



Regional Water Authority
Executive Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
September 22, 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
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,
Monica Garcia, Cecilia Partridge and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Brian Sanders, Mike Huot, Kevin Thomas, Bob Reisig, Jessica Law, Andy Fecko, Marcus Yasutake, Richard Shatz, Dan Kelly, Anne Sanger, Rebecca Scott, Greg Zlotnick, and Paul Helliker

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Chair Bigley reported that the Executive Director performance evaluation requires further discussion and will be added to the October 27th Executive Committee meeting agenda. No action was taken at this time.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of the August 25, 2021, Executive Committee meeting

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

6. EMERGENCY PLANNING PROCESS AND FACILITATION

Mr. Peifer said that staff have considered a planning exercise on how the region would respond if Folsom Reservoir experienced continued dry conditions. Working with a consultant may better prepare the region to maintain a central focus on the planning effort and introduce opportunities for funding and regional coordination.

Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs, said events like drought, fire or power outages could happen in our region in the future. It is important to be as prepared as possible, to assess the vulnerabilities to cope with those emergencies, and to be as self-reliant as possible.

Staff has had conversations with William Croyle, Gannet Flemming, a former Acting Director of the Department of Water Resources and an emergency response expert. Mr. Croyle was suggested as a facilitator to lead the American River region water purveyors through an emergency exercise.

Chair Bigley created an ad hoc committee to discuss an emergency exercise with Mr. Croyle and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee at the October meeting. The ad hoc committee members include Michelle Carrey, Andy Fecko, Kerry Schmitz, Sean Bigley, Marcus Yasutake, Paul Schubert, Tony Firenzi and Dan York. The committee will provide a recommendation to include whether the RWA should advance a subscription program for the emergency planning exercise.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that the Water Forum's 2021 Salmon Habitat Restoration Project is worth visiting.

He joined the Sacramento Suburban Water District at their last Board meeting to provide information on the Sacramento Central Groundwater Association (SCGA).

On September 13th representatives from the City of Sacramento, City of Roseville and City of Folsom met with the Commissioner of Reclamation to discuss the importance of carryover storage.

Mr. Peifer will be participating in the virtual Environmental Law Conference and has been on a previously recorded panel discussion.

Staff has been doing some outreach discussing the need for supporting efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

An SCGA workshop is planned at the SGA sometime mid-October.

The RWA 20th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for October 7th at the Sutter Club. There are opportunities for sponsorship.

On Thursday, September 23rd a Water Community meetup is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at Kathrin's Biergarten in Rocklin. This is not an RWA sponsored event.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, thanked Mr. Peifer for his SCGA presentation at their board meeting.

Mr. Yasutake, City of Folsom, said that one of their council members is contacting local agencies to ask what they would do if there was no water in Folsom Reservoir or the lower American River.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:
