



**REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023
at 1:30 p.m.**

**5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
(916) 967-7692**

The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item of interest before or during the Committee's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee 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 Committee 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) 967-7692. 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.

Notice: In compliance with AB361 the Committee meeting will be held in the RWA Board Room and virtually. The RWA Board Room will be open for Committee members and members of the public. Committee members are encouraged to attend in person but are not required to do so.

Participation via your computer, tablet, or smartphone

Zoom Meeting Information

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87104777115?pwd=Q3lUQWplcllCTit6OTJJNjg2Skpydz09>

**Phone: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 871 0477 7115 Passcode: 335120**

AGENDA

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.

- 3.1 Authorize a Teleconference Meeting.
- 3.2 Approve draft meeting minutes of the January 31, 2023 Executive Committee Special Meeting.
- 3.3 Recommendation to RWA Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the WEP Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

4. FY2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Discussion/Action: Josette Reina-Luken, Finance and Administrative Services Manager

Action: Provide direction on key issues for the FY2024 Budget

5. RWA PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCATION

Discussion/Action: Jim Peifer, Executive Director and Josette Reina-Luken, Finance and Administrative Services Manager

Actions: 1. Waive the lease provision to extend the lease at the Birdcage Street Office; and 2. Recommendation of a new principal office location at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive to the Board of Directors

6. RWA STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Discussion/Action: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Approve Strategic Plan Priorities

7. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Information: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory

Action: Approve positions on legislative bills to oppose unless amended on AB 249 and support for AB 285 and SB 23

8. RWA BOARD AGENDA

Discussion/Action: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Approve RWA Board Agenda for March 9, 2023 Board Meeting

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

RWA Board Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the RWA Office.

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Office.

The RWA Executive Committee 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
2023 Chair: Tony Firenzi
2023 Vice Chair: Brett Ewart

California American Water

Audie Foster, General Manager

Evan Jacobs, Operations Manager

Carmichael Water District

Ron Greenwood, Board Member

Cathy Lee, General Manager

Citrus Heights Water District

Caryl Sheehan, Director

Raymond Riehle, Director

Hilary Straus, General Manager (alternate)

Rebecca Scott, Principal Operations Specialist (alternate)

City of Folsom

YK Chalamcherla, Councilmember

Marcus Yasutake, Environmental/Water Resources Director (alternate)

City of Lincoln

Holly Andreatta, Councilmember

Chuck Poole, Water Facilities Supervisor (alternate)

City of Roseville

Pauline Roccucci, Councilmember

Scott Alvord, Councilmember (alternate)

Sean Bigley, Assistant Environment Utilities Director

Rich Plecker, Director of Utilities (alternate)

City of Sacramento

Lisa Kaplan, Councilmember

Brett Ewart, Water Policy & Regional Planning Supervising Engineer, Vice Chair

Michelle Carrey, Supervising Engineer (alternate)

Anne Sanger, Policy and Legislative Specialist (alternate)

Mai Vang, Councilmember (alternate)

City of West Sacramento

Martha Guerrero, Councilmember

William Roberts, Director of Public Works and Operations

City of Yuba City

Shon Harris, Councilmember

Diana Langley, City Manager

Del Paso Manor Water District

Gwynne Pratt, Board Member

Alan Gardner, General Manager

* Names highlighted in red are Executive Committee members

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| El Dorado Irrigation District <i>Pat Dwyer</i> , Director/Board President <i>Jim Abercrombie</i> , General Manager <i>Brian Mueller</i> , Engineering Director (alternate) |
| Elk Grove Water District <i>Tom Nelson</i> , Board Chair <i>Bruce Kamilos</i> , General Manager |
| Fair Oaks Water District <i>Randy Marx</i> , Board Member <i>Tom Gray</i> , General Manager |
| Georgetown Divide Public Utility District <i>Michael Saunders</i> , Board Member <i>Nicholas Schneider</i> , General Manager <i>Adam Brown</i> , Operations Manager (alternate) |
| Golden State Water Company <i>Paul Schubert</i> , General Manager <i>Ernie Gisler</i> , Capital Program Manager |
| Nevada Irrigation District <i>Ricki Heck</i> , Board Member <i>Karen Hull</i> , Board Member (alternate) <i>Greg Jones</i> , Assistant General Manager <i>Jennifer Hanson</i> , General Manager (alternate) |
| Orange Vale Water Company <i>Robert Hunter</i> , Board Member <i>Joe Duran</i> , General Manager |
| Placer County Water Agency <i>Robert Dugan</i> , Board Member <i>Tony Firenzi</i> , Director of Strategic Affairs, Chair <i>Andy Fecko</i> , General Manager, (alternate) <i>Mike Lee</i> , Board Member, (alternate) |
| Rancho Murieta Community Services District <i>Tim Maybee</i> , Director <i>Michael Fritschi</i> , Interim General Manager |
| Sacramento County Water Agency <i>Patrick Kennedy</i> , Supervisor <i>Kerry Schmitz</i> , Division Chief, Water Supply |
| Sacramento Suburban Water District <i>Bob Wichert</i> , Board Member <i>Dan York</i> , General Manager <i>Kevin Thomas</i> , Board Member (alternate) |
| San Juan Water District <i>Dan Rich</i> , Director <i>Greg Zlotnick</i> , Water Resources and Strategic Affairs <i>Ted Costa</i> , Board President (alternate) |

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

| RWA AFFILIATE MEMBERS | |
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| 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 |

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| | <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

Topic: Public Comment
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: Policy 200.1, Rule 11

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Flores, CMC
Board Secretary

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the RWA Executive Committee to recognize or hear from visitors that may be attending the meeting or to allow members of the public to address the Executive Committee on matters that are not on the agenda.

As noted on the agenda, 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Public agencies are required by law to provide an opportunity for the public to address the RWA Executive Committee matters that are not on the agenda.

Agenda Item 3.1

Topic: Authorize a Teleconference Meeting
Type: Consent Calendar
Item For: Action; Motion to Authorize
Purpose: Gov. Code, § 54953

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Flores, CMC
Board Secretary

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to pass 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to 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.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

Staff recommends the authorization to allow the Executive Committee to continue to hold virtual meetings due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and memorializes findings and determinations under AB 361 authorizing the Executive Committee to conduct virtual meetings.

Agenda Item 3.2

Topic: Meeting Minutes
Type: Consent Calendar
Item For: Action; Motion to Approve
Purpose: Policy 200.1, Rule 14

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Flores, CMC
Board Secretary

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft Minutes of the Regular Executive Committee Meeting of January 31, 2023.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve the Minutes, as presented or amended.

BACKGROUND

The draft Minutes of the above referenced meetings are included with this Agenda. The Minutes reflect the RWA Policy 200.1 to document specific details on items discussed at the meetings.

The Executive Director may list on the agenda a "consent calendar", which will consist of routine matters on which there is generally no opposition or need for discussion. Examples of consent calendar items might include approval of minutes, financial reports and routine resolutions. Any matter may be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar at the request of any member of the Board. The entire consent calendar may be approved by a single motion made, seconded and approved by the Board.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

Staff believes the draft of the presented Minutes correctly reflect the information shared and actions taken by the Board of Directors.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Draft Meeting Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of January 31, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Firenzi called the special meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 1:30 p.m. as a hybrid meeting. All nine Executive Committee Members were present; a quorum was established. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Audie Foster, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
William Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Trevor Joseph, Josette Reina-Luken, Amy Talbot, Michelle Banonis, Raiyna Villasenor, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel

Others in Attendance

Patty Howard (RGS), Brian Sanders, Paul Helliker, Anne Sanger, and Jay Boatwright

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

- 3.1** Authorize a Teleconference Meeting
- 3.2** Approve draft meeting minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular Executive Committee Meeting and December 21, 2022 Special Executive Committee Meeting

3.3 Approve Professional Services Agreement with Woodard Curran for Sacramento Regional Water Bank and Waive RWA Policy 300.1

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Kamilos to approve the consent calendar items. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; and Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water voted yes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 9
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 0

Mr. Roberts, City of West Sacramento, exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY AND RWA PRIORITIES

Mr. Peifer presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing feedback from the Strategic Plan Prioritization Survey and to consider staff proposed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The RWA Policy 400.4 requires staff to set RWA priorities for the coming year.

The committee provided direction to the RWA staff on Strategic Plan Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and asked for additional information to be provided at the next EC meeting in February.

5. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION SALARY SURVEY (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

Ms. Reina-Luken and Patty Howard (RGS) presented this action item to the Executive Committee to consider approving the list of Executive Director comparable agencies. Ms. Reina-Luken gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current status of the Executive Director portion of the salary survey.

The Executive Committee identified three agencies of the twelve presented that they wanted removed, leaving nine remaining agencies. The three agencies removed were Chino Basin Watermaster, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, and Association of California Water Agencies - Joint Powers Insurance Authority. The committee discussed that if any of the nine agencies were non-responsive that RGS

could substitute one of the three agencies that were removed in order to reach the nine total agencies that were requested for the study to be completed.

A motion was made to approve the list of Executive Director comparable agencies with a target of no less than nine agencies.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Kamilos to approve the consent calendar items. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; and Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water voted yes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 8
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 1 (Roberts)

6. DEVELOPMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Ms. Reina-Luken gave a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal year 2023-2024 Budget. Connection information has been requested from each member agency to assist in determining next year's dues. Her presentation provided an overview of the fiscal year 2024 budget development process including budget policies, budget assumptions, fiscal year 2023 budget outlook and the budget schedule. She also provided an update on the CalPERS unfunded liability.

Mr. Bigley, City of Roseville, exited the meeting.

7. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Mr. Peifer presented this action item to be considered by the Executive Committee for adoption of the proposed 2023 RWA Executive Committee Calendar.

A motion was made to adopt the 2023 RWA Executive Committee Calendar with the amended date of February 21, 2023.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Greenwood moved, with a second by Mr. Kamilos to approve the consent calendar items. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; and Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water voted yes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- 7
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 2 (Roberts, Bigley)

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Firenzi provided the names of the members serving on the following Committees:

Regional Materials Purchasing Committee

Chair: Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District

Members: Tony Barela, Michelle Carrey, Todd Eising, Dan York, Jace Nunes and Robert Crichton

Staff: Jim Peifer

Voluntary Agreement (VA) Committee

Chair: Sean Bigley, City of Roseville

Members: Dan York, Brett Ewart, Rebecca Scott, Cathy Lee

Staff: Jim Peifer/Michelle Banonis

Space Planning

Chair: Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District

Members: Dan York, Audie Foster, Sean Bigley

Staff: Jim Peifer/Josette Reina-Luken

Authority Delegated to the Executive Committee (Policy 200.2) Ad Hoc

Chair: Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

Staff: Jim Peifer

Executive Director Performance Review

Chair: Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency

Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District (SGA Chair), Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento

RWA Vice Chair, and Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District (SGA Vice Chair)

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Peifer provided a verbal update to the Executive Committee. He reported out to the committee that staff is actively working on finding a sponsor for a bill that Ryan Ojakian is authoring, potential office relocation, salary schedule reflecting a 7.2% cost of living adjustment (COLA), and Request for Proposals was issued for Auditing Services.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Foster thanked the Committee for participating in important conversations.

Mr. Ewart Groundwater substitution both buyers expressed appreciation of a smooth transfer of water. State Water contractors are exploring and duplicating a transfer for this year depending on how much rain we receive this season.

Ms. Sheehan Citrus Heights is very eager to participate on this Executive Committee.

Chair Firenzi thanked the Executive Committee members for their commitment to the committee and the ad hoc committees. He reminded staff that Placer County Water Agency is holding a Strategic Planning Workshop on February 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Firenzi adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Board Secretary

Agenda Item 3.3

Topic: Professional Services Agreement for the WEP Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project
Type: Consent Calendar
Item For: Action; Motion to Recommend Authorization by the Executive Director
Purpose: Policy 500.6

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| SUBMITTED BY: | Amy Talbot Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager | PRESENTER: | Amy Talbot Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to recommend to RWA Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the Water Efficiency Program (WEP) Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommendation to RWA Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the Water Efficiency Program (WEP) Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project.

BACKGROUND

RWA staff, through the regional Water Efficiency Program (WEP), is seeking support for the implementation of the Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project (Project). The goal of the Project is to replace high water use indoor fixtures (toilets, urinals, aerators and showerheads) with high efficiency models in multifamily residential and commercial/institutional properties located in disadvantaged community areas (DACs) as defined by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Project will fund both fixtures and labor at no cost to the participating customers or WEP suppliers. The geographic Project area includes DACs properties located within WEP suppliers' service areas. The Project timeline is March 2023-December 2024. **The Project budget is \$500,000 and 100% funded through DWR's Urban Community Drought Relief Grant.**

The scope of work for the Project includes the following tasks:

1. Marketing the Project to potential participating customers.
2. Site assessment, removal and disposal of old high water use fixtures, installation of new high efficiency fixtures, and customer installation tracking for reporting purposes.

Selection Process

According to RWA Policy 300.2 Professional Services Selection and Contracting Services, consulting and professional services that cost more than \$50,000 will generally be obtained through a

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competitive process by issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) or a Request for Qualifications, as determined by the Executive Director, and a contract for such services will be subject to the approval of the RWA Executive Committee and RWA Board of Directors.

RWA staff issued an RFP on January 4, 2023, to six consulting firms with known experience in conducting similar projects and/or professional ability to conduct similar projects (Table 1). RWA reached out to other suppliers in the state to obtain past outreach lists for similar projects to inform RWA's outreach list. The RFQ was also posted on the RWA website and distributed to the RWA e-blast list to those recipients requesting contracting opportunities. Proposals were due on February 1, 2023. The complete RFP document is located here: <https://rwah2o.org/request-for-proposal-rfp-sacramento-regional-indoor-direct-install-project/>.

Table 1: Direct Outreach for RFP Response

| | Firm Name |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Bottom Line Utility Solutions, Inc. |
| 2 | EchoTech Services, Inc. |
| 3 | Richard Heath & Association, Inc. |
| 4 | Synergy Companies |
| 5 | WaterWise Consulting, Inc. |
| 6 | Webers Water Conservation, Inc. |

Proposals were received from three firms: Bottom Line Utility Solutions, Inc., Synergy Companies and Webers Water Conservation, Inc. For evaluation purposes, RWA staff developed a guidance framework for reviewing proposals: firm profile (10 points); staff qualifications (15 points); past experience and references (30 points); tasks (25 points); fee schedule (10 points), study expansion opportunities (5 points) and overall proposal quality (5 points) for a total of 100 potential points. The review panel included Linda Higgins, Placer County Water Agency; William Granger, City of Sacramento; Christian Punsal, City of Lincoln; Chris Nelson, Carmichael Water District and Amy Talbot, Regional Water Authority. Each organization assigned points to the above categories independently before discussing the scores at the February 13, 2023, review meeting to reach a final recommendation.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

After review and discussion of the proposals, Webers Water Conservation, Inc. received the highest average score (see Table 2 for more details). Webers Water Conservation presented a comprehensive task deliverables package that met the scope of the RFP with high quality fixture selections, demonstrated direct experience with similar projects, and presented a competitive fee schedule. Bottom Line Utility Solutions, Inc and Synergy Companies presented comparable packages in terms of task deliverables, past project experience and high-quality fixture selections; however, both were not as inclusive with per unit pricing structure, citing additional costs for permitting, site inspections, etc. Costs were provided on a per unit basis (cost per toilet -fixture and labor, etc.) for varying brands, models, and labor assumptions.

Therefore, **the review panel recommends Webers Water Conservation, Inc to the RWA Executive Committee to recommend to the RWA Board as the selected consultant to assist RWA staff with the implementation of the Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Installation Project.**

Table 2: Responding Firms' Review Panel Scores

| | Firm Name | Points Awarded | Budget |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | Bottom Line Utility Solutions, Inc. | 84.6 | \$500,000 |
| 2 | Synergy Companies | 84.2 | \$500,000 |
| 3 | Webers Water Conservation, Inc. | 89.1 | \$500,000 |

FISCAL IMPACT

The Project is 100% grant funded. There is no fiscal impact to RWA or the WEP.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Fee Schedules (Combined)

Bottom Line Utility Solutions (BLUS)

| Fixtures | | | | | | Costs | | | Additional Costs | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Type | Make | Model | Flow Rate | Water Sense Labeled | MaP Score | Product | Labor | Total | Permits - as needed | Labor - as needed | Total |
| Toilet | Proflo - Elongated | PF1401TWH/PF5112HEWH | 1.28 | YES | 800 | \$213.87 | \$405.00 | \$618.87 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Proflo - Round | PF1400TWH/PF5112HEWH | 1.28 | YES | 800 | \$212.07 | \$403.00 | \$615.07 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Premier - Elongated | 1034392 | 1.28 | YES | 1000 | \$264.19 | \$405.00 | \$669.19 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Premier - Round | 1034391 | 1.28 | YES | 1000 | \$242.63 | \$405.00 | \$647.63 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Proflo-Elongated | PF9803/PF9812 | 0.8 | YES | 800 | \$310.92 | \$405.00 | \$715.92 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Proflo-Round | PF9800/PF9812 | 0.8 | YES | 800 | \$292.95 | \$405.00 | \$697.95 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Niagara - Elongated | N7717/N7714 | 0.8 | YES | 800 | \$440.32 | \$405.00 | \$845.32 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Niagara - Round | N7714/N7716 | 0.8 | YES | 600 | \$413.36 | \$405.00 | \$818.36 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Proflo-Elongated Pressure Assist | PF1601PAWH/FP1612PAWHA | 1 | YES | 1000 | \$530.18 | \$405.00 | \$935.18 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Proflo-Round Pressure Assist | PF1600PAWH/FP1612PAWHA | 1 | YES | 1000 | \$512.21 | \$405.00 | \$917.21 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | AFLUSH-Elongated | A2001EL | 0.9 | YES | 1000 | \$260.60 | \$405.00 | \$665.60 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | AFLUSH-Round | A2001RL | 0.9 | YES | 1000 | \$253.41 | \$405.00 | \$658.41 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Zurn-Wall Mount | Z5615/Z6000AV-ONE | 1.1 | YES | 1000 | \$934.56 | \$501.00 | \$1435.56 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Toilet | Zurn- Floor Mount | Z5655/Z6000 AV-ONE | 1.1 | YES | 1000 | \$557.14 | \$620.00 | \$1177.14 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Urinal | Zurn-Sm Urinal | Z5738.207 | 0.125 | YES | | \$584.10 | \$721.00 | \$1305.10 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Urinal | Zurn-Lrg Urinal | Z5758.207 | 0.125 | YES | | \$763.82 | \$605.00 | \$1368.82 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Urinal | Sloan-Sm Urinal | WEUS-7000.1001 | 0.125 | YES | | \$557.14 | \$721.00 | \$1278.14 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Urinal | Sloan-Lrg Urinal | Z5758.207 | 0.125 | YES | | \$772.81 | \$605.00 | \$1377.81 | \$106.00 | \$62.00 | \$168.00 |
| Showerhead | Niagara Earth Handheld | N2945CH | 1.5 | YES | | \$37.65 | \$46.00 | \$83.65 | | | |
| Showerhead | Niagara Earth Fixed | N2915CH | 1.5 | YES | | \$15.62 | \$46.00 | \$61.62 | | | |
| Showerhead | N/A | N/A | 1.25 | YES | | | | \$0.00 | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|------|-----|--|---------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Showerhead | Niagara Earth Fixed | N2912CH | 1.25 | YES | | \$17.88 | \$46.00 | \$63.88 | | | |
| Showerhead | Niagara Luxe | N3915BN | 1.5 | YES | | \$26.55 | \$46.00 | \$72.55 | | | |
| Showerhead | Niagara Luxe | N3912BN | 1.25 | YES | | \$26.55 | \$46.00 | \$72.55 | | | |
| Bathroom Aerator | Niagara Pressure Compensating | N3104-PC | 1.5 | YES | | \$ 5.36 | \$ 28.00 | \$33.36 | | | |
| Bathroom Aerator | Niagara Pressure Compensating | N3210B-PC | 1 | YES | | \$4.82 | \$28.00 | \$32.82 | | | |
| Kitchen Aerator | Niagara Pressure Compensating | N3104-PC | 1.5 | YES | | \$5.36 | \$28.00 | \$33.36 | | | |
| Kitchen Aerator | Niagara Pressure Compensating | N3210B-PC | 1 | YES | | \$4.82 | \$28.00 | \$32.82 | | | |
| Repair | Flange Repair | | | | | \$85.00 | \$60.00 | \$145.00 | | | |
| Repair | Angle Stop Replacement | | | | | \$35.00 | \$54.00 | \$89.00 | | | |
| Survey | Pre installation interior survey | | | | | | | \$242.63 | | | |
| Install cost includes marketing and admin | | | | | | | | | | | |

Synergy COMPANIES – RWA Regional Indoor Direct Install Project

| Fixtures | | | | | | Per Unit Cost | | |
|----------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| Type | Make | Model | Flow Rate | WaterSense Labeled | MaP Score | Product | Installation | Total |
| Toilet | American Standard - Gravity Flush HET | 747AA107S C.020 | 1.28 GPF | Yes | 1000 | \$273.70 | \$276.30 | \$550.00 |
| Toilet | American Standard – Pressure Assist HET | 2462.100 | 1.1 GPF | Yes | 1000 | \$298.20 | \$286.80 | \$585.00 |
| Toilet | Niagara Stealth - ADA Compliant HET | 77000WHA11/N7714 N7717 | 0.8 GPF | Yes | 600 | \$307.30 | \$290.70 | \$598.00 |
| Toilet | American Standard – Commercial Flushometer Wall Hung HET | 3352101.02 with 6047.121.00 2 | 1.28 GPF | Yes | 1000 | \$380.10 | \$321.90 | \$702.00 |
| Toilet | American Standard – Commercial Flushometer Floor Mount HET | 3466.001.02 0 with 6047.121.00 2 | 1.28 GPF | Yes | 1000 | \$382.20 | \$322.80 | \$705.00 |
| Urinals | Kohler and Sloan – Flushometer High Efficiency | K-5452-ET-0 with 3912633 | 0.125 GPF | Yes | NA | \$483.70 | \$366.30 | \$850.00 |
| Urinals | TOTO and Sloan – Flushometer High Efficiency | UT104E with 3912697 | 0.5 GPF | Yes | NA | \$413.70 | \$336.30 | \$750.00 |
| Urinals | American Standard and Sloan – Flushometer – High Efficiency | 6590.001.02 0 with 3912697 | 0.5 GPF | Yes | NA | \$413.70 | \$336.30 | \$750.00 |

Synergy COMPANIES – RWA Regional Indoor Direct Install Project

| Fixtures | | | | | | Per Unit Cost | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| Type | Make | Model | Flow Rate | WaterSense Labeled | MaP Score | Product | Installation | Total |
| Shower heads | Niagara Standard | N2915CH | 1.5 GPM | Yes | NA | \$10.00 | \$29.75 | \$39.75 |
| Shower heads | Service Partners Handheld | H16553CT15 | 1.5 GPM | Yes | NA | \$20.00 | \$30.00 | \$50.00 |
| Bathroom Aerator | Niagara | FA012CPB1-WS | 1.5 GPM | Yes | NA | \$2.00 | \$6.00 | \$8.00 |
| Kitchen Aerator | AM Conservation | N3115P | 1.5 GPM | Yes | NA | \$4.00 | \$6.00 | \$10.00 |
| Repair | Flange Repair | | | | | \$30.00 | \$25.00 | \$55.00 |
| Repair | Angle Stop Replacement | | | | | \$10.00 | \$15.00 | \$25.00 |
| Survey | Pre Installation Interior Survey | | | | | | | \$149.00 |

The product cut sheets have been submitted as their own deliverable.

Webers Water Conservation Fee Schedule

| | | Fixtures | | | | Costs | | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | | Make | Model | Flow Rate | WaterSense Labeled | MaP Score | Product | Installation | Total |
| *Toilets | Gravity Flush | Niagara Shadow (Round/ADA) | C33.200.01 | 0.8gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$249.22 | \$217.00 | \$466.22 |
| | | Niagara Shadow (Elongated/ADA) | C33.300.01 | 0.8gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$258.62 | \$217.00 | \$475.62 |
| | | Niagara Sabre (Round) | C22.000.01 | 1.1gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$249.63 | \$217.00 | \$466.63 |
| | | Niagara Sabre (Elongated) | C22.100.01 | 1.1gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$252.99 | \$217.00 | \$469.99 |
| | | Niagara Sabre (Elongated/ADA) | C22.300.01 | 1.1gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$274.05 | \$217.00 | \$491.05 |
| | | Niagara Liberty (Round) | C11.000.01 | 1.28gpf | YES | 800g | \$189.47 | \$217.00 | \$406.47 |
| | | Niagara Liberty (Elongated) | C11.100.01 | 1.28gpf | YES | 800g | \$199.24 | \$217.00 | \$416.24 |
| | | Niagara Liberty (Elongated/ADA) | C11.300.01 | 1.28gpf | YES | 800g | \$218.29 | \$217.00 | \$435.29 |
| | | Niagara Stealth (Round Front) | N7716 | 0.8 gpf | YES | 800 g | \$264.00 | \$217.00 | \$481.00 |
| | | Niagara Stealth (Elongated / ADA) | N7717 | 0.8 gpf | YES | 800 g | \$277.20 | \$217.00 | \$494.20 |
| | | SSI No Clog II (Elongated/ADA) | Bowl: 301402 Tank: 301400 | 0.8gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$247.00 | \$217.00 | \$464.00 |
| | Pressure Assist | Gerber UltraFlush (Elongated) | GUL20312 | 1.0gpf | YES | 1,000 g | \$370.18 | \$260.00 | \$630.18 |
| | | Gerber UltraFlush (Elongated/ADA) | GUL20318 | 1.0gpf | YES | 1,000 g | \$382.18 | \$260.00 | \$642.18 |
| | **Commercial | Sloan Floor Mount (Elongated) | ST-2009 | 1.28gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$315.11 | \$449.00 | \$764.11 |
| | | Sloan Floor Mount ADA (Elongated) | ST-2029 | 1.28gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$327.18 | \$449.00 | \$776.18 |
| | | Sloan Wall-Hung (Elongated) | ST-2459 | 1.28gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$361.31 | \$449.00 | \$810.31 |
| | | Sloan Floor Mount Junior (Primary) | ST-2309 | 1.28gpf | YES | 1,000g | \$375.24 | \$449.00 | \$824.24 |
| | | Sloan Manual (Toilet Flushvalve) | Regal 111-1.28 | 1.28gpf | YES | 1,000g | Included with each Sloan bowl. | | \$0.00 |
| Urinals | Sloan (Retrofit Urinal) | SU-1209 | .125gpf | YES | n/a | \$435.32 | \$493.00 | \$928.32 | |
| | Sloan (Large Urinal) | SU-1009 | .125gpf | YES | n/a | \$417.86 | \$493.00 | \$910.86 | |
| | Sloan (Small Urinal) | SU-7009 | .125gpf | YES | n/a | \$389.61 | \$493.00 | \$882.61 | |
| | Sloan Manual (Urinal Flushvalve) | Regal 186-0.125 | .125gpf | YES | n/a | Included with each Sloan urinal. | | \$0.00 | |

Fee Schedule

| | Fixtures | | | | | Costs | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------|
| | Make | Model | Flow Rate | WaterSense Labeled | MaP Score | Product | Installation | Total |
| Showerheads | Niagara Earth Wall-Mounted | N2915CH | 1.5gpm | YES | n/a | \$7.92 | \$15.00 | \$22.92 |
| | Niagara Earth Handheld | N2945CH | 1.5gpm | YES | n/a | \$26.40 | \$20.00 | \$46.40 |
| Aerators | Niagara (Bathroom Aerator) | N3210B-PC | 1.0gpm | YES | n/a | \$2.96 | \$10.00 | \$12.96 |
| | Niagara (Bathroom Aerator) | N3205N | 0.5gpm | YES | n/a | \$2.96 | \$10.00 | \$12.96 |
| | Niagara (Kitchen Aerator) | N3126P-C | 1.5gpm | YES | n/a | \$9.24 | \$13.00 | \$22.24 |
| | ***Neoperl (Special Purpose Aerator) | TBD | 0.5gpm | YES | n/a | \$11.88 | \$18.00 | \$29.88 |
| Repairs | Flange Repair | | | | | | | \$105.00 |
| | Angle Stop Replacement | | | | | | | \$75.00 |
| Interior Survey | | Included with each fixture installation. | | | | | | \$0.00 |

*Most toilet models are available in a 10" rough-in configuration. In circumstances that require a 10" rough-in toilet, with RWA's approval, we can provide the 10" rough-in model at a rate equal to \$45.00 more than the rate quoted for a particular toilet model.

**For CI installations, when requested or required by a customer, and with approval from RWA, WWC may install "OR EQUAL TO" fixture models. I.e. instead of installing the quoted Sloan models, it may be necessary to install an equivalent Kohler, American Standard, or Zurn model. Cost, performance, quality and flush volumes will be the same as the quoted Sloan prices.

***If standard thread aerators will not accommodate a faucet, WWC, with RWA's approval, will to the best of its ability install aerators that will fit and provide the appropriate flow rate for the purpose of the faucet. I.e. vandal proof, Chicago thread, cachet style, laboratory faucets, etc.

Agenda Item 4

Topic: FY2024 Budget Overview
Type: Unfinished Old Business
Item For: Action/Discussion
Purpose: Routine

SUBMITTED BY: Josette Reina-Luken
Finance & Administrative
Services Manager

PRESENTER: Josette Reina-Luken
Finance & Administrative
Services Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation and provide direction on key issues for the FY2024 Budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Provide direction on key issues for the FY2024 Budget.

BACKGROUND

As RWA staff continues to develop the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget (FY24 budget), there are several decision points that require direction from the Executive Committee in order to finalize a draft budget for the RWA Board of Directors' consideration and approval. The purpose of this item is to provide an overview of those critical budget issues including potential increase in annual dues for board, associate and affiliate members, and budget expense category increases such as estimated cost of living allowance, office relocation, and PERS side payment to future unfunded liability. This presentation will also include a discussion of potential budget transfers to staff subscription programs and the corresponding cash designations which restrict funds for specific purposes in accordance with RWA financial policies. Lastly, any unrestricted cash may be eligible for one or more or a combination of further reduction in annual dues, banking to offset future year expenses, increase administrative support and/or application to various RWA strategic priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- RWA FY2024 Budget Presentation (PowerPoint)
Attachment 2- CalPERS Statements Lump Sum Payments



Regional Water Authority
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Regional Water Authority

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

February 2023



Agenda

- FY24 Budget Revenues
- FY24 Budget Expenses
- FY24 Transfers & Designations
- FY24 Strategic Priorities

FY24 Budget Revenues

- For FY24, the draft Budget Revenues reflect the following:
 - 2% - 3% increase in annual dues for RWA Board members and Associate Members
 - \$50 increase for Affiliate Members
- Originally estimated at 4.5% increase. Decrease in dues is due to:
 - New members
 - Retail Connection Growth
 - Increase Beginning Cash balance from:
 - Grant Retention Release
 - Prior year (FY22) savings accumulation
 - Increase in interest income
 - Increase in Subscription Program Revenues

FY24 Budget Expenses

- For FY24, the draft Budget Expenses reflect the following:
 - 3% COLA increase for staff wages
 - 3% increase or less for Office Expense
 - 5% or more increase for Professional Fees based on market rates, fee schedules, or prior year expense
 - Legal Fees
 - Lobbying Services
 - Public Outreach
 - Audit and Actuary Services
 - HR Services
- Office Relocation is budgeted at \$40,000 placeholder for moving allowance, IT reconfiguration, and furniture
- Includes PERS payment of \$36,700; IRWM at \$15,000 and Powerhouse/MOSAC at \$25,000



FY24 Transfers & Designations

- Transfers pending approval:
 - FY24 Transfer to WEP of 30%
 - FY24 Transfer to CIMS of 10%
- Designations:
 - ✓ Operating Designation equal to 6.9 months or \$150,000 in unrestricted cash
 - ✓ 15% Membership and 10% Subscription Program Stabilization
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for RWA programs including Water Bank, Prop 1, and Urban Drought grant
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for CIMS/BOSS program
 - ✓ Restricted Cash Designation for WEP



FY24 Strategic Priorities

With a \$150,000 in unrestricted cash, RWA may elect to do one or more/combination(s) of the following:

- Reduce dues to 0% increase in FY24
- Bank it to earn interest and offset future year expenses & annual dues
- Add an administrative support position
- Program it to add resources to RWA Strategic Priorities such as:
 - Water Bank contribution
 - Increase Communication and Outreach Efforts
 - Develop Agriculture Water Use Efficiency Program
 - Hire a contract grant writer
- Other ideas?



Questions and Discussion



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February 9, 2022

CalPERS ID: 6065061198
Employer Name: REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Rate Plan: MISCELLANEOUS PLAN [1719]

Re: Lump Sum Payment to reduce the Unfunded Accrued Liability

Dear Requestor:

As requested, information on the fiscal year 2022-23 employer contribution requirement following your lump sum payment is shown below.

If you are aware of others interested in this information (e.g., payroll staff, county court employees, port districts), please inform them.

The information is based on the most recent annual valuation and assumes payment by *February 21, 2022* and no further contractual or financing changes taking effect before June 30, 2022. The Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) will be reduced or eliminated by a lump sum payment in the amount of **\$36,700**. The payment will be applied to the Assumption Change 06/30/2017 base(s).

There will be no change to your FY 2021-22 contributions.

| Valuation as of June 30, 2020 | Pre-Payment | Post-Payment |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Projected 6/30/2022 Total Unfunded Liability ¹ | \$183,780 | |
| Payment on February 21, 2022 | \$36,700 | |
| Revised 6/30/2022 Total Unfunded Liability¹ | | \$146,217 |
| FY 2022-23 Employer Contributions | | |
| Base Total Normal Cost for Formula | 17.24% | 17.24% |
| Surcharges for Class 1 Benefit | | |
| a) PRSA 50% | 0.74% | 0.74% |
| Phase out of Normal Cost Difference | <u>0.00%</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| Plan's Total Normal Cost | 17.98% | 17.98% |
| Formula's Expected Employee Contribution Rate | <u>6.92%</u> | <u>6.92%</u> |
| Employer Normal Cost Rate | 11.06% | 11.06% |
| Payment on Assumption Change 06/30/2017 | \$2,860 | \$89 |
| Payment on all other bases | <u>\$7,233</u> | <u>\$7,233</u> |
| Employer Unfunded Liability Payment | \$10,093 | \$7,322 |

The attached schedule of the plan's amortization bases includes the additional discretionary payment(s) listed above.

¹Calculated amounts were projected from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 based on a discount rate of 6.80% which will be used in the June 30, 2021 valuation, rather than the 7.00% used in the June 30, 2020 valuation.

| | Fiscal Year |
|--|----------------|
| Required Employer Contribution | 2022-23 |
| Employer Normal Cost Rate | 11.06% |
| <i>Plus</i> | |
| Required Payment on Amortization Bases | |
| <i>Paid either as</i> | |
| 1) Monthly Payment | \$610.17 |
| <i>Or</i> | |
| 2) Annual Prepayment Option* | \$7,078 |
| <p><i>The total minimum required employer contribution is the sum of the Plan's Employer Normal Cost Rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) plus the Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Contribution Amount (billed monthly (1) or prepaid annually (2) in dollars).</i></p> <p><i>* Only the UAL portion of the employer contribution can be prepaid (which must be received in full no later than July 31).</i></p> | |

To initiate this payment, the enclosed Lump Sum Payment Request must be completed and returned to the CalPERS Fiscal Services Division with payment by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or wire transfer by February 21, 2022. A copy should be sent to us.

If you have questions, please call 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377).



MAY SHUANG YU, ASA, MAAA
Senior Pension Actuary, CalPERS

Schedule of Amortization Bases

| Reason for Base | Date Est. | Ramp Level 2022-23 | Ramp Shape | Escalation Rate | Amort. Period | Balance 6/30/20 | Expected Payment 2020-21 | Balance 6/30/21 | Expected Payment 2021-22 | Balance 6/30/22 | Minimum Required Payment 2022-23 |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/15 | 100% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 25 | (6,367) | (333) | (6,468) | (428) | (6,466) | (439) |
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/16 | 100% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 26 | (11,977) | (471) | (12,328) | (645) | (12,500) | (828) |
| INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/16 | 100% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 26 | 60,083 | 2,951 | 61,236 | 3,203 | 62,090 | 4,114 |
| ASSUMPTION CHANGE | 06/30/16 | 100% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 1 | 31,637 | 30,520 | 2,281 | 2,360 | (3) | (1) |
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/17 | 80% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 27 | (3,020) | (80) | (3,149) | (124) | (3,235) | (170) |
| INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/17 | 80% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 27 | (71,165) | (1,892) | (74,189) | (2,916) | (76,220) | (3,994) |
| ASSUMPTION CHANGE | 06/30/17 | 80% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 17 | 45,412 | 9,472 | 38,793 | 38,900 | 1,231 | 89 |
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/18 | 60% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 28 | 9,353 | 128 | 9,875 | 262 | 10,276 | 405 |
| INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/18 | 60% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 28 | (23,125) | (316) | (24,417) | (649) | (25,407) | (1,000) |
| METHOD CHANGE | 06/30/18 | 60% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 18 | 18,641 | 348 | 19,586 | 714 | 20,180 | 1,101 |
| ASSUMPTION CHANGE | 06/30/18 | 60% | Up/Down | 2.75% | 18 | 70,656 | 1,317 | 74,240 | 2,707 | 76,491 | 4,172 |
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/19 | No Ramp | | 0.00% | 19 | 10,094 | 0 | 10,801 | 986 | 10,516 | 986 |
| INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/19 | 40% | Up Only | 0.00% | 19 | 12,071 | 0 | 12,916 | 282 | 13,503 | 565 |
| NON-INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/20 | No Ramp | | 0.00% | 20 | 8,335 | 0 | 8,918 | 0 | 9,524 | 871 |
| INVESTMENT (GAIN)/LOSS | 06/30/20 | 20% | Up Only | 0.00% | 20 | 57,963 | 0 | 62,020 | 0 | 66,237 | 1,451 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 208,591 | 41,644 | 180,115 | 44,652 | 146,217 | 7,322 |

This schedule assumes an additional discretionary payment is made in the amount and by the date stated on page 1 of this letter.



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December 1, 2022

CalPERS ID: 6065061198
Employer Name: REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
Rate Plan: MISCELLANEOUS PLAN [1719]

Re: Lump Sum Payment to reduce the Unfunded Accrued Liability

Dear Requestor:

As requested, information on the fiscal year 2023-24 employer contribution requirement following your lump sum payment is shown below.

If you are aware of others interested in this information (e.g., payroll staff, county court employees, port districts), please inform them.

The information is based on the most recent annual valuation and assumes payment by *December 13, 2022* and no further contractual or financing changes taking effect before June 30, 2023. The Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) will be eliminated by a lump sum payment in the amount of **\$36,700**.

There will be no change to your FY 2022-23 contributions.

| Valuation as of June 30, 2021 | Pre-Payment | Post-Payment |
|---|--------------|--------------------|
| Projected 6/30/2023 Total Unfunded Liability | \$(213,708) | |
| Payment on December 13, 2022 | \$36,700 | |
| Revised 6/30/2023 Total Unfunded Liability | | \$(251,747) |
| FY 2023-24 Employer Contributions | | |
| Base Total Normal Cost for Formula | 18.76% | 18.76% |
| Surcharges for Class 1 Benefit | | |
| a) PRSA 50% | 0.79% | 0.79% |
| Phase out of Normal Cost Difference | <u>0.00%</u> | <u>0.00%</u> |
| Plan's Total Normal Cost | 19.55% | 19.55% |
| Formula's Expected Employee Contribution Rate | <u>6.92%</u> | <u>6.92%</u> |
| Employer Normal Cost Rate | 12.63% | 12.63% |
| Employer Unfunded Liability Payment | \$0 | \$0 |

The attached schedule of the plan's amortization bases includes the additional discretionary payment(s) listed above.

| | Fiscal Year |
|--|----------------|
| Required Employer Contribution | 2023-24 |
| Employer Normal Cost Rate | 12.63% |
| <i>Plus</i> | |
| Required Payment on Amortization Bases | |
| <i>Paid either as</i> | |
| 1) Monthly Payment | \$0.00 |
| <i>Or</i> | |
| 2) Annual Prepayment Option* | \$0 |
| <p><i>The total minimum required employer contribution is the sum of the Plan's Employer Normal Cost Rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) plus the Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Contribution Amount (billed monthly (1) or prepaid annually (2) in dollars).</i></p> <p><i>* Only the UAL portion of the employer contribution can be prepaid (which must be received in full no later than July 31).</i></p> | |

To initiate this payment, the enclosed Lump Sum Payment Request must be completed and returned to the CalPERS Fiscal Services Division with payment by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or wire transfer by December 13, 2022. A copy should be sent to us.

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Senior Actuary, CalPERS

Schedule of Amortization Bases

| Reason for Base | Date Est. | Ramp Level 2023-24 | Ramp Shape | Escala-tion Rate | Amort. Period | Balance 6/30/21 | Expected Payment 2021-22 | Balance 6/30/22 | Expected Payment 2022-23 | Balance 6/30/23 | Minimum Required Payment 2023-24 |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| FRESH START | 06/30/21 | No Ramp | | 0.00% | 20 | (153,781) | 36,089 | (201,534) | 35,327 | (251,747) | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | (153,781) | 36,089 | (201,534) | 35,327 | (251,747) | 0 |

This schedule assumes an additional discretionary payment is made in the amount and by the date stated on page 1 of this letter.

Agenda Item 5

Topic: RWA Principal Office Location
Type: Unfinished; Old Business
Item For: Action

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to decide on letting the Birdcage Street Principal Office lease expire without exercising an option and to recommend a new principal office location to the Board of Directors for their approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. A motion to waive the lease provision to extend the lease at the Birdcage Street Office; and
2. A motion to recommend a new principal office location at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive to the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the lease for the Birdcage Street office was renewed for five years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional two years. The lease expires on August 31, 2023. Since 2018, the staff of the RWA has grown and the office no longer has the space to accommodate all of the employees. Some employees are working from home. In addition, there are increasing problems in large part to not occupying a professionally managed building (odors of occasional burning cannabis or rotting trash, occasional individuals experiencing homelessness sleeping in entryways or inside the office, poor janitorial services, inadequate building maintenance, inadequate garbage service, etc.).

Section 11 of the RWA Joint Power Agreement states, “The Board of Directors shall establish the principal office of the Regional Authority. The Board is hereby granted full power and authority to change its principal office from one location to another within the boundaries of the Regional Authority. Any change shall be noted by the Secretary, but shall not be considered an amendment to this Agreement.”

The RWA must provide a six month notice to the owner if the RWA would like to exercise the option for extending the lease. The notice must be received by the owner via US Mail by the end of February. The Executive Director’s recommendation is to waive the option to extend the lease and move the office to a location that accommodates the needs of the organization.

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In 2022, past Chair York established a Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee to assist in considering the office space needs for the RWA. In 2022, the committee provided feedback to the staff regarding criteria for an office which included: an office should have sufficient free parking for RWA visitors. The office location should be convenient for a visitor who travels by a motor vehicle. At the November 2022 RWA Board meeting, the question was posed to the RWA Board if the RWA Board meetings could be held at the member's board rooms. This question was asked for two reasons: 1) to cut down on the office space needed since the lease cost per square foot might be higher at a new location; and 2) the desire for Board members to meet at RWA members offices. The response to using Board member's board rooms would be favorable.

Chair Firenzi renewed the Ad Hoc committee for calendar year 2023. The 2023 Space Planning Ad Hoc Committee is chaired by Ron Greenwood and includes Dan York, Sean Bigley, and Audie Foster.

RWA staff retained the services of a commercial real estate broker to help identify potential office locations. Directions were provided to the broker by staff to search for locations near a freeway and to screen out offices where the asking price is greater than \$2.50 per square foot per year. The search requested that sufficient space be included for accommodating all of the staff and the capability to have a conference room sized to host an Executive Committee meeting or an SGA Board meeting (about 25 people).

SGA Policy 200.1, Section 3.09 (b) requires that Board meetings "be held at the office of the Authority or at a suitable location within the SGA Boundaries." This requirement removes the consideration of potential office locations south of the American River, including the Highway 50 corridor as well as locations outside Sacramento County.

On January 20th, Ron Greenwood, Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian and Josette Reina-Luken toured six potential offices with the broker. Two candidate offices were selected for consideration and the broker requested the owners submit offers. The potential offices are located at 1755 Creekside Drive and 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive in Sacramento. Two rounds of negotiations were conducted with the broker and the owners. The negotiations suggest the five-year cost of both properties are very similar.

Most of the RWA staff toured the two offices on February 10. A majority of the staff favored the 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive property in part for the amenities being offered (example: onsite gym, meeting spaces) and the natural light in the office.

The existing Birdcage Office lease cost beginning in September would be \$1.15 per square foot annually. As noted above, office space is not sufficient to accommodate the RWA staff. The majority of the staff have expressed a strong dislike for the existing office space. A few recent hires commented that they almost did not accept their employment offers with the RWA after seeing the existing office space. This coupled with the ongoing problems with the existing

office space are reasons to vacate the Birdcage Street office and move to a different location.

A benefit of both office locations would be the proximity to downtown Sacramento. The Strategic Plan includes this objective: Leverage proximity to the Capitol to engage and be a resource to legislators on issues important to the region and promote RWA's reliability and resilience successes.

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The new office space cost would be between \$2.00 and \$2.25 per square foot annually, depending on the location. The terms, including provisions for free rent and other items bring the five-year costs close to one another. The five-year costs of both properties would be about \$290,000.

While the RWA staff is preparing the RWA and SGA budgets, it appears the RWA budget could absorb a move while having a 2% to 3% dues increase in FY 2023/2024, and potentially a zero percent increase depending on budget decisions made by the Executive Committee and ultimately the Board of Directors. A projected, but less certain, dues increase of 2% is forecasted in FY 2024/2025.

The SGA budget is projected to increase about 4%, but it is possible a zero percent increase could occur, too. It will depend on decisions made by the SGA budget committee, and ultimately the SGA Board of Directors.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

The 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive property is recommended for the Board's approval of the RWA's principal office location. The location addresses all of the criteria used to select a new office location. Staff recommends not exercising the option for the existing Birdcage Office lease and letting the lease expire.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Terms for office space at 1755 Creekside Oaks Drive and 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS | TERMS & CONDITIONS
Landlord Responses



2023



(Option 1)
1755 Creekside Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833



(Option 2)
2295 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

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| Proposed Space | |
| Suite Floor Rentable Square Feet | Suite 100 1st Floor Suite 100: ±2,823 |
| Usable Square Feet | 2,476 |
| Building Profile | |
| Landlord Rentable Sq. Ft. of Building Class Stories Year Built Load Factor Parking Ratio | PF Portfolio 1, LP 59,356 B 2 1990 14% 4/1,000 |
| Terms and Conditions | |
| Commencement Date Expiration Date Term (mos.) Lease Type Base Rent Annual Increases Free Rent (mos.) Free Rent/Moving Allowance (total \$ amount) Tenant Improvement Allowance (PSF) | 07/01/23 11/30/28 65 Full Service Gross \$2.00 \$.05 psf 6 \$33,876.00 |
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Topic: RWA Strategic Plan Priorities
Type: Unfinished Old Business
Item For: Action

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to receive a presentation summarizing feedback from a Strategic Plan Prioritization Survey from the members and to consider staff proposed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to recommend to the RWA Board to approve Strategic Plan Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

BACKGROUND

The RWA Board of Directors approved the Strategic Plan in August 2020. The Strategic Plan lays out a number of goals and objectives that allow for the RWA to achieve our mission: To serve, represent and align the interests of regional water providers and stakeholders for the purpose of improving water supply reliability, availability, quality and affordability.

The Executive Committee received a presentation at the January 31st Executive Committee meeting on the survey results and the staff proposed strategic plan priorities. The priorities have been revised since receiving feedback from the Executive Committee. The revised goals remove funding support. The funding support topic will likely be a topic of conversation with the Executive Committee for several months. More work will need to occur to better understand how the RWA can support its members' needs for outside funding in the current funding environment. Including this as a distinct priority will likely distract the staff's efforts on the other priorities.

The Board of Directors modified Policy 400.4 last year which requires the RWA to set RWA priorities as follows: The Executive Director Shall lead the following procedure to set priorities for the coming year:

1. The Executive Director shall solicit input on the strategic plan and/or other priorities from the members.
2. The input from members shall be reviewed by the Executive Director, staff and the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Director shall propose strategic plan and/or other priorities to the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee should propose the priorities to the Board for adoption.

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Proposed Priorities

Proposed priorities often span multiple goals and objectives. It is helpful to think of the strategic plan as a universe of items the RWA may be involved in, and this process sets the priorities that the RWA staff will engage in for the upcoming fiscal year.

- **Communication and Outreach**

Priorities for our Communication and Outreach program include:

- Educate and secure support from local policymakers and other stakeholders regarding the Water Bank and other RWA priority issues. Communications support includes facilitating receptions, tours and briefings.
- Develop a Regional Coalition of Business Leaders led by a core group of organizations whose members heavily rely on an uninterrupted and reliable water supply who can support RWA in its advocacy. With core group formed, focus on educating and recruiting local, state and federal officials, and community leaders (civic and business). Communications support also provided by Integrated Communications and includes developing relationships and creating tools such as PPTs.
- Develop a Statewide Recharge Coalition of water providers and interested stakeholders to elevate groundwater recharge as priority pathway to fulfilling California's water supply reliability, environmental and equity goals. In doing so, the ultimate goal is to secure state funding for recharge projects. This may include co-sponsoring legislation. Communications support may include the following: new web page on the RWA website, media outreach, creating factoids for social media, social media advertising, op-eds, fact sheet, tools for RWA members, etc.).
- Build Local Support for Funding to Implement the American River Voluntary Agreement by involving and keeping key stakeholders informed about ongoing discussions with state agencies.
- Pursue additional funding sources via secondary and longer-term opportunities (potential 2024 bond measure, and Reclamation, for example).

- **Sacramento Region Water Bank (SRWB) Development**

Significant effort will go into advancing the water bank this year including outreach, governance development and the preparation of a project description and draft environmental documents. It is possible the environmental documents will be complete in early Fiscal Year 2024/2025, but they will be substantially developed in the coming fiscal year.

- Engage in Scenario Development.
- Preparation of a project description and draft environmental documents.
- Advocate for external public investment in SRWB and River Arc.

- **Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program**

While the WUE program was not identified by the members as a top priority, the staff

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believes the WUE program should continue to be a priority of the RWA. The program allows the members to jointly participate in a program that reduces members costs from its economy of scale, provides a forum for the WUE staff of the member agencies to learn from one another and from the RWA staff on how to comply with regulatory requirements. A key strategic benefit of the program is a positive perception within the State that our region is advancing solutions for WUE that are consistent with State goals that simultaneously work for our members. The program provides strategic value with other water policy, funding, or regulatory requirements.

- Prepare and staff the Water Use Efficiency Program. Activities will be presented to the Board of Directors after the development of the program committee.

- **Regulatory and Policy**

This item relates to two general areas: Surface water regulation and management which is covered in the recently adopted Common Interest Management Services (CIMS) services agreement and the development of Water Use Efficiency regulations. The members that participate in the CIMS program appear to have a high degree of satisfaction with the program and would like to see it continued. The focus of the program will be:

- Continue to seek positive outcomes from the initiation of the Reclamation's Biological Opinion process.
- Continue to advance the Voluntary Agreement process in a way that is beneficial to the participating members and our region.
- To protect our members' interests in the development of the Delta Conveyance Project.
- To build Federal Partnerships with the RWA and federal agencies including Reclamation.
- To assist the CIMS members as necessary.

- **Legislative**

RWA staff will be active in legislative activities including working to enact Recharge and Recovery Legislation (as approved by the Executive Committee in December 2022), taking positions and advocating on priority bills (yet to be determined), and to participate in the development of a Water Bond initiative, or other water infrastructure funding methods. A priority will be to build partnerships to advocate for RWA needs.

- Advocate for legislation that establishes a state goal to increase recharge and recovery capacity of the state, either by sponsoring a bill or participating in the development and passage of a bill.
- Advocate on Priority Bills (TBD)
- Participate in the development of a water bond or other legislative funding vehicle.

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- Building state partnerships including the River Arc partners.

- **SGA**

The RWA provides staffing and administrative services to the SGA. The work relating to the SGA will include the North American Subbasin groundwater sustainability plan implementation and activities that fall outside compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance such as coordination of the Regional Contamination Issues Committee.

- Continue with SGMA Compliance (Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation).
- Continue with Non-SGMA (Regional Contamination Issues Committee, Conjunctive Use Optimization, Monitoring and Data Collection, Grant Implementation).

- **Funding Support**

~~A large portion of the membership valued the RWA seeking or assisting in securing funding for their projects. The Executive Committee will need to consider how the RWA can bring value to the membership.~~

- ~~○ Changed funding environment — facilitate an outcome and direction for the RWA that works within the existing funding environment. Align the resources and programs of the RWA to fit within that funding environment.~~
- ~~○ Continued grant reporting.~~
- ~~○ Seek opportunities where appropriate and efficient using RWA resources with Executive Committee and Board support. Facilitate Executive Committee and Board discussions to consider the following:~~
 - ~~▪ Grant preparation services for member agencies;~~
 - ~~▪ Federal funding; and~~
 - ~~▪ Seek alternative sources of funding (example: Private or Foundation Funding).~~

- **RWA Administrative Services**

There are a number of back office functions that need to occur, such as paying bills, making payroll, etc., that could be characterized as “taking care of business.” This should be a priority and should include the following:

- Receive a clean audit for both the RWA and SGA
- Complete accounting functions
- Prepare Budgets for RWA and SGA
- Office Management

- **Valuable Partnerships**

The RWA should be able to support the member agencies should an opportunity arrive that brings value to the RWA. An example would be to support groundwater substitution transfers.

- GW Substitution Transfers

FINDING/CONCLUSION

A Strategic Plan is a valuable tool for establishing a strategic unified vision, outlining goals and objectives, and for monitoring business performance results. By reviewing our priorities, we establish specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time dependent goals that are aligned with our organizational values and ethics. Staff recommends the Executive Committee members consider the priorities and provide additional feedback to the staff to finalize the Strategic Plan. Staff believes the success indicators and goals identified in the RWA Strategic Plan are consistent with the workshop discussions and survey results provided by the RWA Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - RWA Strategic Plan

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Definitions:

Affordability: The continued delivery of high quality, reliable water service at the lowest reasonable cost. Affordability is directly related to water reliability and quality. Affordability is also affected, both positively and negatively, by legislative and regulatory policies.

Supershed: a region consisting of multiple watersheds that is actively managed to improve water resource resilience in support of a healthy community, economy and environment.

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PLANNING GOAL: Continuously improve regional water management planning that is comprehensive in scope and contributes to more effective regional water resources management.

Objective A. Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience.

- 1) Establish a funding program to complete work to establish the Regional Water Bank.
- 2) Engage with state, federal, and local stakeholders to gain Regional Water Bank acceptance, approval, and support.
- 3) Engage with potential Regional Water Bank partners.
- 4) Establish governance to manage the Regional Water Bank.
- 5) Complete an environmental analysis to support Regional Water Bank operations.

Objective B. Evaluate and respond to impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.

- 1) Continue to evaluate and plan for adapting to climate change.
- 2) Promote the application of forecast informed reservoir operations that enhance water supplies while maintaining flood protection.
- 3) Maintain a regional integrated groundwater/surface water model, in coordination with groundwater sustainability agencies, to support regional planning and groundwater management.

Objective C. Lead and support planning efforts that benefit water agencies.

- 1) Evaluate opportunities to provide coordinated responses for sections of Urban Water Management Plans on behalf of agencies.
- 2) Track next generation of regional planning requirements (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan or other requirements that may result from the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio) and respond as necessary.
- 3) Participate with other regional organizations (Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative, etc.) on planning for and responding to climate change.
- 4) Participate with the Water Forum on efforts that improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health.

Objective D. Plan for the sustainability of RWA and its members.

- 1) Evaluate RWA staffing, operations, and financing models for opportunities to improve long-term organizational sustainability.
- 2) Develop a Young Professionals Program.

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IMPLEMENTATION GOAL: Lead successful water management strategies, as well as develop and undertake related beneficial programs on behalf of the region.

Objective A. Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.

- 1) Position, secure and manage funding for the Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP), Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan, Water Bank, and Water Efficiency Programs and Projects.
- 2) Support and pursue funding opportunities for members and partner agencies that benefit the region.
- 3) Support programs that benefit from economies of scale in the areas of research, studies, planning, implementation, purchasing and resource sharing (e.g. Regional Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Information Study, Meter Asset Management and Chemical Purchasing Program).
- 4) Administer funding and financing for major endeavors such as the Water Quality Control Plan, Delta Initiatives and Water Bank.
- 5) Advocate for and support the financing of regional infrastructure to improve water reliability and resilience.

Objective B. Support members' efforts to improve water reliability and resilience.

- 1) Continue to partner with the Water Forum to ensure the health of the Lower American River as a critical component to improving water supply reliability.
- 2) Maintain the Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP) database and update the RWRP as needed.
- 3) Maintain the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) database and update the IRWMP as needed.
- 4) Support intra- and interregional water transfers.
- 5) Evaluate combining the American River Basin IRWM with appropriate portions of the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) IRWM.
- 6) Support the region's efforts on Delta initiatives and water supply regulatory initiatives such as the Water Quality Control Plan, Voluntary Agreements and the Biological Opinions of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.
- 7) Support compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within the Region.
 - Provide services and support, as needed, for planning and implementation.
 - Facilitate collaboration between subbasins.
 - Align interests with RWA, Sacramento Groundwater Authority, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority and others as appropriate.
- 8) Support the planning and construction of regional infrastructure to improve water reliability and resilience.

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Objective C. Support members' water use efficiency efforts to comply with applicable state and local requirements.

- 1) Continue to implement a regional water efficiency program that supports member agencies' compliance with state and local water efficiency and water loss requirements through cost-effective efforts/programs/initiatives.
- 2) Participate in statewide efforts related to water efficiency legislation and regulatory requirements to maintain a positive perception of the region and protect member agency interests.
- 3) Track individual member agency water use and related metrics to communicate regional water efficiency progress to the state, other regions and interested stakeholders.

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COMMUNICATIONS GOAL: Based on shared values, communicate with one voice on issues of regional significance to strengthen relationships, elevate regional visibility and influence, and advance the collective interests of the region.

Objective A. Provide a forum for education, discussion and outreach on water issues affecting the region.

- 1) Assess modes for preferred internal member communication such as meetings, in-person presentations, email updates, newsletters, blogs, social media, etc.
- 2) Distribute relevant information to members.
- 3) Create a venue for members to regularly brief each other on current and emerging issues, planned messages and responses, and coordinate on topics and issues of regional significance.
- 4) Provide educational opportunities for members through speakers and experts.
- 5) Update members regularly on the status and progress of RWA's services and programs.
- 6) Educate legislators, policy makers, and the public on the challenges to and benefits of uninterrupted high-quality water services and investments necessary for its continued delivery.

Objective B. With one voice, raise RWA's profile and credibility through outreach efforts to targeted audiences.

- 1) Be a champion for the Region by being a single, coordinated voice on regional matters.
- 2) Identify and cultivate RWA ambassadors/spokespersons to communicate significant topics and policy issues.
- 3) Inform key interested parties such as the media, federal, state and local officials, and the public about water management successes (e.g. Water reliability and resilience improvements) and key issues (e.g. regulatory, water accessibility, safety and affordability).
- 4) Foster consistent and cohesive regional messaging including:
 - a) Prioritizing anticipated issues and opportunities for target audiences, along with tools, materials and activities to help RWA members communicate with a consistent voice.
 - b) Developing talking points, position papers and outreach materials on key issues.

Objective C. Cultivate relationships to advance RWA members' interests.

- 1) Work with other organizations with water interests (e.g. Northern California Water Association, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and land use agencies).
- 2) Coordinate and partner with water suppliers and other stakeholders to further leverage advocacy, research initiatives and/or economies of scale related to water management.
- 3) Work with business organizations (e.g. Metro Chamber and local chambers.)
- 4) Work with state and federal agencies that influence or manage resources related to regional water reliability and resilience (e.g. United States Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources, State Water Resource Control Board, and other resource agencies.)
- 5) Work with the Water Forum Successor Effort on behalf of the member agencies that are signatory to the Water Forum Agreement. Support includes:

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- a) Ensuring RWA member interests are represented in the re-negotiation process including governance and succession planning.
- b) Ensuring RWA member interests are represented in the Water Forum Successor Effort.
- c) Participating in the Coordinating Committee and Water Caucus.

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ADVOCACY GOAL: Advocate for members and the region’s needs and interests to positively influence legislative and regulatory policies and actions.

Objective A. Engage relevant local, state and federal representatives, to seek support for RWA’s legislative agenda to further the region’s collective goals and objectives.

- 1) Annually update RWA policy principles and federal legislative platforms to effectively advocate for the region.
- 2) Maintain and track significant water-related state and federal legislation on important policies and funding opportunities and make the information regularly and readily available electronically to members.
- 3) Advocate for positions on state and federal legislation and programs consistent with the adopted RWA policy principles and platforms.
- 4) Monitor and actively engage on actions of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) State Legislative and Federal Affairs Committees and coordinate with other organizations.
- 5) Protect member agencies’ interests and work with state and federal organizations on the development of policies related to the equitable access to water.
- 6) Coordinate with external organizations, as appropriate, including but not limited to, American Water Works Association (AWWA), Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Northern California Water Association (NCWA), National Water Resources Association (NWRA), California Water Foundation, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and the Metro Chamber, and California Water Association (CWA).
- 7) Coordinate and partner with environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and environmental justice NGOs throughout the state to advance RWA’s interests.
- 8) Present regular updates from RWA lobbyist efforts and recalibrate priorities as necessary.
- 9) Maintain a volunteer standing committee as a forum for coordination, collaboration, education and vetting on federal policy areas of regional interest and evaluate the effectiveness of the standing committee in FY2021/2022.

Objective B. Evaluate, comment and advocate on state and federal water regulatory issues that may impact the region and its water reliability and resilience (e.g. WQCP, PFAS, Chrome VI).

- 1) Track, evaluate and respond to water quality, water conservation and efficiency, water affordability, resilience, SGMA and other regulatory issues that may affect members.
- 2) Lead and participate in efforts with other organizations aligned with RWA positions and interests as appropriate.

Objective C. Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience.

- 1) Educate the public and decision makers and promote our region’s contribution to the Delta.
- 2) Advocate to maintain the water rights priority system.

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- 3) Continue to support efforts for expanding conjunctive use operations as a means of protecting water rights (e.g., exercising more surface water rights and contracts in wetter years).
- 4) Support a Water Forum lower American River Modified Flow Management Standard that is consistent with the Water Forum co-equal goals.
- 5) Leverage proximity to the Capitol to engage and be a resource to legislators on issues important to the region and promote RWA's reliability and resilience successes.
- 6) Work with the State to help implement the portions of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio where it aligns with and benefits our region's interest.
- 7) Promote the region's collaborative efforts to comprehensively manage its water resources through an innovative *Supershed* approach to be resilient to fire, flood, and drought, and which serves our region and creates value to the state.

Topic: Legislative and Regulatory Update
Type: New Business
Item For: Discussion/Action
Purpose: Policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority- Advocacy Objective A

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| SUBMITTED BY: | Ryan Ojakian Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager | PRESENTER: | Ryan Ojakian Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a discussion/action item for the Executive Committee to review and discuss various State legislation. Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager will provide an oral report on legislation and recommended Executive Committee action on AB 249, AB 285, and SB 23.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve positions on legislative bills to oppose unless amended on AB 249 and support for AB 285 and SB 23.

BACKGROUND

AB 249 (Holden D- Pasadena) Would require a community water system that serves a schoolsite with a building constructed before January 1, 2010, to test for lead in the potable water system of the schoolsite before January 1, 2027. Recommended oppose unless amended.

AB 285 (Luz Rivas D- Arleta) Would require teaching on the cause and effect of climate change to both grades 1-6 and 9-12. Recommended Support.

SB 23 (Caballero D- Salinas) Would make streamlined permitting changes to water supply and flood control projects. Recommended Support.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

The action is consistent with Policy Principles adopted as part of RWA policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority- Advocacy Objective A.



Agenda Item 8

Topic: RWA Board of Directors Agenda
Type: New Business
Item For: Action; Motion to Approve
Purpose: Policy 200.2

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft Agenda of the Regular Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors Meeting of March 9, 2023.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve RWA Board of Directors Agenda for March 9, 2023 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Per RWA Policy 200.0, the Executive Committee will be authorized to prepare and approve agendas for meetings of the RWA Board of Directors.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

The Executive Director has prepared the draft Agenda for the RWA Board of Directors Meeting March 9, 2023 for the RWA's Executive Committee's to review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Draft RWA Board of Directors Agenda for March 9, 2023 Board Meeting



REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110
Citrus Heights, CA 95610**

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) 967-7692. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting. The Board of Directors may consider any agenda item at any time during the meeting.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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.

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.

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of January 12, 2023 regular board meeting.

3.2 Adopt Resolution No. 2023-01, A Resolution of the Regional Water Authority Setting the Location, Date, and Time of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors through the end of the Fiscal Year 22-2023.

3.3 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the WEP Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

4. Strategic Plan Survey and RWA Priorities

Discussion/Action: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Adopt Strategic Plan Priorities

5. RWA PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCATION

Discussion/Action: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Approve 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive as the RWA Principal Office Location

6. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Information: Ryan Ojakian, Legislative and Regulatory

7. WATER BANK PROJECT UPDATE

Presentation/Information: Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next RWA Board of Director's Meeting:

May 18, 2023 9:00 a.m. at the RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street Ste110, Citrus Heights. The location is subject to change.

Next RWA Executive Committee Meeting:

March 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m. at the RWA/SGA office, 5620 Birdcage Street, Ste. 110, Citrus Heights.

Notification will be emailed when the RWA electronic packet is complete and posted on the RWA website at: <https://www.rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/>.

Agenda Item 9

Topic: Executive Directors' Report
Type: New Business
Item For: Information
Purpose: General

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item for the Executive Director to provide a briefing on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

This agenda item is a standing item to provide an opportunity for the Executive Director to report to the Executive Committee on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

Communications and Outreach – New Assembly Member and Senator “meet and greets” have been occurring. RWA staff have met with Senator Ashby and Senator Niello as well as Assembly Member Patterson. RWA staff met with Assembly Member Nguyen’s staff. RWA staff will be meeting with Assembly Member Hoover soon.

Mr. Peifer and Mr. Sean Bigley were interviewed as part of a video podcast Public CEO Report, which focuses on public policy, current events, professional and personal experiences of local government staff and the challenges facing local government entities.

The 2nd Stakeholder Forum for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank took place on Monday, February 13, 2023, 6 to 8 p.m. Key topic areas for this forum were to present Water Bank goals, objectives, principles and constraints.

Water Bank Update – The RWA Water Bank Program Team is continuing to host special small group and one-on-one meetings with Water Bank stakeholders to answer questions and gather input. This includes a series of meetings with ECOS and other environmental stakeholders who are engaged in the Water Bank’s development.

Conference Attendance – RWA staff will be attending the following conferences in 2023:

- ACWA Spring and Fall Conferences
- ACWA DC Conference
- Cap to Cap in Washington DC
- WaterSmart Innovations
- Groundwater Resources Association
- City Clerks Association of California Annual Conference
- National Water Resources Association Federal Issues Conference and Annual Conference
- ESRI User Conference
- Alliance for Water Efficiency
- California Irrigation Institute Conference
- CalWEP Peer to Peer Conference
- Bureau of Reclamation Water Users Conference
- North American Water Loss Conference

Agenda Item 10

Topic: Board Directors' Comments
Type: New Business
Item For: Information
Purpose: Routine

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer,
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Tony Firenzi,
Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the RWA Executive Committee to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

This agenda item is a standing item to provide an opportunity to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.