA ITEM 10: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS