

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  
Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento  
Greg Bundesen, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Grace Espindola, City of Yuba City  
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District  
Jeni Buckman, legal counsel

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville, Noelle Mattock, City of Roseville and Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency

### **Others in Attendance:**

Kristi More, Andy Fecko, Maurice Chaney, William Roberts, Jessica Law, Eric Sapirstein, David French, Jim Davenport, David Wheaton, Lane Dickson, Adam Robin, Diana Langlely, Greg Jones, Katherine Williams, Ken Payne, Greg Burns, 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.

## **3. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the August 31, 2022 RWA Federal Affairs Standing Committee Meeting.

A quorum was not present at the time the minutes were presented for approval. The August 31, 2022 minutes will be included on the October 19, 2022 Federal Affairs meeting agenda for approval.

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

Mr. Peifer mentioned that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released the American River Basin Study that identifies future climate and hydrology projections and outlines gaps between water supplies and projected urban and agricultural demands in the American River Basin. The study describes regional vulnerabilities and strategies for adaption designed to address climate vulnerabilities in the American River watershed.

#### **5. Federal Legislation Review**

- a) USEPA published PFAS CERCLA proposed rulemaking, the proposed rulemaking process has a November 7 deadline for public comment. This issue is expected to be heavily litigated. There will also possibly be a rule introduced on cyber security mandates that would affect local water agencies. There was discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act and the Water Smart Program. Most of the funding will go to current Water Supply Programs.
- b) Mr. Dickson said that the Federal FY23 Budget will likely require a Continuing Resolution through December 16.
- c) Mr. Sapirstein gave an update on the waivers for the Build America, Buy America Mandate, a letter was sent to the White House with a cc to Radika Fox requesting a 2 year waiver for the water sector.
- d) There was no update at this time on the Section 219 Work Group.

#### **6. Water Bank & MOA Update**

Ms. Banonis said that Reclamation is waiting for some policy guidance to determine feasibility. There was no further update at this time.

#### **7. Action Items**

Follow up items include:

- Sharing national water association letter on BABA
- Review of federal platform & policy principles
- Determine if October FAC meeting will be in person

#### **8. Public Comment**

None.

#### **9. Next Meeting November 16, 2022.**

#### **10. Adjournment**

Chair Sanger adjourned the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

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Chairperson

Attest:

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