

Chair Sanger called the meeting of the RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee to order at 11:00 a.m. as a teleconference meeting.

## 1. Roll Call

### **Individuals in attendance are listed below:**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Anne Sanger, Chair, City of Sacramento  
Evan Jacobs, California American Water  
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District  
Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville  
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville  
Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento  
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency  
Greg Budesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District  
Jeni Buckman, legal counsel

### **Committee Members Not in Attendance:**

Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City and Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency

### **Others in Attendance:**

Kristi More, Ryan Ojakian, Eric Sapirstein, Mark Smith, David Wheaton, Lane Dickson, Kathy Willis, David French, Jim Peifer and Cecilia Partridge

## 2. Public Comment

Chair Sanger opened the meeting for anyone who had anything that they would like to share with the Federal Affairs Committee.

## 3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee Meetings.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Mattock moved, with a second by Mr. Bigley, to approve the January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee meeting minutes. Anne Sanger, Chair, City of Sacramento, Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Cathy Lee,

Carmichael Water District, Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento, Greg Budesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency abstained. The motion carried.

#### **4. Disclosures and Regional Coordination**

Mr. Peifer said that support or comments on the draft proposal Stream Act are due Friday, March 18, 2022. Opinions and comments on the bill would be appreciated. He suggested meeting with legal counsel to initiate a position letter on the draft proposal noting that RWA looks forward to working with the Senator on the bill by the deadline and have the Executive Committee affirm the position at their next meeting.

#### **5. Confirm RWA FAC member appointments – Chair Dan York**

This item will be included on the April 20, 2022 Federal Affairs meeting agenda.

#### **6. Chair York's Vision for 2022**

This item will be included on the April 20, 2022 Federal Affairs meeting agenda.

#### **7. Federal Legislative Review – Potential action may be taken**

##### **a) FY 22 Budget Timeline & FY23 kick off**

Mr. Sapirstein said that it will be August or September timeframe before the State Revolving Loan Fund monies are disbursed. There is a hearing before Environment and Public Works on the allocation formula for the State Revolving Loan Fund program. Ms. More said there is historical knowledge and background on how funds have been administered.

##### **b) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – water provisions summary**

Ms. More said there is significant funding coming from a lot of different categories in the infrastructure package.

##### **c) WRDA Section 219 Work Group Status**

Ms. More gave an update on Section 219 issues, the appropriations process, recommendations, and guidelines that request specific project authorization or specific language. For Section 219, the environmental infrastructure, members were limited to five different project requests. Reimbursement will be received from the Corps out of the appropriated funds for Section 219.

**d) Arrearage funding – LIHWAP**

Mr. Ojakian said that there was reference to dedicated funding for disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Ms. More said that applications must address how the project will benefit disadvantaged and underserved communities. Applicants need to be able to support the information in the application.

**8. WIIN Act Funding for Water Bank Status**

This item will be included on the April 20, 2022 Federal Affairs meeting agenda.

**9. Action Items**

Issue a letter of support for the draft proposal Stream Act.

Follow up with FY 23 earmarked process as a region and as individual agencies.

More on funding issues that agencies are planning to pursue on drinking water and wastewater.

**10. Public Comment**

None.

**11.** Next Meeting March 16, 2022.

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Sanger adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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Chairperson

Attest:

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