

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

May 25, 2022; 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Director of the Authority at (916) 847-7589. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. The Executive Committee may consider any agenda item at any time during the meeting.

RWA Executive Committee Meeting
Wed, May 25, 2022 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PDT)

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 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.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Committee Members may request an item be removed for separate consideration.
 - 3a. Authorize a Teleconference Meeting
 - 3b. Minutes of the April 27, 2022, Executive Committee meeting**Action: Approve Consent Calendar**
- 4. DRAFT RWA POLICY 500.19 – WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RESERVE POLICY**
Information and Presentation: Amy Talbot, Water Efficiency Program Manager
Action: Recommend Approval of Draft RWA Policy 500.19 - Water Efficiency Reserve Policy to the RWA Board of Directors via consent calendar
- 5. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE**
Information: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager
Action: Take Positions on Legislation

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Information: Dan York, Chair and Jim Peifer, Executive Director

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2022, commencing 8:30 a.m. at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022, commencing 9:00 a.m. at the RWA Office, the location is subject to change depending on the COVID-19 emergency.

The RWA Board Meeting electronic packet is available on the RWA website at <https://rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/> to access and print the packet.

RWA Board of Directors
2022 Chair: Dan York
2022 Vice Chair: Tony Firenzi

S. Audie Foster, General Manager, California American Water

Evan Jacobs, Operations Manager, California American Water

Ron Greenwood, Board Member, Carmichael Water District

Cathy Lee, General Manager, Carmichael Water District

Caryl Sheehan, Director, Citrus Heights Water District

Raymond Riehle, Director, Citrus Heights Water District

Hilary Straus, General Manager, Citrus Heights Water District (alternate)

Rebecca Scott, Principal Operations Specialist (alternate)

Kerri Howell, Councilmember, City of Folsom

Marcus Yasutake, Environmental/Water Resources Director, City of Folsom

William Lauritsen, Councilmember, City of Lincoln

Angela Frost, Environmental Services Manager, City of Lincoln

Bruce Houdesheldt, Councilmember, City of Roseville

Sean Bigley, Assistant Environment Utilities Director, City of Roseville

Rich Plecker, Director of Utilities, City of Roseville (alternate)

Trevor Joseph, Hydrogeologist, City of Roseville (alternate)

Pauline Roccucci, Councilmember, City of Roseville (alternate)

Jeff S. Harris, Councilmember, City of Sacramento

Brett Ewart, Senior Engineer, City of Sacramento

Michelle Carrey, Supervising Engineer, City of Sacramento (alternate)

Bill Busath, Director of Utilities, City of Sacramento (alternate)

Anne Sanger, Policy and Legislative Specialist, City of Sacramento (alternate)

Martha Guerrero, Council Member, City of West Sacramento

William Roberts, Director of Public Works and Operations, City of West Sacramento

Grace Espindola, Councilmember, City of Yuba City

Diana Langley, Public Works Director/City Manager, City of Yuba City

Ryan Saunders, Board Member, Del Paso Manor Water District

Alan Gardner, General Manager, Del Paso Manor Water District

Pat Dwyer, Director/Board President, El Dorado Irrigation District

Jim Abercrombie, General Manager, El Dorado Irrigation District

Brian Mueller, Engineering Director, El Dorado Irrigation District (alternate)

Sophia Scherman, Board Chair, Elk Grove Water District

Bruce Kamilos, General Manager, Elk Grove Water District

* Names highlighted in red are Executive Committee members

<p>Randy Marx, Board Member, Fair Oaks Water District Tom Gray, General Manager, Fair Oaks Water District</p>
<p>Paul Schubert, General Manager, Golden State Water Company Ernie Gisler, Capital Program Manager, Golden State Water Company</p>
<p>Ricki Heck, Board Member, Nevada Irrigation District Karen Hull, Board Member, Nevada Irrigation District (alternate) Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager, Nevada Irrigation District (alternate) Jennifer Hanson, General Manager, Nevada Irrigation District (alternate)</p>
<p>Robert Hunter, Board Member, Orange Vale Water Company Joe Duran, General Manager, Orange Vale Water Company</p>
<p>Robert Dugan, Board Member, Placer County Water Agency Tony Firenzi, Director of Strategic Affairs, Placer County Water Agency, Vice Chair Andy Fecko, General Manager, Placer County Water Agency (alternate) Mike Lee, Board Member, Placer County Water Agency (alternate)</p>
<p>Tim Maybee, Director, Rancho Murieta Community Services District Tom Hennig, Interim General Manager, Rancho Murieta Community Services District</p>
<p>Patrick Kennedy, Supervisor, Sacramento County Water Agency Kerry Schmitz, Division Chief, Water Supply, Sacramento County Water Agency</p>
<p>Dave Jones, Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District Dan York, General Manager, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Chair Kevin Thomas, Board Member, Sacramento Suburban Water District (alternate)</p>
<p>Dan Rich, Director, San Juan Water District Greg Zlotnick, Water Resources and Strategic Affairs, San Juan Water District Ted Costa, Board President, San Juan Water District (alternate)</p>

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RWA ASSOCIATES

Organization	Representatives
El Dorado Water Agency	Lori Parlin , Chair Ken Payne , General Manager (alternate)
Placer County	Ken Grehm , Director Public Works and Facilities Jared Deck , Manager Environmental Engineering
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Arlen Orchard , General Manager/CEO Christopher Cole , Strategic Account Advisor Ansel Lundberg , Energy Commodity Contracts Specialist
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)	Mike Huot , Director of Policy and Planning Terrie Mitchell , Manager Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Jose Ramirez , Policy and Planning David Ocenosak , Principal Engineer
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)	Richard Johnson , Executive Director
Yuba Water Agency	Adam Robin , Government Relations Manager Willie Whittlesey , General Manager

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RWA AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Organization	Representatives
Black & Veatch	<i>David Carlson</i> , Vice president
Brown & Caldwell	<i>Paul Selsky</i> , Water Supply Planning, Vice president <i>LaSandra Edwards</i> , Civil Engineer <i>May Huang</i> , Engineer <i>David Zuber</i> , Vice President
GEI Consultants	<i>John Woodling</i> , Vice President, Branch Manager <i>Chris Petersen</i> , Principal Hydrogeologist <i>Richard Shatz</i> , Principal Hydrogeologist
HDR, Inc.	<i>Jafar Faghieh</i> , Water Resources Engineer <i>Ed Winkler</i> , Client Development Lead
Sacramento Association of Realtors	<i>David Tanner</i> , Chief Executive Officer <i>Christopher Ly</i> , Chief Operations Officer
Stantec	<i>Kari Shively</i> , Vice President <i>Vanessa Nishikawa</i> , Principal Water Resources Engineer <i>Yung-Hsin Sun</i> , Principal Engineer <i>Rebecca Guo</i> , Senior Associate Water Resources Engineer <i>Ibrahim Khadam</i> , Principal Engineer
West Yost Associates	<i>Charles Duncan</i> , President <i>Abigail Madrone</i> , Business Development Director <i>Kelye McKinney</i> , Engineering Manager I <i>Jim Mulligan</i> , Principal Engineer
Woodard & Curran	<i>Ali Taghavi</i> , Principal <i>Jim Graydon</i> , Senior Client Service Manager

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AGENDA ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Board members may request an item be removed for separate consideration. The items to be considered and approved include:

- a.** Authorize a Teleconference Meeting by Passing 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).
- b.** Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

Attachment:

3b. Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 3a.: Authorize a Teleconference Meeting

BACKGROUND:

In light of the Governor's declaration that a state of emergency exists due to the incidence and spread of the novel corona virus, and the pandemic caused by the resulting disease COVID-19, the Committee should consider whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of meeting attendees.

The Centers for Disease Control indicates that COVID-19 is a highly transmissible virus that is spread when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles that contain the virus, and such droplets and particles are breathed in by other people. Conducting meetings by teleconference would directly reduce the risk of transmission among meeting attendees, including members of the public and agency staff, which has the ancillary effect of reducing risk of serious illness and death as well as reducing community spread of the virus.

If the authorization to meet by teleconference is not approved by a majority vote, then the meeting will adjourn after this item and the remaining agenda items will be rescheduled to a future in-person meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3b.: Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

Attachment:

Draft April 27, 2022 Minutes



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

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Rob Swartz, Josette Reina-Luken, Michelle Banonis, Monica Garcia, Deirdre Livingston and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

N/A

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) Mr. Bigley moved, with a second by Mr. Ewart to approve authorization of a teleconference meeting, minutes of the March 23, 2022 Executive Committee meeting and the 2022 Groundwater Substitution Transfer Staffing Support Agreement. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET

Ms. Reina-Luken gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (FY22/23) Budget, which included proposed Dues, budget assumptions, FY22/23 revenues, FY22/23

expenses, unfunded pension plan funding, FY22/23 budget results, strategic plan alignment, budget outlook, and budget timeline. Feedback from the Executive Committee was taken into consideration. Staff is suggesting the Board of Directors pay 3.7% increase in dues to cover the cost of FY22/23 operations.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Ms. Espindola to recommend RWA Board adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Bill Roberts, City of West Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

5. RWA FINANCIAL POLICY UPDATES AND A NEW COVID-19 EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY

Ms. Reina-Luken reported there is an ongoing process to conduct a thorough review of all RWA policies. Ms. Reina-Luken discussed six policies that the staff recommends minor edits to: 500.1, 500.5, 500.6, 500.7, 500.8 and 500.18. Staff also introduced a new policy for consideration regarding COVID-19 employee vaccination requirement.

Motion/Carried/Second (M/S/C) Ms. Espindola moved, with a second by Mr. Bigley on recommendation for RWA Board approval of RWA Financial Policy Updates and adoption of a new COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Policy via the consent calendar. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

6. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY AND POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Peifer discussed the status of the employee compensation study and position reclassifications. In the last two months, the Executive Committee has reviewed the Request for Proposal advertisement and consultant distribution list, with a proposal submission deadline of March 25, 2022. RWA received one proposal from Regional Government Services (RGS) out of the seven local firms solicited in a bid amount of \$25,500.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Ms. Espindola to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with RGS for the RWA Compensation and Classification Study in the amount of \$25,500 with a \$4,500 contingency budget for a total budget allocation of \$30,000. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

7. NEW RWA MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Mr. Peifer reported the RWA has received three new requests for membership at various levels.

- Nevada Irrigation District – Full Membership
- Yuba Water Agency – Associate Membership
- Black and Veatch Corporation – Affiliate Membership

The three organizations collectively would add significant value to the RWA and help the RWA implement its strategic plan objectives. Mr. Peifer stated the new members are excited and enthusiastic to be involved with RWA. Mr. Bigley said it is clear that the value of RWA is being recognized outside the organization.

Motion/Carried/Second (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Mr. Greenwood to recommend RWA Board approval of three RWA member applications via the consent calendar. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

8. SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR BIOLOGICAL OPINION SUPPORT SERVICES (BOSS)

Mr. Peifer reported that there are several RWA member agencies that have contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Reclamation is initiating a process to revise their Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the operation of the Central Valley Project. A revised BiOp may have positive or negative impacts on Reclamation contract holders such as improving or reducing the availability of surface water. The Biological Opinion Support Services subscription program is a new effort to assist these RWA member agencies in a way that collectively allows them to engage with Reclamation and try to ensure they will have continued access to surface water and enjoy their surface water entitlements.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Bigley moved, with a second by Ms. Espindola to recommend Board approval of the Biological Opinion Support Services Subscription Program via the consent calendar with minor administrative changes and edits by the subscription program members. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

9. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian discussed taking positions on the following Bills and the amendments:

Support positions:

AB 2771 - Would prohibit the intentional addition of PFAS to cosmetic products.

Oppose positions:

AB 1931 - Would significantly expand lead service line replacement and create requirements on water agencies that could be in conflict with federal requirements.

Oppose Unless Amended:

AB 2201 - Would require all groundwater extraction facilities in critically overdraft basins, with specified exemptions, to have a permit from a GSA to extract groundwater after July 1, 2023. *AB 2201 is being amended. Those amendments would now have the bill apply to all medium and high priority basins and move off of a requirement that a GSA permit wells to a process where a GSA would sign off on new well permits.*

AB 2895 - Would revise and recast the water transfer process. *AB 2895 is being amended. The amendments will remove the approach to have a second parallel temporary water transfer process and instead would make refinements to the existing temporary transfer process. It would likely result in a 5-day extension of time for approvals over existing law.*

SB 1124 - Would require the establishment of a public health goal and a primary MCL for Manganese.

Several other bills have developed in the legislative process. Those bills include AB 2419, AB 2639, and SB 1157. As required by the Governors March 28th Executive Order on drought, the Water Board and DWR are moving forward with proposed actions on implementation of stage 2 of water shortage contingency plans, irrigation of non-functional turf, and annual water supply and demand assessments. The state budget process continues to develop, and the Governor's revised budget is expected out on or around May 12th. The May revised budget is expected to set off a month of intense negotiations over the final budget.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Bigley to approve the legislative positions as recommended by staff. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

10. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Peifer gave an update on the 3x3 Committee, the Employee Compensation Survey Oversight Ad Hoc Committee, the Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee and the Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Peifer provided an update on the 3x3 committee. He stated that the SGA is going to have a special board meeting in the near future to discuss potential governance options regarding combining or consolidating the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

11. RWA MAY 12, 2022, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Peifer stated that he would like to add re-adoption of the previous Drought Resolution to the RWA May 12, 2022, Board agenda. After discussion, the Executive Committee approved the addition of this item with a slight change in wording to include a modernization of the prior year Drought Resolution.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Mr. Bigley to approve RWA May 12, 2022, Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of the modernization of the prior year drought resolution. Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, and Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said that his full Executive Director’s Report was included in the meeting packet.

13. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. York reported late last year that Sacramento Suburban and Carmichael Water District began talking about a potential merging of the two districts. A 2x2 committee was developed and a business case analysis will be completed around August or September. He will bring it before both boards to see whether the boards want to continue to analyze or decide on how they want to move forward. He appreciates the boards’ feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair York adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Board Secretary

AGENDA ITEM 4: DRAFT RWA POLICY 500.19 – WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RESERVE POLICY

BACKGROUND:

This policy establishes a Water Efficiency Program (WEP) level of reserve funds to mitigate current and future risks due to revenue shortfalls, unanticipated expenses, and expense fluctuations resulting from grant implementation/management. An adequate level of reserves is necessary to effectively administer both the Regional Water Efficiency Program and its associated grants. The reserve balance will be reviewed annually during the WEP budgeting process and may be revised as needed.

This policy has been reviewed and approved by the WEP's Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee, which is comprised of staff from all participating suppliers, at their May 10, 2022 meeting.

Information and Presentation: Amy Talbot, Water Efficiency Program Manager

Action: Recommend Approval of Draft RWA Policy 500.19 - Water Efficiency Reserve Policy to the RWA Board of Directors via consent calendar

Attachment:

Draft RWA Policy 500.19 - Water Efficiency Program Reserve Policy

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Type : Fiscal Management
Policy Title : Water Efficiency Program Reserve Policy
Policy Number : 500.19
Date Adopted : July 7, 2022
Date Amended :

WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RESERVE POLICY

This policy establishes the Water Efficiency Program (WEP) level of reserve funds to mitigate current and future risks due to revenue shortfalls, unanticipated expenses and expense fluctuations due to grant implementation/management. These funds are a crucial consideration in long-term financial planning. An adequate level of reserves is necessary to effectively administer both WEP's regional programs and its associated grants. The reserve balance will be reviewed annually during the WEP budgeting process and may be revised as necessary, including but not limited to temporary suspension or reduction of indicated minimum target balance.

- I. Water Efficiency Program Reserve Fund
 - A. Purpose: To ensure resources to support WEP's ability to effectively administer grant programs, respond to drought emergencies, adapt to changing regulations and establish reserve funding in the event of unexpected program revenue loss.
 - B. Use of Funds: These funds will be used specifically for the purpose(s) stated above. Designation and/or use of the funds, will be approved by the Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWE PAC).
 - C. Rationale: Over the last several decades years, WEP has developed into a multifaceted complex program, requiring the establishment of a stabilization fund to ensure all faucets of the program continue to run effectively, are financially supported and can respond to changing supply or programmatic conditions in a timely manner.
 - D. Target Balance: The target balance for WEP reserve is \$300,000 (\$150,000 for grant administration cash flow, \$100,000 for program

reserve, and \$50,000 for drought response/program design). The target balance will be annually indexed with inflation to ensure the intended level of support is maintained over time. If the net target balance is exceeded (above a 10% buffer), the WEP Manager will designate overage towards supporting programs and/or reducing program supplier dues. Corrective action may be taken in the same fiscal year or planned for the next fiscal year, as approved by the RWEPCAC.

- E. Replenishment: The RWEPCAC and/or the RWA Board have the option to approve a program dues increase or identify another revenue source to replenish the stabilization fund to the target balance level.

AGENDA ITEM 5: LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

Policy committees have concluded in house of origin and bills must pass off the floor of their house of origin by May 27th. Heading into the second house staff is recommending updating positions on the following bills:

AB 1642 (Salas D- Bakersfield) would provide a CEQA exemption for domestic and public water supply wells in systems that are high or medium risk in the Water Board annual needs assessment. Support

AB 1865 (Bennet D- Ventura) would require a court to initially grant permission to proceed without paying court fees and costs to a person who was joined or countersued in a case involving a water right held by the person. Support

AB 1944 (Lee D- San Jose) would allow public agencies to have meetings telephonically without board members posting an agenda or making the location open to the public when they are participating remotely. Support

AB 2449 (Rubio D- Baldwin Park) would allow public agencies to have meeting telephonically if there is a location where the public can attend in person and a quorum of the body is present in person. The board members attending remotely would not be required to post an agenda or open their location to the public. Support

SB 1219 (Hurtado D- Sanger) would create a committee to develop and submit, on or before December 31, 2024, to the Governor and to the Legislature a strategic vision, proposed statutes, and recommendations for a modern 21st century set of water laws and regulations and state and local water agencies for the state. Oppose Unless Amended

In addition, staff will provide an update on higher profile bills and potential developments with that legislation.

The budget process continues to develop. The Senate proposal provides significant new funding to address drought and water resilience. The Governor's May revise provides a modest increase in funding for drought and water resilience. The Assembly continues to advocate for member requests including the RWA sponsored \$16.7 million in direct appropriations for projects that would advance the Water Bank.

Information and Presentation: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager

Action: Take Positions on Legislation

AGENDA ITEM 6: AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

BACKGROUND:

A brief update on the work of Ad Hoc and Standing Committees will occur at each Executive Committee meeting.

Ad Hoc Committees:

- 3x3 Committee – Members: D. York, T. Firenzi, K. Schmitz
- Revisions to [RWA Policy 400.4 Ad Hoc Committee](#) (Executive Director Performance Evaluation Procedure) – Members: R. Dugan (Chair), B. Ewart, C. Sheehan, M. Yasutake, D. York, S. Bigley
- Revisions to [RWA Policy 200.3 Ad Hoc Committee](#) (Election Procedures) – Members: K. Schmitz (Chair), D. York, C. Sheehan, T. Firenzi, C. Lee, A. Foster
- Employee Compensation Survey Oversight Ad Hoc Committee – Members: D. York (Chair), R. Dugan, G. Espindola, R. Greenwood, C. Sheehan
- Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee – Members: D. York (Chair), R. Greenwood, T. Firenzi, S. Bigley.
- Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee – Members: R. Scott (Chair), D. York, B. Smith, M. Carrey, T. Barela, T. Eising
- Awards Committee – Members: K. Schmitz (Chair), Paul Schubert, and Paul Selsky

Standing Committees

- Federal Affairs
- Water Quality

Information: Dan York, Chair and Jim Peifer, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An oral report will be provided.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS