



**Regional Water Authority
Executive Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
May 25, 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

Audie Foster, California American Water
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
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Rob Swartz, Amy Talbot, Michelle Banonis,
Monica Garcia, Cecilia Partridge, Deirdre Livingston, and Andrew Ramos,
Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Paul Helliker, Greg Zlotnick, Ed Winkler, Robert Dugan, Cathy Lee, Craig Locke, Brian Sanders, Rebecca Scott, Tom Hennig, Richard Shatz

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3a. Authorize a Teleconference Meeting

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

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Bigley moved, with a second by Mr. Ewart to approve the consent calendar items: Authorize a Teleconference Meeting and Minutes of the April 27, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Audie Foster, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes. Motion Passed.

Grace Espindola entered the meeting.

4. DRAFT RWA POLICY 500.19 – WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM RESERVE POLICY

Mr. Peifer discussed the RWA Water Efficiency Program (WEP). It is the oldest subscription program in the RWA. Most of the RWA member agencies participate in it and the program has provided many benefits over the last 20 years.

Ms. Talbot, WEP Manager, discussed Policy 500.19. The policy establishes a WEP level of reserve funds to mitigate current and future risks due to revenue shortfalls, unanticipated expenses, and expense fluctuations resulting from grant implementation and management.

M/S/C Mr. Ewart moved, with a second by Mr. Foster to recommend approval of Draft RWA Policy 500.19 - Water Efficiency Reserve Policy to the RWA Board of Directors. Audie Foster, California American Water, Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency, Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes. Motion Passed.

5. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian suggested taking support positions on AB 1642, AB 1865, AB 1944, AB 2449. An oppose unless amended position was suggested on SB 1219.

Mr. Ojakian reported 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.

M/S/C Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Ms. Espindola to take positions on Legislation as recommended by staff. Audie Foster, California American Water, 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, Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District voted yes. Motion Passed.

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Dugan discussed some of the revisions to the RWA Policy 400.4 Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Peifer gave a brief update on the 3x3 Committee, the revisions to

RWA Policy 200.3 Ad Hoc Committee, the Employee Compensation Survey Oversight Ad Hoc Committee, the Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee, the Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee, and the Awards Committee.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer said RWA sent out a media statement yesterday. The State Water Board's adoption of emergency regulations were discussed.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Foster said California American Water will be having virtual public meetings for their customers and their northern operation areas to move to phase two of their drought plans. This is part of the California Public Utilities Commission process that requires them to have a public hearing.

Mr. Greenwood said the Carmichael Water District received a large grant for \$4 million. The money was put towards building one of their wells. They are working on another grant because they have a need for a second well. He thanked RWA staff for helping to get the grants.

Mr. Bigley thanked Mr. Peifer for attending the grand opening for the Inspiration Garden. It is located at the Utility Exploration Center off Pleasant Grove and Wood Creek Boulevard. He suggested everyone visit and explore the garden. The garden has multiple zones based on plant types. Roseville is going to be participating in an RWA-led tour for Reclamation staff regarding some of the groundwater facilities that are part of the Water Bank.

Mr. Ewart said a groundwater substitution transfer process is underway. Both the Carmichael Water District and the City of Sacramento have petitions into the State Water Board. Those are open for public comment, which ends in the next week.

Ms. Espindola mentioned the city passed a resolution for stage three for conservation up to 20%. The City of Yuba City was awarded a DWR drought grant for an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) well. They are going on an ACWA region tour of Shasta Dam on June 3rd.

Ms. Schmitz thanked the RWA for the press release yesterday. She said it is difficult to find the right balance of messaging for this region and the RWA did a great job.

Mr. York thanked Sean, Jim, and Michelle for the opportunity to assist in educating Reclamation staff on facilities needed for the Water Bank. Mr. York thanked Mr. Ewart for his assistance on the groundwater substitution transfer. He said it will be a great benefit to all agencies involved.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair York adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Board Secretary