



Topic: ARTESIAN Agreement Update  
Item For: Information/Presentation  
Purpose: General

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SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer, Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is an information/presentation item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors to receive a presentation from Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs. Staff will provide a briefing on the progress of the ARTESIAN Agreement.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None. This item is for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

At a Special RWA Board Meeting on June 14, 2023, the Board of Directors approved a \$55 million State Funding Agreement with the RWA for Voluntary Agreement (VA) Early Implementation for groundwater infrastructure projects in the American River region.

The State Funding Agreement includes terms necessary to release the funding to RWA as well as terms to make outflow available through groundwater in three Dry or Critical years within an eight year period, or for one additional Dry year in the four year term if no Dry or Critical years materialize in the initial eight year period.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee approved the American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs (ARTESIAN) agreement between RWA and member agencies who will receive financial assistance for groundwater infrastructure projects through a funding agreement (“State Funding Agreement”) between RWA and the California Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Water Resources (DWR). RWA policy delegates approval of that agreement to the Executive Committee.

The ARTESIAN agreement functions similarly to a subrecipient agreement between RWA and the RWA members who will receive state funds. Generally, the ARTESIAN is split into three general overarching components: 1) Compliance with the terms of the State Funding Agreement; 2) Proposed allocation of funding and outflow; and 3) Operational coordination.

Staff will be updating the Board on the elements of the agreement and the status of the work.



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

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SUBMITTED BY:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations	PRESENTER:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is an information/presentation item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors on the state legislative session. Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations, will provide an oral report on the legislative session as it moves into its final days.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None. This item is for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

The Legislature reconvened from summer recess August 14<sup>th</sup>. The legislative session concludes September 15<sup>th</sup>. Bills may be amended, including gut and amends, up until September 12<sup>th</sup>. After the legislative session the Governor will have until October 14<sup>th</sup> to take action on bills that have made it to his desk. Ryan Ojakian will provide an update on major topics expected to be resolved by the end of the legislative session.

**FINDING/CONCLUSION**

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



Topic: 2024 RWA Board Elections Officers and Executive Committee  
Type: New Business  
Item For: Information/Presentation  
Purpose: [Policy 200.3](#)

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SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Secretary	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is an information/presentation item to provide an opportunity for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors to receive a brief policy review from staff in preparation for the 2024 RWA Board Elections Officers and Executive Committee.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None. This item is for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

As Board members may remember, the Board took an action to revise [Policy 200.3 \(Procedures for Selection of the Executive Committee\)](#) at the January board meeting. The intent of the revisions to the policy was to diversify the Executive Committee (EC) and to reduce the time burden in selecting the EC members. The purpose of this item is to provide the Board members with an orientation to the upcoming process to select the Chair, Vice-Chair and EC members.

As a reminder to Board members, those Board members that wish to be considered for election as 2024 Vice-Chair or to the EC will be stating their interest at the November Board meeting. You may make an oral presentation of up to two minutes.

You will also be selecting the incoming 2024 Chair at the November meeting. Policy 200.3 states that the Board of Directors elects the 2024 Chair by voting whether to elect the current Vice-Chair. The current Vice-Chair is Brett Ewart.

After the Board meeting, you will be filling out a Nomination Form, or ballot, which identifies candidates for Vice-Chair and the EC. Each agency will be entitled to one ballot. The ballot will provide for members to rank their choices for Vice-Chair and the EC.

The new process will result in the selection of the nine member EC as follows:

- The incoming Chair will be a member of the EC.



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- The ballot election will result in the selection of a vice chair and three other executive committee members.
- The incoming Chair will nominate two additional candidates.
- The Contracting Entities of the RWA (Golden State Water Company and California American Water Company) will submit a nomination.
- The Chair of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority shall nominate a member of the SGA to sit on the Executive Committee. The SGA nominee must be a member of the RWA.

### SUMMARY OF ELECTION PROCESS STEPS

At the November 9, 2023 RWA Board meeting:

- The Board members will elect the incoming Chair for 2024. The current Chair will conduct the election.
- The Chair of the Chair's designee will conduct a roll call of the directors to state their candidacy for Vice-Chair and the EC.

After the November RWA Board meeting:

- The Executive Director will distribute a ballot to the RWA member agencies with the directors that were identified as candidates at the November board meeting. The ballot will be set up to allow member agencies to rank the candidates in their preference.
- The member agencies should fill out the ballot and return it to the RWA via email or by US Mail by a **deadline of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Ballots received after this date will not be counted.
- The incoming Chair shall select two additional EC members for nomination.

At the January Board meeting:

- The Board will vote in a single election on the question: "Shall the proposed nominees for Vice-Chair and Executive Committee be elected?"

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- RWA Policy 200.3 Procedures for Selection of the Executive Committee

## **REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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Policy Type : Board of Directors  
Policy Title : Procedures for Selection of the Executive Committee  
Policy Number : 200.3  
Date Adopted : November 19, 2001  
Date Amended : March 10, 2005  
Date Amended : November 13, 2014  
Date Amended : January 12, 2023

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### **REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Background**

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA”) under which the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) was formed and operates provides for the selection of (1) the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and (2) the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. (See Articles 10 and 18, respectively, of the JPA.) The Board of Directors will follow the procedures set forth in this document for the nomination and election of the members of the Executive Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair. This document may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors.

In accordance with Article 8 of the JPA, each Member and Contracting Entity (as defined in Article 3 of the JPA) have two representatives on the Board of Directors, either of whom may cast a single vote on behalf of his or her Member or Contracting Entity. It will be the responsibility of a Member and Contracting Entity to notify RWA in writing from time to time of (1) its designated representatives to the Board of Directors, including alternates who may act in the absence of a representative, and (2) the priority for voting of its representatives to the Board of Directors of RWA. In the absence of such written notification, the Secretary of RWA will determine that an elected representative of a Member will have voting priority over the Member’s non-elected representative to the Board of Directors, and a Member or Contracting Entity’s senior management staff will have priority over the Member or Contracting Entity’s junior management staff, in the event that the Member or Contracting Entity’s two representatives disagree as to who should cast a vote on behalf of the Member or Contracting Entity concerning a particular matter. These rules shall also apply in the case of nominations under this Policy.

Reference in this document to a majority vote of the Board of Directors will refer

to the affirmative vote of a majority of the representatives (one for each Member and Contracting Entity) on the Board of Directors who are entitled to vote on a matter and who are present at the Board meeting during the vote. A seat on the Board of Directors of RWA will become vacant when a representative of a Member or Contracting Entity no longer meets the qualifications set forth in Article 8 of the JPA, or upon the happening of any of the events set forth in Government Code section 1770.

The Executive Committee will be a standing committee of the Board of Directors of RWA, and will be selected as individuals from the membership of the Board of Directors, except that, no Member or Contracting Entity of RWA will have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee meetings will be open to the public (except for authorized closed sessions), noticed and conducted in accordance with applicable law. A majority of all of the members of the Executive Committee (i.e., five members on a nine-member Executive Committee) will (a) constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business, and (b) be required for an affirmative vote to take action.

Members of the RWA Board of Directors who are not members of the Executive Committee may attend an Executive Committee meeting only as observers, and they will not participate in the committee meeting, ask questions or sit with the committee members at the Board table. (See subsection (c)(6) of Government Code section 54952.2 and 81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 156 (1998).)

In accordance with the Brown Act (Government Code section 54952), the Executive Committee will comprise less than a quorum of the number of members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee of RWA will consist of nine members, subject to the Board of Directors approving a smaller odd-number of members of the Executive Committee to avoid a violation of the Brown Act. These procedures assume that the Executive Committee will comprise nine members.

The election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and members of the Executive Committee will generally follow the three-step process described in this Policy: (a) election of a new Chair at a meeting held near the end of the calendar year; (b) receipt of nominations for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee; and (c) election of a slate of nominees for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee.

**I. Election of the Incoming Chair and Identification of Candidates for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee**

1. At a meeting held prior to December 31 of each year, the Board of

Directors will elect the Incoming Chair for the next year. The current Chair shall conduct the election. The Incoming Chair's term will commence on the January 1 following the Board meeting.

2. To elect the Incoming Chair, the Board of Directors will vote on the question, "Shall the current Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors be elected Chair?" If the current Vice-Chair is unable to serve, or if the Vice-Chair is not elected as Incoming Chair by a majority of the Board of Directors, then another Incoming Chair shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.
3. The Chair or the Chair's designee will then conduct a roll call of Directors to state their candidacy for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee. Each Director may make an oral presentation of not more than two minutes concerning the Director's qualifications to serve as Vice-Chair or as a member of the Executive Committee. A Director who is not present may not be included as a candidate unless the Director or the RWA entity that he or she represents has notified the current Chair that the Director wishes to be included as a candidate.

## **II. Nomination of Candidates for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee**

1. If only one candidate was identified for Vice-Chair, then that candidate shall be deemed the nominee for Vice-Chair. If there were only three candidates identified for members of the Executive Committee, then those three candidates shall be deemed the nominees for those offices. If the nominees for Vice-Chair or Executive Committee are not determined under this step, then the Executive Director or designee shall conduct the nomination of candidates for the unfilled office or offices as described below.
2. The Executive Director shall prepare and distribute to each RWA Member or Contracting Entity a written nomination form listing the Directors who were previously identified as candidates. The nomination form shall request that each RWA Member or Contracting Entity nominate a Vice-Chair and three members of the Executive Committee by ranking as candidates as they wish in order of preference. Candidates for Vice-Chair shall also be listed as candidates for the Executive Committee on the nomination form.

*Example Nomination Form:*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The examples presented in this policy are illustrative and not binding.

## Nomination Form

Name of RWA Member of Contracting Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank each of the candidates below in order of preference from highest to lowest and return this form to the RWA Executive Director no later than \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

<b>Candidates for Vice-Chair</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Candidates for Executive Committee</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Nomination forms shall be completed, signed, and returned to the Executive Director or designee no later than the date stated on the form. Only one form may be submitted by each Member or Contracting Entity. No Director may discuss or deliberate with any Director of another RWA Member or Contracting Entity concerning the responses to the nomination forms. RWA staff and representatives shall not discuss with any Director the results of any nominations until after the nominees are publicly identified as provided in this Policy.
  
4. To determine the nominee for Vice-Chair, the Executive Director or designee shall tally the nomination forms in rounds until a candidate has a majority of nominations. In each round, if no candidate has a majority of nominations, the candidate with the fewest number of nominations is eliminated. The eliminated candidate's nominations are then redistributed based on the nominator's next preference to the remaining candidates until one candidate has a majority of nominations and is nominated Vice-



Chair.<sup>2</sup> If two or more candidates are tied for the fewest number of nominations in any round, or the only remaining candidates are tied, then the candidate with fewest first round nominations shall be eliminated, and, if the candidates are tied for the fewest first round nominations, then the fewest second round nominations, and so on.

*Illustrative Example:*

Candidates A, B, and C are candidates for Vice-Chair. Of 21 nominations made, Candidate A received 10 nominations, Candidate B received 6 nominations, and Candidate C received 5 nominations. Candidate C is eliminated with the fewest nominations, so the 5 nominations cast for Candidate C are redistributed to those nominators' next choice candidates in the next round. Of the agencies who nominated Candidate C, 1 chose Candidate A bringing him to 11 nominations and 4 chose Candidate B bringing her to 10 nominations. Candidate A has a majority (11 of 21 votes) making him the successful nominee for Vice-Chair after 2 rounds of nominations.

5. To determine the nominees for members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director or designee shall tally the nomination forms in rounds until three candidates have reached a "Nomination Threshold." The Nomination Threshold is defined as the total number of nominations received divided by 4, with the result rounded up to the nearest 1.<sup>3</sup> In the first round, the successful nominee for Vice-Chair shall be eliminated and that candidate's nominations are then redistributed based on the nominator's next preference to the remaining candidates. In subsequent rounds, the candidate with the fewest number of nominations is eliminated and the nominations distributed on the basis of preferences to the remaining candidates until three candidates reach the Nomination Threshold. No candidate can receive any more nominations after the candidate has met the Nomination Threshold in any round. If two or more candidates are tied in any round of nominations, or the only remaining candidates are tied, then the candidate with fewer first round nominations shall be eliminated, and, if the tied candidates are tied for the most fewest round nominations, then the eliminated candidate shall be the one with the fewest second round nominations, and so on.

Because each RWA Member or Contracting Agency may only have one Director become a member of the Executive Committee, a special procedure is required if two Directors from the same RWA Member or

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<sup>2</sup> Reference is made to the "Instant Runoff" form of preferential voting.

<sup>3</sup> Four is the sum of the number of Executive Committee nominees (three) plus one.

Contracting Agency reach the Nomination Threshold. The Director with fewer nominations shall be eliminated. If this elimination results in fewer than three candidates remaining, then the candidate who was previously most recently eliminated shall be reinstated and deemed to have reached the Nomination Threshold.

*Illustrative Example:*

Candidates A through F are candidates for membership on the Executive Committee. With 21 nominations submitted, the Nomination Threshold is 6 (21 divided by 4 is 5.25, rounded up to 6). The Candidates receive the following first round nominations:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>First Round Nominations</b>
Candidate A	3
Candidate B	3
Candidate C	5
Candidate D	3
Candidate E	4
Candidate F	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

No candidate has met the Nomination Threshold by receiving 6 or more nominations. In the first round, Candidate A is eliminated because he was nominated for Vice-Chair under the prior step. All of his nominations are redistributed to his nominators' second-choice candidates. In the second round, the nominations are now as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Second Round Nominations</b>
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	3
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	5
Candidate E	4
Candidate F	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

Candidate C has reached the Nomination Threshold with 6 nominations and is nominated to membership on the Executive Committee. Candidates B and F are tied for the fewest nominations. Under the tie-breaking rules, Candidates B and F are tied for first-choice nominations, and Candidate B has 5 second-choice nominations to Candidate F's 1 second-choice nomination. Candidate F is therefore eliminated in the second round and

his nominations are redistributed to his nominators' next-choice candidates.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Third Round Nominations</b>
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	5
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	5
Candidate E	5
Candidate F	0 (Eliminated)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

At the third round, Candidates B, D, and E are tied with 5 nominations. Under the tie-breaking rules, Candidate E has the most first-round nominations and is not eliminated. Candidates B and D are tied for first-choice nominations, but Candidate B has more second-choice nominations. Candidate D is therefore eliminated in the third round.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Fourth Round Nominations</b>
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	7 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	0 (Eliminated)
Candidate E	8 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate F	0 (Eliminated)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

At the fourth round, Candidates B and E have reached the Nomination Threshold. They join Candidate C as nominees for membership on the Executive Committee.

6. After the date set for return of nomination forms, the Executive Director or designee shall tally all nominations received according to this Policy. No late nominations shall be accepted. The tallied results shall be reviewed and certified by the Incoming Chair and RWA counsel. The Executive Director or designee shall then make the list of the proposed nominees for Vice-Chair and the three nominees for members of the Executive Committee publicly available. Any documents showing how the Executive Director or designee tallied the nominations, as well as all completed nomination forms, shall be retained by RWA and available for public review in the same manner as other public records. The Executive Director in consultation with RWA counsel is directed and empowered to interpret these rules as necessary to ensure the fair and timely completion of the nomination tally process.

### **III. Election of the Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee**

1. At a meeting held after January 1 of each year, the Board of Directors will elect the Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee. At or prior to the meeting, the Incoming Chair shall take office and shall conduct the election as Chair.
2. The proposed slate of nominees presented for election by the Board of Directors shall be as follows:
  - a. The Vice-Chair nominee determined above under this Policy.
  - b. The three nominees for members of the Executive Committee determined above under this Policy.
  - c. A Director nominated by the Contracting Entities of RWA (as defined in Article 3(d) of the JPA), which nomination shall be sent to the Executive Director or designee in writing prior to the meeting.
  - d. A Director nominated by the current Chair of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) (regardless of whether the current Chair is a Director on the RWA Board of Directors), which nomination shall be sent to the Executive Director or designee in writing prior to the meeting.
  - e. Two Directors nominated by the Chair. In making these nominations, the Chair shall evaluate and consider the makeup of the other nominees to the Executive Committee based on the following RWA member characteristics:
    - i. Size of Member agency service area and customer base;
    - ii. Water supplies;
    - iii. Geography;
    - iv. Demographics;
    - v. Prior representation on the Executive Committee; and
    - vi. Any other factors necessary to ensure diverse representation of RWA members on the Executive Committee.

To ensure that at least two of the members of the Executive Committee (inclusive of the Chair and Vice Vice-Chair) shall be members of a governing board of a Member of RWA (as defined in

Articles 2 and 3(i) of the JPA), then the Chair shall ensure this requirement is met through the Chair's nominations if it has not otherwise been met.

3. The Board of Directors will then vote in a single election on the question, "Shall the proposed nominees for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee be elected?" If any of the proposed nominees are unable to serve, or are not elected by a majority of the Board of Directors, then one or more alternative nominees shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.

**IV. Procedures for Filling a Post-Election Vacancy on the Executive Committee**

1. In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee the Member or Contracting Entity whose representative held the Executive Committee seat that was vacated may recommend a replacement by sending the Chair of the Board of Directors a letter making that recommendation.
2. The recommended Executive Committee replacement must be one of the two identified representatives on the Board of Directors for that Member or Contracting Entity, provided the nomination is consistent with the RWA JPA and the Executive Committee Election Policy.
3. The recommended replacement to the Executive Committee may begin to serve immediately, but must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. In the event that a recommended replacement is not identified or not approved, then another Director shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.



Topic: Executive Directors' Report  
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SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director
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**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.

**GM Meeting** - The RWA hosted a meeting of the general managers and utility directors on August 21 to discuss issues that our member agencies are working to address. Topics discussed at the meeting included joint purchasing to reduce costs, clean fleet regulations and the regulation of paving standards.

**WATER BANK**

**Program Advisory Committee** - The Program Advisory Committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup> recently to discuss governance, CEQA and legal services needed for the project. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>. A Notice of Preparation is expected to be released in September.

**Federal Agency Tour** - The RWA hosted a tour of Water Bank facilities for federal agencies in partnership with the City of Roseville on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Local and Washington, DC-based representatives from Reclamation and local representatives from the U.S. Geological Services learned why the Water Bank is critical to a reliable water future with climate change.

**New Water Bank Website** - The RWA launched [SacWaterBank.com](http://SacWaterBank.com), a new website for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank designed to educate and engage the community about the



solutions underway to address the challenges posed by climate change on our water system. The site informs, engages and offers insights into groundwater sustainability, climate threats and the Water Bank's role. You can explore the site at [SacWaterBank.com](http://SacWaterBank.com).

**DWR Videos on Groundwater Management** - The Water Bank was featured as part of a video series produced by the California Department of Water Resources on groundwater recharge projects throughout the state. You can find the finished video [here](#).

**Correspondence from the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS)** – ECOS has sent a letter to the RWA (Attachment 1) regarding the accounting system for the Water Bank. Chair Firenzi has created an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with ECOS and discuss their concerns and ideas. Please see attached description and charge of the Ad Hoc Committee.

### WATER USE EFFICIENCY

**Outreach to ACWA Region 3** – Amy Talbot, RWA's Water Efficiency Program Manager participated on a Region 3 panel titled "Exploring the Challenges of Water Use Efficiency Regulations in California's Mountain Counties".

**RWA's partnership with Save Our Water and DWR** - RWA is partnering with Save Our Water and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on a video featuring new water-saving equipment at Urban Roots Brewery in Sacramento. With rebates from RWA and DWR, Urban Roots is installing a cooling holding tank, which reduces water needed for heat exchange and minimizes wastewater. The new equipment is projected to save over 10,688,000 pints of beer over its 20-year lifespan.

**Summer Strong Landscape Program** - Billboards promoting Summer Strong landscape practices will begin appearing throughout the Sacramento region in August and run through September. Digital signs will appear on the major highways in Sacramento and Placer counties, including Highway 99 near Mack Rd., I-80 near Northgate Blvd., I-80 near Douglas Blvd., U.S. 50 near Sunrise Blvd., and other locations. See the billboard artwork [here](#).

**Conservation Regulation Rule Making Process** - The State Water Resources Control Board on August 18 released the draft regulations for "Making Water Conservation a Way of Life" stemming from Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606 passed in 2018. The regulation sets unique efficiency budgets for each California urban water supplier. The comment period is open until October 17<sup>th</sup>. Information about the regulation is available [here](#).

The RWA staff will be having a short webinar to brief RWA Board members on the proposed regulations on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am-12:00 pm.

Please contact Amy Talbot at [atalbot@rwah2o.org](mailto:atalbot@rwah2o.org) if you have any questions.



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LEGISLATURE

**Senate Bill 659** - SB 658 passed out of Assembly Appropriations Committee on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The bill has yet to receive a No vote in the legislative process and is supported by a wide range of stakeholder interests. The RWA is sponsoring SB 659, and it aims to establish a state plan to increase groundwater storage in California. The bill must pass the full Legislature by September 15, and if it does, the Governor will have until October 14 to act on the bill.

**STREAM Act** – The Water Bank was highlighted in a press release regarding Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s reintroduction of the Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act, or STREAM Act. The release states (in part): “In combination with the bipartisan infrastructure law, this funding would provide California with more than 1 million additional acre-feet of water per year on average, enough water for more than 6 million people, including: Approximately 400,000 additional acre-feet from off stream storage and groundwater storage projects (including construction of Sites Reservoir, expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir and the raising of B.F. Sisk Dam, plus other potential projects like the Sacramento Regional Groundwater Bank and Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir).” You can read the release [here](#). The Executive Committee took a support position on the Stream Act at their last meeting on August 22, 2023.

FINANCIALS

Unaudited financial reports through June 30, 2023 are attached. Account balances for the most recent LAIF and OPEB statements are also included.

SAVE THE DATE

**SGA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event** – The SGA will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Sutter Club, 1220 9<sup>th</sup> Street, in Sacramento.

**Sponsorships Available:** Contact Michelle Smira at (916) 479-3687 or email at [michelle@mmsstrategies.com](mailto:michelle@mmsstrategies.com).

**RWA Member Reception at Fall ACWA Conference** - Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Vue Grille & Bar (located at the Indian Wells Golf Resort), 44500 Indian Wells Ln, Indian Wells, CA 92210. Members can expect a full buffet including dessert, beer, and wine on a beautiful outdoor patio, join us and network with your fellow RWA Members. Sponsorships Available: Contact Josette Reina-Luken at (916) 967-7692 or [Josette@rwah2o.org](mailto:Josette@rwah2o.org).

**Holiday Social** – the annual Holiday Social and Award Ceremony on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 pm at the Blue Goose Event Center, 3550 Taylor Road, Loomis, CA 95650.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Ad Hoc Committee Purpose and Charge

Attachment 2- Letter from ECOS

Attachment 3 – Financial Reports



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**Appointment of an  
RWA Ad Hoc Committee to Engage in a Dialogue with ECOS  
on the Water Bank Water Accounting System**

Charge: At the request of ECOS, to engage with members of ECOS to discuss the Water Accounting System for the Water Bank. Chair Firenzi has formed an Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to RWA Policy 200.1, Rule 21.

Termination: The Ad Hoc Committee will be disbanded at the end of the calendar year or at the discretion of either the Ad Hoc Committee Chair or the RWA Board Chair.

RWA Board Members:

- Paul Schubert, Chair
- Dan York
- Brett Ewart
- Sean Bigley
- Darin Reintjes

Guests:

- Ashlee Casey, Water Forum Staff
- Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
- Brett Storey, Western Placer GSA
- John Woodling, SCGA Interim Executive Director
- Water Forum Environmental Caucus members

Committee Staff: Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Ryan Ojakian

Attachments:

ECOS letter regarding the Accounting System for the Regional Water Bank



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Mr. Jim Peifer, Executive Director  
Regional Water Authority  
[jpeifer@rwah2o.org](mailto:jpeifer@rwah2o.org)

Subject: Accounting System for the Regional Water Bank

Dear Mr. Peifer,

I am writing to suggest a meeting between members of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) who are overseeing efforts to develop a Federally Authorized Regional Water Bank (Regional Water Bank), you and your staff, and members of the Environmental Council of Sacramento's (ECOS) Water Committee to discuss efforts to develop an Accounting System for the Regional Water Bank.

We have followed with interest RWA's efforts to develop the Regional Water Bank. We appreciate RWA's extensive efforts to reach out to the community to provide information and education about the region's water situation and how a water bank can help address future water supply needs.

The Water Committee recently reviewed the 2012 Water Accounting Framework published on RWA's website. We understand this framework was utilized by RWA prior to the passage and implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the subsequent development of the region's Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

We are interested in learning about how effective the 2012 Accounting Framework was in tracking and accounting for groundwater transactions within the bank, and which aspects of the 2012 Framework may be included in the new Regional Water Bank Accounting Framework currently in development. We are also interested in discussing how the requirements of SGMA will be incorporated in the Framework. Also, we suspect that the expanded monitoring and modeling of both the North and South American subbasins has provided additional sophistication and understanding of how groundwater moves within and between these subbasins. We would like to hear your plans for including this added technical understanding of subbasin operations into the accounting framework. We would also like to learn how you plan to account for any deposited ground water losses, and ideas you are considering regarding the use of portions of deposits to address groundwater dependent ecosystem needs, and, as a set asides to improve basin storage. Finally, the 2012 framework seemed to establish pumping levels for participants tied to water years. Is this approach one you are considering going forward, and would any resulting pumping agreements be included in Individual Purveyor Agreements established as part of the Water Forum 2 process?



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We look forward to a discussion with RWA on these and other Framework topics, and wait to hear from you in order to coordinate a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized "T".

Ted

Cc: ECOS Water Committee

California State Treasurer  
**Fiona Ma, CPA**



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TREASURER  
5620 BIRDCAGE STREET, SUITE 180  
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610

[Tran Type Definitions](#)



**Account Number:** 90-34-019

August 2023 Statement

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	2,856,551.42
Total Withdrawal:	0.00	Ending Balance:	2,856,551.42

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June 2023 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Web Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
6/6/2023	6/5/2023	RW	1730211	1690580	JOSETTE REINA-LUKEN	-100,000.00
6/9/2023	6/8/2023	RW	1730363	1690739	JOSETTE REINA-LUKEN	-75,000.00

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	3,007,415.20
Total Withdrawal:	-175,000.00	Ending Balance:	2,832,415.20



Per California Government Code 6505.5 (e ), RWA reports the following unaudited information:

For the period ending June 2023

Cash in checking account:	\$	275,373
LAIF Balance	\$	2,832,415

For the period of April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Total cash receipts for the period:	\$	2,945,160
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Total cash disbursements for the period:	\$	2,864,472
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## CERBT and CEPPT Plan Portal

» [CERBT and CEPPT]: rwah2oorg00

### My Accounts

As of the financial markets most recent close of business (09/06/2023), the total value of your account(s) is **\$1,435,045.85**.

Get Account Data

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### Website Contact

#### Contributions to the CERBT AND CEPPT :

Contributions to the CERBT and CEPPT may be initiated through myCalPERS.

Contributions may be submitted using four different transmittal methods.

- Electronic Funds Transfer by ACH Debit Method\*
- Electronic Funds Transfer by ACH Credit Method
- Electronic Funds Transfer by Wire Transfer
- Check

\* CalPERS preferred contribution method.

For more information on this process, please see the [Prefunding Programs' myCalPERS Contributions Guide](#). The Prefunding Programs team is happy to walk you through the contribution process. If you have any questions or would like to set up a walk through, please email [CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov](mailto:CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov) or [CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov](mailto:CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov)

**Please note:** Contributions by Wire Transfer in the amount of \$5 million or greater require 72 hour notice prior to sending the contribution.

#### Disbursements from the CERBT and CEPPT:

All requests for disbursements must be in writing using the CERBT Disbursement Request Form or CEPPT Disbursement Request Form and must include a certification that the monies will be used for the purposes of the Prefunding Plan. The requests must be signed by an individual serving in the position authorized by the employer to request disbursements from the Trust(s).

**Please note:** Disbursements \$10,000 or greater require two signatures.

Please email: [CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov](mailto:CERBT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov) or [CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov](mailto:CEPPT4U@CalPERS.ca.gov) to obtain the Disbursement Request Form(s).

Upon completion of the Disbursement Request form, please mail the original to the following address:

CalPERS  
CERBT/CEPPT

# REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

## Income Statement

Year-to-Date Only, June 2023 - 3 months back, Consolidated by  
department

	<i>12 Months Ended</i> <i>June 30, 2023</i>	
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Annual Assessments	1,111,142.00	16.4 %
SGA Service Agreement Fees	804,824.22	11.9 %
OPEB	44,331.00	0.7 %
Program Revenues	1,327,023.14	19.6 %
Holiday Social Revenue	2,880.00	0.0 %
Miscellaneous Revenue	200,791.63	3.0 %
State Revenues	2,597,535.76	38.4 %
WEP Category 1 Revenues	446,916.00	6.6 %
Landscape Workshop	3,160.00	0.0 %
Bulk Purchases	25,268.94	0.4 %
2014 WEP Drought State Revenues	17,796.02	0.3 %
Cash Discounts	1,234.43	0.0 %
SRCS D Incentives - water suppliers	83,015.79	1.2 %
Rachio Controller	35,000.00	0.5 %
Interest on S/T Investments	81,515.52	1.2 %
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,782,434.45</b>	<b>100.3 %</b>
Adjustments		
Fees Adjustments	(21,044.77)	-0.3 %
<b>TOTAL Adjustments</b>	<b>(21,044.77)</b>	<b>-0.3 %</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,761,389.68</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		
	<b>6,761,389.68</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		
Staff Expenses		
General Salaries	1,450,234.66	21.4 %
General Salaries EE PERS	(32,280.29)	-0.5 %
RWA Administrative Overhead	14,853.75	0.2 %
WEP Admin Overhead - Cat. 2	(870.00)	0.0 %
WEP Admin Overhead SRCS D Incentives	870.00	0.0 %
Employee Benefits - Health	186,431.42	2.8 %
Employee Benefits - Dental	15,730.60	0.2 %
Employee Benefits - PERS	90,140.76	1.3 %
Employee Benefits - Vision	2,498.30	0.0 %
Employee Benefits - Disability	9,288.23	0.1 %
OPEB - Other Post Employment Benefits	51,874.00	0.8 %



**12 Months Ended  
June 30, 2023**

PERS Side Fund Payment	36,700.00	0.5 %
PERS annual lump sum payment	7,265.00	0.1 %
Workers' Comp Insurance	7,468.35	0.1 %
Payroll Taxes	96,589.73	1.4 %
Travel / Meals	40,790.21	0.6 %
Professional Development	3,010.00	0.0 %
<b>TOTAL Staff Expenses</b>	<b>1,980,594.72</b>	<b>29.3 %</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>		
Rent	35,574.00	0.5 %
Insurance - Auto & Gen Liab.	37,309.14	0.6 %
Insurance - Property	2,759.30	0.0 %
Office Maintenance	1,048.88	0.0 %
Telephone	7,950.88	0.1 %
Dues and Subscription	19,227.29	0.3 %
Printing & Supplies	9,183.73	0.1 %
Printing - General	644.74	0.0 %
Office Equipment	5,340.99	0.1 %
Postage	316.27	0.0 %
Postage - Equipment	1,030.01	0.0 %
Meetings	6,324.68	0.1 %
Holiday Social Expenses	5,615.85	0.1 %
Computer Equipment & Supplies	11,048.41	0.2 %
Computer Software	1,569.79	0.0 %
Computer Support & Maintenance	29,041.70	0.4 %
<b>TOTAL Office Expenses</b>	<b>173,985.66</b>	<b>2.6 %</b>
<b>Office Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>		
Office Move	17,188.73	0.3 %
<b>TOTAL Office Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>17,188.73</b>	<b>0.3 %</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>		
ADP / Banking Charges	2,104.90	0.0 %
Banking Fees	1,323.87	0.0 %
Audit Fees	46,650.00	0.7 %
Legal Fees	137,137.34	2.0 %
GASB 68 reporting fee	700.00	0.0 %
Consulting Expenses - General	131,335.26	1.9 %
Strategic Affairs Budget Support	29,565.00	0.4 %
Human Resources Consultant	25,216.16	0.4 %
Public Relations - General	99,039.28	1.5 %
Consulting - Water Policy	119,988.00	1.8 %
Recruiting	1,025.00	0.0 %
<b>TOTAL Professional Fees</b>	<b>594,084.81</b>	<b>8.8 %</b>
<b>Program Fees</b>		
Grant Distribution	2,159,917.96	31.9 %
Consulting Expenses	636,652.56	9.4 %
Direct Expenses	213,138.55	3.2 %

*12 Months Ended  
June 30, 2023*

2014 Water Energy Equipment	83,477.50	1.2 %
TOTAL Program Fees	3,093,186.57	45.7 %
WEP Program Management		
Legal Fees	5,556.25	0.1 %
Consulting Expenses	49,103.75	0.7 %
Misc. Expenses	159.30	0.0 %
Dues and Subscription	2,647.09	0.0 %
WEP Meetings	5,834.11	0.1 %
Travel / Meals	8,536.96	0.1 %
Printing	8,450.67	0.1 %
TOTAL WEP Program Management	80,288.13	1.2 %
WEP Program Implementation		
WEP Public Outreach	118,819.03	1.8 %
Gardensoft Gallery	5,000.00	0.1 %
Water School expenses	5,080.00	0.1 %
Web/Media Purchases	71,965.89	1.1 %
Bulk Purchases	13,819.35	0.2 %
River Cats	25,000.00	0.4 %
School Education	7,222.30	0.1 %
Landscape Education Partnerships	4,210.30	0.1 %
Landscape Training	10,698.15	0.2 %
TOTAL WEP Program Implementation	261,815.02	3.9 %
WEP Program Management - Category 2		
SRCSD Incentives Payments to Suppliers	83,015.79	1.2 %
Rachio Controller Direct	36,204.00	0.5 %
TOTAL WEP Program Management - Category 2	119,219.79	1.8 %
Miscellaneous Expense	200,000.00	3.0 %
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	6,520,363.43	96.4 %
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	241,026.25	3.6 %
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	241,026.25	3.6 %
NET INCOME (LOSS) NET OF PROGRAM	241,026.25	3.6 %



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

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SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Brett Ewart Vice Chair
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors 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.