

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Firenzi called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m. a quorum was established of 18 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District
YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Holly Andreatta, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
William Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Diana Langley, City of Yuba City
Brian Mueller, El Dorado Irrigation District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Joe Duran, Orange Vale Water Company
Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

José Ramirez, SRCSD

RWA Affiliate Members

Charles Duncan, West Yost Associates; Abigail Madrone, West Yost Associates; Vanessa Nishikawa, Stantec.

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Ryan Ojakian, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District, reminded the board about teleconferencing option for the Brown Act.

Charles Duncan, West Yost Associates, stated he was excited to see everyone back in person.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Greg Zlotnick requested Agenda Item 3.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-01 be pulled for discussion.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar including Agenda Items 3.1, 3.3 - 3.5.

Motion/Second/Carried Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Gray

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Holly Andreatta, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Diana Langley, City of Yuba City; Brian Mueller, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 18
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 4

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 FISCAL YEAR 22-2023

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item to the Board when the current regular meeting schedule was approved, at the January meeting, it was unknown that the RWA would not be renewing the lease of its principal office location. The RWA Board, therefore, must consider where it should hold its meetings to accommodate the volume of the required in-person attendance of all of the Board of Directors' and other attendees.

Mr. Zlotnick commented that a virtual option should be provided for public participation for future meetings.

Ms. Sheehan asked that the Board meetings be held after business hours for more public participation.

Public Comment:

Paul Helliker: The law allows for teleconferencing. The teleconferencing location must be included on the agenda and the location has to be accessible to the public.

Chair Firenzi asked that his fellow Board members that have any specific requests along those lines to email him so he can take them up with staff and counsel all will be considered.

A motion was made to 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.

Motion/Second/Carried Mr. Yasutake moved, with a second by Ms. Rocucci.

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Holly Andreatta, City of Lincoln; Pauline Rocucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Diana Langley, City of Yuba City; Brian Mueller, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District and Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Ayes- 16

Noes- 0

Abstained- 2

Absent- 4

4. RWA STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion/action item for the RWA Board of Directors to receive a presentation summarizing feedback from a Strategic Plan Prioritization Survey from the members and to consider and approve staff proposed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

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

Motion/Second/Carried Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Zlotnick.

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Holly Andreatta, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Diana Langley, City of Yuba City; Brian Mueller, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company, Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 18
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 4

5. RWA PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCATION

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion/action item for the Board of Directors to approve the principal office location at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833, Suite 100, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign a lease for the proposed principal office location.

Chair Firenzi authorized the two motions listed on the agenda could be combined into one.

A motion to approve 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive as the RWA Principal and authorize the Executive Director to sign a lease for the proposed office location.

Motion/Second/Carried Mr. Schubert moved, with a second by Mr. Chalamcherla.

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Holly Andreatta, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City

of West Sacramento; Diana Langley, City of Yuba City; Brian Mueller, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; and Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Water Agency, voted yes. Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted no. The motion passed.

Ayes- 16
Noes- 2
Abstained- 0
Absent- 4

6. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE

Mr. Ojakian presented an informational oral update to the Board on significant bills and topics introduced in the legislature this year. Staff is tracking approximately 100 bills of the over 2700 bills introduced this year. His presentation covered legislation on storage, groundwater, bond measures and water rights. There are bills of interest beyond those topics, what sets those issues a part is the significant effects the legislation could potentially have and the volume of bills on the topics.

RWA is co-sponsoring SB 659 (Ashby D- Sacramento) with the California Association of Wine Grape Growers. The bill establishes a goal of 10 million acre-feet of groundwater recharge in wet years.

Mr. Straus asked what the status of regulations on AB 1668 SB 606 Water Budgets issues.

Mr. Ojakian explained that the Water Board must move forward with their budget before regulations are set. There are three elements to the water budget indoor, outdoor, and commercial/ institutional/industrial – the outdoor provision is still under review. The regulations are to be adopted this summer after the budget is approved.

Mr. Chalamcherla asked if staff be providing guidance and recommendations on legislation.

Mr. Peifer explained that elected officials have connection with state officials and RWA needs your help. Staff will send out information to advance good bills, change bills to be beneficial and stop bad bills.

Sheehan asked if the State Water Resources Control Board will lead to unfunded mandates to water suppliers - Mr. Ojakian explained not at this time.

7. WATER BANK PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Joseph presented an informational oral update to the Board on the Water Bank Project.

On December 16, 2022, RWA staff met with the SRWB program committee to kick off the planning and technical work to complete a federally recognized water bank in two years. RWA staff working on behalf of the SRWB program committee have completed multiple public meetings, developed and implemented a comprehensive communication and outreach strategy, advanced the project scoping/description, made improvements to technical tools necessary to evaluate the effects of water banking operations, engaged state, federal and potential external partners, and procured the consultants necessary to advance this project. Staff will provide the board with an overview of completed activities and highlight near-term and longer term SRWB work elements.

Chair Firenzi asked for Water Bank and RWA 101 workshop or informational session in the next month.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer thanked Amy Talbot, Ryan Ojakian, and Monica Garcia for their hard work, the RWA was awarded \$3 million to fund an indoor fixture installment program for disadvantaged communities and a climate-resilient yard transformation program from the California Department of Water Resources. The yard transformation program will reduce outdoor water use by providing rebates to residential, commercial and institutional properties, while the indoor fixture project will directly replace inefficient indoor fixtures in disadvantaged community areas.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Chair Firenzi reported that Robert Dugan is working with Greg Zlotnick regarding concerns he expressed about the approved RWA Executive Director Evaluation policy the Board approved yesterday. Thanked Ashley Flores regarding the new agenda format and the utilization of outlook for meeting invites.

Mr. Foster thanked the members of the Office Space committee for their cooperation and robust conversations.

Ms. Sheehan commended Ashley Flores for her communications, very helpful and appreciated.

Mr. Chalamcherla volunteered himself as a resource and is excited to be part of the group.

Mr. Bigley reported starting Saturday City of Roseville resuming recharge operations the Bureau of Water Reclamation has made water available and through their three repayment contracts and activate our groundwater wells for the

time being. At our upcoming City Council (Wednesday) meeting The Bureau of Water Reclamation offered a Section 213 Water Contract for recharge operations for the coming year. This will allow us to continue recharge operations under the contract constructs, we are continuing to take advantage to recharge while the weather keeps up.

Mr. Ewart commented on a well-organized meeting. He also reported the city has reduced the use of groundwater use to encourage recharge of the aquifers.

Mr. Kamilos reported that Elk Grove has a new Chair Tom Nelson.

Mr. Gray is really excited to have new members that are engaged and enthusiastic.

Mr. Saunders thanked Ashley and Raiyna for their help. He also reported that staff is working on 280 miles of frozen canals. Staff is working on water transfers, water rights, a storage tank for wildfire response, and reservoir options.

Mr. Schubert congratulated the RWA on their office relocation, praised the idea of educational workshop, and commended staff for the updated agenda packet.

Mr. Grinstead thanked for staff for being integrated into the RWA Board.

Mr. Zlotnick asked if the Executive Director Compensation Study will be brought to the RWA Board. He also stated that in the March e-alert it was reported that the everyone in the CUP was 75% allocation which is a zero percent based on a historic use, not on contract.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Firenzi adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

By:



Anthony Firenzi, Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, Secretary