

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

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District

Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville

Sean Bigley, City of Roseville

Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento

Robert Dugan, 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:

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Evan Jacobs,
California-American Water and Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City

Others in Attendance:

Ryan Ojakian, Eric Sapirstein, Katherine Willis, Michelle Banonis,
Mark Smith, David French, Chris Kearney, 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. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 2022 and the April 20, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee Meeting agendas for approval.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Dugan moved, with a second by Mr. Bigley, to approve the March 16, 2022 and April 20, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee meeting minutes. Anne Sanger, Chair, City of Sacramento, Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District, Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Brian Sanders, City of

Sacramento, Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Greg Budesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District arrived after the vote was taken. The motion carried.

4. Disclosures and Regional Coordination

Mr. Peifer noted that a press release sent out by Senator Feinstein included information on the water bank. The ACWA DC trip is scheduled for the second week in July.

Mr. Bigley said that Placer County Water Agency and City of Roseville were successful in working with Senator Pan's office to place a \$21 million authorization in the Senate version of the Water Resources Development Act. The funds will be for conveyance improvements to provide greater water supply reliability decreasing groundwater reliability.

Chair Sanger said that discussions on returning to in-person meetings is ongoing. Research will be done to provide guidance on the best solution for future meetings considering in-person or hybrid meetings. This topic will be revisited at the June meeting.

5. Confirm RWA FAC member appointments – Chair Dan York

Mr. Peifer said that the RWA Federal Affairs Committee members will remain as appointed by RWA Chair York for the remainder of 2022. Any request for additional RWA Federal Affairs Committee members by Chair Sanger will be submitted to Chair York for approval.

6. Federal Legislative Review – Potential action may be taken

a) Federal FY23 Budget Timeline

Mr. Sapirstein gave an update on funding, groundwater storage projects and the budget timeline and the schedule of Congress.

b) WRDA 2022

There was not an update on the infrastructure package.

c) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

There was discussion on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and it was agreed there would be support for the bill.

d) Buy American Implementation Update

Mr. Sapirstein said that there may be a more simplified Build Back Better bill introduced.

e) Section 219 Work Group Update

Agencies that have projects will be meeting internally in preparation for a second meeting with the district court office.

7. Water Bank & MOA update

Ms. Banonis said that staff is working with the City of Roseville and Sacramento Suburban Water District. A tour of our water bank facilities is scheduled with Reclamation with an introduction presentation on the water bank.

8. Action Items

Follow up on edits to the Stream Act

Staff will get guidance for the June RWA Federal Affairs Committee meeting about whether the meeting will be in-person, hybrid or virtual.

Follow up with Regional Offices requesting regional Directors comments.

Begin preparations for 2023 Cap-to-Cap

9. Public Comment

None.

11. Next Meeting June 15, 2022.

12. Adjournment

Chair Sanger adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:
