

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ewart called the special meeting of the Executive Committee to order on June 30, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 5620 Birdcage Street, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Six 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
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
William Roberts, City of West Sacramento
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

Staff Members

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

Others in Attendance:

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the May 30, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

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

Audie Foster, California American Water; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

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 1572 (Friedman D- Glendale) 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, as specified. RWA currently has an Oppose Unless Amended position.

Staff is recommending moving to neutral.

SB 3 (Dodd D-Napa) Would expand the scope of the Water Shutoff Protection Act to a community water system that supplies water to 200 service connections or fewer to comply with the act's provisions on and after August 1, 2024. Would additionally require all agencies to make available a plan for deferred or reduced payments and alternative payment schedules to any customer in their already required policy on discontinuation of residential service for nonpayment. RWA currently has a watch position on the bill.

Staff is recommending moving to an Oppose Unless Amended position.

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

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

Audie Foster, California American Water; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

5. EARLY IMPLEMENTATION VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT FUNDING FOR GROUNDWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Executive Director Peifer and Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs presented this action item for the Executive Committee to Approve the Funding Agreement with DWR and authorize the RWA Executive Director or his delegate to execute the final Funding Agreement.

Approve the Funding Agreement with DWR and authorize the RWA Executive Director or his delegate to execute the final Funding Agreement.

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

Audie Foster, California American Water; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that he will be out of the office July 1 through July 23, 2023 and has appointed Trevor Joseph as acting Executive Director. He asked the members to review the rest of his Director's Report that was included in the packet. Please direct any questions to him.

7. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Roberts reported that he and his team could help with the temporary staffing needs. He also reported that he has been working on alternative water supplies for the City of West Sacramento, he thanked Brett Ewart and Jim Peifer for their collaboration with their groundwater system.

Director Bigley reported that Senator Padilla and Congressmen Kiley both requested to tour the ASR wells and have interest in the water bank project.

Director Foster wished the RWA staff well on their office move.

Director Ewart reported that the City of Sacramento operates a groundwater system as well, they are experimenting with their system to see how to recharge without any interruptions in service. They have dropped their production from 20 million to 8 million gallons a day.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Ewart adjourned the special meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Approved by: 

Brett Ewart, Vice Chair

Attested by: 

Ashley Flores, Secretary