

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Firenzi called the regular meeting of the Executive Committee to order on May 30, 2023 at 1:33 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 5620 Birdcage Street, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Seven of the Executive Committee Members were present at roll call; 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  
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, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores, Raiyna Villasenor, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

**Others in Attendance:**

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the May 2, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

**A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved, with a second by Director Greenwood

Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 7  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 2

#### 4. LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

Mr. Ryan Ojakian presented an action item for the Executive Committee to review and discuss various State legislation and approve positions on legislative bills. Mr. Ojakian provided an oral report on legislation and recommended Executive Committee action on bills related to water rights administration, bond measures, groundwater management, and water use efficiency.

AB 676 (Bennett D- Ventura) Would define what is considered domestic use within existing law characterizing the highest uses of water.

RWA's current position is Oppose. Recommendation: Oppose Unless Amended

AB 830 (Soria D- Fresno) Would exempt from lake and streambed alteration agreements the temporary operation of existing infrastructure or temporary pumps being used to divert flood stage and monitor stage flows to beneficial groundwater recharge.

Recommendation: Support

AB 1572 (Friedman D- Burbank) Would prohibit the use of potable water, as defined, for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, municipal, institutional, and multifamily residential properties.

RWA currently has an Oppose Unless Amended position. Recommendation: Neutral and amend

**Mr. Ojakian requested that the recommendation for AB 1572 be amended to *Neutral if amended*.**

SB 48 (Becker D- Menlo Park) Originally, would have required the Energy Commission and State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, Public Utilities Commission, and Department of Housing and Community Development, to jointly develop a strategy for using benchmarking data to track and manage the energy and water usage and emissions of greenhouse gases of covered buildings, as defined, in order to achieve the state's goals, targets, and standards related to energy and water usage and emissions of greenhouse

gases of covered buildings. The bill has since been amended to remove water usage from the bill and now only pertains to energy usage.

RWA currently has Oppose Unless Amended. Recommendation: Neutral

**A motion was made to approve the recommended positions on the legislative bills as amended.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Bigley moved, with a second by Director Kamilos.

Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 7  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 2

*Director, Caryl Sheehan, arrived at 1:56 p.m.; Ryan Ojakian exited at 2:04 p.m.; and Raiyna Villasenor exited at 2:43 p.m.*

## **5. PROJECT FUNDING**

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion item for the Executive Committee to discuss and provide feedback to the Executive Director about future project funding. Project Funding was identified as part of the Strategic Plan Prioritization Process. Staff will be participating in a SWOT analysis and a discussion about what resources may be needed.

**Direction was provided to staff.**

## **6. ENDORSEMENT POLICY**

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion item for the Executive Committee to discuss and provide feedback to staff regarding drafting an endorsement policy. Executive Director Peifer reported that after further review of the existing rules of procedure he is recommending that no policy should be brought forward. Existing members of RWA would automatically be placed on the agenda for consideration of endorsement. An RWA Board Director or the Executive Director can take requests for endorsements from non-members to be placed on the RWA agenda.

**Direction was provided to staff.**

## **7. RWA MEMBER RECEPTION AT ACWA CONFERENCES**

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion item for the Executive Committee to discuss and provide feedback to staff about updating the RWA Member reception at future ACWA Conferences. Executive Director Peifer explained that there is an opportunity to elevate the event location, refocusing on recruiting new members, and relationship building within the region. There was also discussion of exploring sponsorship to offset the event cost.

**Direction was provided to staff.**

## **8. FUTURE RWA BOARD AGENDA**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft Agenda of the Regular Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors Special Meeting of June 14, 2023.

The Executive Committee requested Consent Item 3.2 be moved out as a general board item for discussion/action.

**A motion to approve RWA Board of Directors Agenda for June 14, 2023 Board Meeting, including the additional item and amendment as requested.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved, with a second by Director Foster.

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; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; voted yes. The motion passed.

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

## **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer asked the members to review the Director's Report that was included in the packet. Please direct any questions to him.

## **10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Saunders reported that last weekend was a Town Hall Meeting at Cameron Park CSD to discuss Wildfire prevention and preparation. The agencies are working diligently to find solutions to the ongoing issue of insurance in wildfire prone areas.

Director Ewart reminded the committee that the SCGA Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at City of Rancho Cordova City Hall. The City of Sacramento is wrapping up public comment on for the draft EIR on the groundwater replacement program.

Director Greenwood reported that Carmichael Water District continues to participate in 2x2 meetings with Sacramento Suburban Water District and they are out for public comment.

Chair Firenzi reported the River Arch project has put in a lot of effort into receiving state grants to help with the environmental costs with the Wildlife Conservation Board. River Arch is being brought to the Wildlife Conservation Board for possible consideration for funding.

Director Bigley reported that he would be unavailable from June 5<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Brett Ewart will be acting Chair of the VA Committee while he is gone.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Firenzi adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Approved by:



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~~Anthony Firenzi, Chair~~  
Brett Ewart, Vice Chair

Attested by:



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Ashley Flores, Secretary