

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

AMENDED 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 Executive Committee 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.

We encourage Committee members and participants to join the meeting 10 minutes early. Note that we will use GoToMeeting to share slides and other information during the meeting. Use the link below to join GoToMeeting. If you have a microphone that you can use with your computer, it should be possible to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting through GoToMeeting. If you do not have a microphone, or a headset with a microphone, that plugs into your computer via USB port, you will need to call into the conference line to listen and comment, although you still should be able to view the meeting materials on GoToMeeting. Please do not simultaneously use a microphone through GoToMeeting and the telephone conference line. That combination results in audio problems for all participants.

Meeting Information:

RWA Executive Committee Meeting
Wed, Sep 22, 2021 8:30 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 committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(e) AND 54957(b)(1) – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: Executive Director

4. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(f) AND 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Sean Bigley, Dan York, and Tony Firenzi
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the August 25, 2021, Executive Committee meetings

Action: Approve Consent Calendar Items

6. EMERGENCY PLANNING PROCESS AND FACILITATION

Information and Discussion: Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

Executive Committee Meetings: Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and December 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 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

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>, 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>

* Names highlighted in red are Executive Committee members

RWA ASSOCIATES

Organization	Representatives
El Dorado County Water Agency	<i>Lori Parlin</i> , Chair <i>Ken Payne</i> , General Manager (alternate)
Placer County	<i>Ken Grehm</i> , Director Public Works and Facilities <i>Jared Deck</i> , Manager Environmental Engineering
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	<i>Arlen Orchard</i> , General Manager/CEO <i>Damien Waples</i> , Strategic Account Advisor <i>Ansel Lundberg</i> , Energy Commodity Contracts Specialist
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)	<i>Christoph Dobson</i> , Director Policy and Planning <i>Terrie Mitchell</i> , Manager Legislative and Regulatory Affairs <i>Jose Ramirez</i> , Policy and Planning <i>David Ocenosak</i> , Principal Engineer
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	<i>Richard Johnson</i> , <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, Vice President</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>
Stantec	<i>Kari Shively, Vice President</i> <i>Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer</i> <i>Yung-Hsin Sun, Principal Engineer</i> <i>Rebecca Guo, Senior Associate Water Resources Engineer</i> <i>Kirsten Pringle, Associate Public Affairs Specialist</i> <i>Ibrahim Khadam, Principal 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, Principal Engineer</i>
Woodard & Curran	<i>Ali Taghavi, Principal</i> <i>Jim Graydon, Senior Client Service Manager</i>

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(e)
AND 54957(b)(1) – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

Title: Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM 4: CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(f) AND 54957.6**

Agency designated representatives: Sean Bigley, Dan York, and Tony Firenzi

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 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.

Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar Item

Attachment:

Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting



**Regional Water Authority
Executive Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes
August 25, 2021**

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 and Cecilia Partridge

Others in Attendance

Brian Sanders, Mike Huot, Kevin Thomas, Bob Reisig, Pam Tobin, Audie Foster, Anne Sanger, Andy Fecko, Cathy Lee, David Wheaton, John Woodling, Cathy Green, Craig Locke, Greg Zlotnick, and Paul Helliker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the June 23, 2021 **Executive Committee Meeting**

Motion/Second Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Ms. Carrey, to approve the Consent Calendar item. Ron Greenwood was present, but did not vote. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all remaining directors present.

4. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Peifer said that RWA, SGA and SCGA boards participated in a recent meeting. We are in phase one, an exploratory phase, of the process roadmap where there will be a decision on whether to proceed to phase two. A question for discussion is what the governance should look like for a potential consolidation of SGA and SCGA. Phase three would be what would the staffing look like and what resources would be needed to accommodate such an organization. Phase four would include legal counsel drafting agreements.

There are members who have questions and would like to receive additional specific information on the consolidation before moving onto the next phase. It is important for all members to be fully educated on the issues.

There was discussion on the process, the pros and cons of consolidation, and how a potential consolidation could affect the services that are currently provided by RWA and SGA staff.

Mr. Peifer suggested that additional discussion is needed between SGA and SCGA before moving forward. Both the RWA and SGA boards have requested a workshop to answer the questions that have been posed.

Mr. Woodling outlined some of the potential benefits and opportunities for the three organizations with consolidation.

5. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, said that the legislative session ends on September 10th. The primary focus of the Legislature at the end of session remains providing specifics around placeholder dollar amount appropriations made through the approved budget.

Of the bills still live in the legislative process RWA currently has active support positions on AB 315 that limits liability for stream restoration work, AB 322 that invests EPIC funds in biomass, AB 361 that revises access to public meetings, AB 418 regarding resilience to PSPS events, AB 652 dealing with PFAS prohibition in children's products, AB 697 has flexibility in funds for forest health, AB 1250 has timelines for CPUC regulated consolidations, SB 323 challenges timelines on water/sewer fees and SB 369 for the Yolo Bypass multi-benefit partnership program. AB 897 deals with regional adaptation planning and is supported if amended. SB 222 for low-income rate assistance is opposed unless amended.

Staff recommended the Executive Committee take action to update RWA's position to reflect the current language in AB 1200 that prohibits PFAS in food packaging and cookware and SB 222 the low-income rate assistance program.

M/S/C Mr. Firenzi moved, with a second by Mr. York, to take positions on State Legislation. Ron Greenwood was present, but did not vote. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all remaining directors present.

6. SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Peifer said that the Chair and Vice Chair will be interviewing ACWA Vice President candidates and will provide a recommendation to the RWA Board for a resolution supporting one of the candidates.

After discussion, it was decided to add a Drought Conditions Update item to the agenda.

M/S/C Mr. Roberts moved with a second by Ms. Schmitz to Approve the September 9, 2021 proposed RWA Board Meeting agenda with the added agenda item. Ron Greenwood was present, but did not vote. Mr. Schubert abstained. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all the remaining directors present.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that there is an RWA Coffee and Conversation Chat scheduled on August 27th with Congressman Ami Bera who represents most of Sacramento's eastern and southern suburbs, including Elk Grove, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova. Any questions for Congressman Bera should be sent to Mr. Peifer.

He asked that RWA Impact Award recommendations be submitted to him for consideration.

He suggested a mock disaster planning exercise to prepare RWA members to recognize regional challenges in the event of future droughts and how to better prepare and increase our emergency response. He would like to schedule another drought disaster planning meeting for general managers to provide updates.

He has been requested by the California Lawyers Association Environmental Law Section to participate in a virtual panel discussion on the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Carrey reported that the City of Sacramento approved moving to a stage two water alert. There is emphasis on education and increased outreach before offense enforcement.

Mr. Roberts reported on City of West Sacramento's possible 20% reduction mandate.

Mr. Schubert said that Golden State Water Company received a curtailment notice on their 1851 water rights. A September public meeting is scheduled to go over a revised Schedule 14.1, which has six conservation levels. The first level is a voluntary stage. After that, each stage gives an allocation with a penalty rate if the allocation is exceeded.

Mr. Firenzi gave an update on the direct effects of the fires for Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). It is possible that they will be requesting assistance due to the River Fire that burned around PG&E's canal system that supplies PCWA's water system. They reached out to State and Federal legislators seeking assistance. A letter of support may be requested.

Mr. York reported on the collaboration/consolidation opportunities for Sacramento Suburban Water District and Carmichael Water District. After several meetings, direction has been received from the 2 x 2 committee to set up a joint meeting in October for further discussion with the entire board.

Chair Bigley said that the City of Roseville is in week three of their mandatory stage two with an overall city goal of 20%. With standard restrictions they are seeing the beginnings of conservation within the city. They are working to expedite several infrastructure projects, specifically two new aquifer storage and recovery wells in the western part of the city.

Chair Bigley requested that a closed session agenda item be added to the September Executive Committee meeting for the Executive Director Evaluation process to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

AGENDA ITEM 6: EMERGENCY PLANNING PROCESS AND FACILITATION

BACKGROUND:

A dramatically changing environment has made it increasingly important for water purveyors in the American River region to consider collective support services among entities during emergencies. This year has already shown many deviations from what we previously considered a normal range of variability, including one of the worst droughts and the hottest June and July on record. With multiple years of sustained hot and dry conditions, the region could suffer from a multitude of public health and safety concerns such as water shortages, increased wildfire risk, and concerns for power generation capability.

RWA staff has proposed its members participate in a tabletop exercise to respond to a cursory emergency scenario of extreme drought conditions. This scenario is intended to be the first phase of a regional emergency planning effort that will identify member capabilities, outline an approach for unified incident response command, identify needs and limitations, identify needed mutual aid agreements, and sketch out a process to further build out a region-wide emergency response plan. After the initial phase, it is anticipated that the emergency response plan that supports the members needs will be further bolstered to include other emergency situations with corresponding response and recovery actions identified.

RWA staff would like to have a discussion with the Executive Committee regarding the potential to obtain consulting services, through a subscription program or other means to assist in building the region's emergency response capacity. RWA staff have preliminarily spoken with Bill Croyle to obtain some insights. Mr. Croyle is currently with Gannett Fleming and has extensive experience in emergency and water supply management. He was formerly the Acting Director of the Department of Water Resources during the Oroville Dam spillway emergency and lead the effort for response and recovery actions. Additionally, Mr. Croyle has worked on other activities including drought response, flood, and dam safety. Mr. Croyle has developed relationships with local offices of emergency services and is knowledgeable regarding funding opportunities to support emergency response activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Information and Discussion: Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs

It is recommended that a subscription program be implemented to provide the necessary means to put together region-wide emergency response and to build not only the first phase of the plan, but to further build out a more extensive plan to ensure the region is adequately prepared.

Staff recommends the Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to meet with Mr. Croyle to discuss goals and expectations, and if appropriate, to potentially recommend an agreement with Gannett Fleming to obtain Mr. Croyle's services or another consultant as appropriate. A report of the discussion would be made at the next Executive Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An Oral Report will be provided.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS