

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

Greg Bundesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

Jeni Buckman, legal counsel

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency and Greg Bundesen,
Sacramento Suburban Water District

Others in Attendance:

Kristi More, Andy Fecko, Maurice Chaney, William Roberts,
Jessica Law, Eric Sapirstein, Mark Smith, David French, Jim
Davenport, David Wheaton, Lane Dickinson, Adam Robin, Diana
Langley, Greg Jones, Katherine Williams, Ken Payne, Ross
Branch, Katherine Willis, Ansel Lundberg, Bruce Kamilos, Ryan
Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, 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.

Since it has been more than 30 days since the last RWA Standing Federal Affairs meeting it is necessary to make a finding to continue to meet electronically recognizing the current Covid emergency in the area.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Firenzi moved, with a second by Mr. Jacobs, to authorize a Teleconference meeting. Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville and Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento voted yes. The motion passed.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 15, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee Meeting.

M/S/C Mr. Jacobs moved, with a second by Mr. Sanders, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee Meeting. Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento, Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Evan Jacobs, California American Water, Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District, Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville and Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento voted yes. The motion passed.

4. Disclosures and Regional Coordination

Chair Sanger reported that the American River Basin Study results were released today. RWA was a partner in technical work. It was suggested that RWA leverage this opportunity at the federal level with the water bank. There is also an opportunity to connect climate change with the solutions we have for water supply.

Mr. Peifer said that the ACWA DC conference was successful with many office visit appointments that educate members of Congress and their staff on our needs. We are gaining support for our water needs from our Senators through communication.

5. Federal Legislation Review

- a) Chair Sanger mentioned the proposed rule making process on PFAS and cyber security mandates that will be coming to local water agencies. There was discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act, the funding increasing for households with an unreliable water source or underserved communities and the Water Smart Program. Most of the funding will go to current Water Supply Programs.
- b) The Governor's Water Supply Strategy includes streamlining the permitting process for wet years.
- c) Ms. More said that final FY23 budget bills will not be acted on until after the election or later. It was noted that control of congress could change.
- d) There was discussion on the funding amount for Reclamation under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- e) There are pending waivers at some agencies for the Buy American

Implementation. There are challenges on the water side with the Buy American Mandate and the time period for exemptions and compliance. Mr. Sapirstein gave an update on cyber security mandates and on the EPA rule making on PFAS.

- f) Anyone who received ear marks in 2022 under the Sacramento area are working with the Corp to finalize those agreements. Challenges remain on how to receive Section 219 funding.

6. Water Bank & MOA Update

Ms. Banonis said that Reclamation is waiting for some policy guidance to determine feasibility.

7. Action Items

Follow up on cyber security and Section 219 issues and updates.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Next Meeting October 19, 2022.

10. Adjournment

Chair Sanger adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:
