

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