



**Regional Water Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Final Minutes  
October 27, 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  
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 and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel

**Others in Attendance**

Brian Sanders, Mike Huot, Bob Reisig, Jessica Law, Anne Sanger, Rebecca Scott, Cathy Lee, Bruce Kamilos, Craig Locke, Alan Driscoll, Jose Ramirez, David Wheaton, Nicole Krotoski and Paul Helliker

**2. AUTHORIZE A TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**Action: Pass a Motion by a majority vote under Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(B) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: (i) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (ii) the meeting is authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C).**

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert, to authorize a teleconference meeting. 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 Rich, San Juan Water District and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, voted yes.

Dan Rich left the meeting.

- 3. 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.

None

- 4. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND APPOINTMENT**

Government Code §§ 54954.5(e), 54957(b)(1)

Title: Executive Director

- 5. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code, §§ 54954.5(f), 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Sean Bigley and Dan York

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

- 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Chair Bigley reported on the closed session summarizing the Executive Director's proposed employment agreement including merit, COLA and a bonus amount with the merit amount being retroactive to July 1, 2021. The Executive Director's performance evaluation was approved.

M/S/C Ms. Schmitz moved, with a second by Mr. Firenzi to recommend to the Board of Directors to renew and amend the Executive Director employment agreement. 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 and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, voted yes

- 7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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M/S/C Ms. Schmitz moved, with a second by Mr. York approved the consent calendar items. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, voted yes. Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, abstained.

- 8. POLICY 400.4 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROCEDURE REVISIONS**

Chair Bigley will appoint members to an ad hoc committee to revise policy 400.4.

## **9. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

Mr. Peifer gave an update on the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority. There was a questions and answers sheet from Isabel Safie, pension counsel for RWA and SGA, included in the packet. A workshop is expected to be scheduled to address potential options for members to consider.

## **10. NOVEMBER 4, 2021 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Mr. Peifer requested that the Executive Committee consider an additional agenda item be added to the RWA Board meeting agenda. The agenda item would be an update from the Department of Water Resources on funding criteria.

M/S/C Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. York to approve the November 4, 2021 proposed RWA Board meeting agenda with the added agenda item suggested. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District, voted yes. Michelle Carrey, City of Sacramento, did not respond to the call for votes.

## **11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chair Bigley requested that in consideration of the budget that all RWA members refrain from contacting RWA legal counsel directly with questions. He asked that all questions or requests be addressed to the Executive Director or in a full RWA board meeting.

Mr. Peifer thanked everyone who attended the RWA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

Mark your calendars for December 9<sup>th</sup> for the RWA/SGA Holiday Social event to be held at the Blue Line Arts Gallery in Roseville. An ad hoc awards committee has been established including Ms. Schmitz, Mr. Selsky, Ms. Sanger and Mr. Schubert to receive award nominations.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Emergency Response on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is interest to hire a consultant to assist with the emergency response effort.

Listening sessions are continuing with Jim Peifer, Chair Sean Bigley and Vice Chair Dan York participating.

A presentation was made to SACOG members with an interest in water supply, resilient solutions to drought, and the water bank. SACOG is interested in receiving funding for their Green Means Go project.

Ms. Sanger is leading the effort for the 2021 Cap-to-Cap that is occurring this week.

There has been interest from reporters on how the recent atmospheric river affected water supply.

Mr. Peifer attended panel discussions including the Environmental Law Conference and the Sacramento State Office of Water Programs. He will be participating in the Water Education Foundation panel tomorrow. Mr. Ojakian gave a presentation to the Capitol Region Climate Readiness Collaborative on tracking climate change and the water bank. He also presented to the Water Forum Plenary. Ms. Talbot has been participating in panel discussions, talking with the media, and giving a presentation on water loss regulations at the AWWA Fall Conference. She will be giving an update to the ACWA Water Use Efficiency Program Committee and has been participating in an EPA WaterSense webinar.

## **12. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Board Secretary