



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 13, 2022**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
William Lauritsen, City of Lincoln
Angela Frost, City of Lincoln
Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City
Diana Langley, City of Yuba City
Ryan Saunders, Del Paso Manor Water District
Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District
Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company
Joe Duran, Orange Vale Water Company
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Tom Hennig, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan Rich, San Juan Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Jared Deck, Placer County

RWA Affiliate Members

Charles Duncan, West Yost & Associates, John Woodling and Richard Shatz, GEI Consultants

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Rob Swartz, Ryan Ojikian, Michelle Banonis, Josette Reina-Luken, Amy Talbot, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel

Others in Attendance:

Peggy Vande Vooren, Jay Boatwright, Rhonda Hunter, Jeff Nelson, Rebecca Scott, Raymond Riehle, Paul Helliker, Rich Plecker, Pauline Roccucci, Anne Sanger, Michelle Carrey, Andy Fecko, and Paul Siebensohn

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3a. Authorize a Teleconference Meeting
- 3b. Adopt the proposed RWA Board Meeting Schedule for 2022
- 3c. Approve Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting
- 3d. Approve the 2021 RWA Financial Audit Report
- 3e. Approve the Bureau of Reclamation Memorandum of Agreement
- 3f. Approve Annual review of RWA Investment Policy 500.2 and OPEB strategy
- 3g. Approve 2022 Policy Principles
- 3h. Approve 2022 Federal Affairs Platform

Mr. Kamilos asked for clarification on what the cost sharing percentage and in-kind services was on item 3e, the Bureau of Reclamation Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Peifer provided an explanation of costs.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Harris moved, with a second by Ms. Espindola, to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Audie Foster, California American Water, Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, William Lauritsen, City of Lincoln, Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville, Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Ryan Saunders, Del Paso Manor Water District Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District, Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company, Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency, Tom Hennig, Rancho Murieta Community Services District,

Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Dan Rich, San Juan Water District voted yes. The motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4a. CLOSED SESSION – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND APPOINTMENT

Government Code Sections 54954.5(e), 54957(b)(1)
Title: Executive Director

4b. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Sections 54954.5(f), 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Sean Bigley and Dan York
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

4c. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

An alternate employment agreement was suggested that would remove the reference to the 2022 and 2023 salary changes in exhibit A and move up the completion date for the salary survey to June 1, 2022.

M/S/C Mr. Rich moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood, to receive an alternate employment agreement for the Executive Director. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company, and Dan Rich, San Juan Water District voted yes. Audie Foster, California American Water, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, William Lauritsen, City of Lincoln, Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville, Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Ryan Saunders, Del Paso Manor Water District, Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District, Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency, Tom Hennig, Rancho Murieta Community Services District, Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted no. Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District did not respond to the roll call vote. The motion did not pass.

M/S/C Mr. Dugan moved, with a second by Mr. Harris, to receive the Executive Committee recommendation for renewing and amending the Executive Director's employment agreement as proposed and take action to renew and amend the employment agreement. Audie Foster, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Hilary Strauss, Citrus Heights Water District, Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom, William Lauritsen, City of Lincoln, Bruce Houdesheldt, City of Roseville, Jeff Harris, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West

Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Ryan Saunders, Del Paso Manor Water District Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District, Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District, Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency, Tom Hennig, Rancho Murieta Community Services District, Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District and voted yes. Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company and Dan Rich, San Juan Water District voted no. The motion carried.

4d. ELECT 2022 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors elected the following members to the 2022 Executive Committee:

- Audie Foster, California American Water
- Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
- Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
- Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
- William Roberts, City of West Sacramento
- Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City
- Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
- Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County
- Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District

4e. ELECT 2022 RWA CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Board of Directors elected the 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair from the membership of the Executive Committee.

Dan York was elected as the 2022 Chair

Tony Firenzi was elected as 2022 Vice-Chair

M/S/C Mr. Houdesheldt moved, with a second by Mr. Schubert to approve the election of the RWA Executive Committee and Dan York as Chair and Tony Firenzi as Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the unanimous voice vote of all directors present. Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District and Sophia Scherman, Elk Grove Water District did not respond to the roll call vote. The motion carried.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer asked the members to review the Director's Report that was included in the packet. Please direct any questions to him.

6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Ms. Espindola said she also sits on the Federal Affairs and Communications committees of ACWA and could share communication between committees.

Mr. Dugan gave a water supply update with our American River Snow Sensor Index at the end of the year was about 171% of average. Combined storage upstream is strong.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Bigley adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Josette Reina-Luken, Board Secretary / Treasurer