



**Regional Water Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Final Minutes  
February 23, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair York 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**

S. Audie Foster, California American Water  
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District  
Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento  
Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City  
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency  
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency  
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban 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, Bruce Kamilos, Trevor Joseph, Rebecca Scott, Tom Hennig, Paul Schubert, Pam Tobin, John Woodling, Rob Roscoe, Cathy Lee, Paul Helliker, Greg Zlotnick, Jay Boatwright, Angela Frost, Charles Duncan, William Lauritsen and Kevin Thomas

- 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.

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Espindola moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood to approve the consent calendar items. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

Mr. Foster, California American Water, entered the meeting after the voice vote was taken.

#### **4. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Mr. Peifer gave updates on the Water Quality Committee and the Federal Affairs Committee activities.

Chair York provided the names of the members serving on the Policy 400.4 Ad Hoc Committee, the Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee, the 2022 Awards Committee, the Executive Committee Election Process Ad Hoc Committee, the 3 x 3 Committee, the 2022 Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee and the Water Quality Committee.

#### **5. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS UPDATE**

In keeping with RWA Policy 400.2, Employee Compensation Policy, Mr. Peifer offered a draft solicitation for consulting services for the Executive Committee to review. Staff is prepared to proceed to obtain proposals from qualified consultants for the compensation study. There was discussion on the budgeted amount and scope of the compensation study. The consultant proposals received will be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration of selecting the appropriate consultant to provide the requested information.

Chair York will appoint a committee to review the consultant proposals. After discussion, it was agreed that the solicitation should be sent out.

#### **6. DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Ms. Reina-Luken gave a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget. Connection information has been requested from each member agency to assist in determining next year's dues. She gave an overview of the fiscal year 2022 mid-year budget status and outlook, budget policies, budget assumptions and the budget schedule. She also provided an update on RWA's CalPERS unfunded accrued liability.

#### **7. SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA) UPDATE**

Mr. Peifer said that a Memorandum of Understanding was adopted two years ago for the Regional Water Authority (RWA), Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) and Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) to consider potential staffing of the SCGA. At the February SGA Board meeting, the members voted to proceed to Phase 2 of the Process Roadmap. This phase will consider governance proposals for a combined SGA and SCGA. Further discussion and analysis are needed for a number of remaining issues and concerns.

Mr. Woodling said that the SCGA voted in August to move forward with Phase 2. The SCGA board is supportive of the potential consolidation merger. There is still a lot of work to be done regarding governance. A merger could potentially provide financial benefits, additional staffing services and greater quality of service.

#### **8. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE**

Mr. Ojakian suggested taking support positions on AB 1724- requiring microfiltration on washing machines, AB 1817- prohibiting PFAS in textiles, AB 1906- refining reimbursement for voluntary private property stream restoration, AB 1939- requiring climate change education in grades 1–6 and 9-12 and SB 901- updating flood control management and requirements in West Sacramento. The State has begun the process of developing guidelines for regional climate adaptation funding that was part of the 2021-2022 state budget.

M/S/C Mr. Firenzi moved, with a second by Ms. Schmitz to take positions on legislation. S. Audie Foster, California American Water, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, did not respond to the voice vote.

## **9. RWA MARCH 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Mr. Peifer noted a correction to the language on the agenda item for the resolution for Pamela Tobin.

M/S/C Ms. Espindola moved, with a second by Mr. Foster to approve the RWA March 10, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda with the noted correction. S. Audie Foster, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

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

RWA has been interviewed for print and media stories including KCRA 3 and ABC 10 interviews on the Water Bank, a KCRA interview on the North American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and an NPR interview on Weather Whiplash and water management.

An editorial was written by the Sacramento Bee supporting the Water Bank.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui sent a letter of support for water storage funding for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

A letter was sent from the Environmental Council of Sacramento to the Sacramento area RWA water agencies seeking cooperation for a turf replacement study.

Mr. Peifer will make a presentation to the Sacramento County Grand Jury tomorrow answering a list of their questions.

## **11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Espindola noted the importance of partnerships and agencies working together. She appreciates meeting with RWA staff and the State Water Resources Control Board recently. City of Yuba City is working on a couple of projects and working with their water wastewater treatment diffuser. She attended an informative Strategic Planning meeting in Placer County.

Chair York thanked the Executive Committee members for their commitment to the committee and the ad hoc committees. He agreed with the suggestion for agencies to visit each other to get to know each other better.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair York adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Board Secretary