



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Executive Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
August 22, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Firenzi called the regular meeting of the Executive Committee to order on August 22, 2023 at 1:32 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Eight of the Executive Committee Members were present at roll call; a quorum was established. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
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

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Michelle Banonis, Ryan Ojakian, Josette Reina-Luken,
Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores, Angela Valverde-Riekert, and Andrew Ramos, legal
counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Sean Spaeth, PG, CHG, Associate, Senior Hydrogeologist, Wood Rogers

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Director Sheehan entered the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Chair Firenzi introduced Sean Spaeth, PG, CHG, Associate, Senior Hydrogeologist, of Wood Rogers as a recent applicant for affiliate membership.

Director Saunders requested Consent Item 3.2 be pulled.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the July 25, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting.

3.3 Recommend RWA Board approval of affiliate membership for Wood Rodgers, Inc.

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar as amended.

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; 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; and Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

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

Director Bigley entered the meeting at 1:47 pm.

3.2 Recommend to RWA Board for approval of proposed revisions to RWA policy 200.1 the Rules for Proceedings.

A motion was made to recommend to RWA Board for approval of proposed revisions to RWA policy 200.1 the Rules for Proceedings.

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; and Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; voted yes.

Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District, and Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted No. The motion passed.

Ayes- 6
Noes- 2
Abstained- 0
Absent- 1

4. EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Josette Reina-Luken, Finance & Administrative Services Manager presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review staff's findings regarding the establishment of a medical Flexible Spending Account (FSA), Health Savings Account (HSA), and Dependent Care FSA provider for RWA employees and recommend approval of the selected provider to the RWA Board of Directors.

A motion was made to recommend approval of Total Administrative Services

Corporation (TASC) to be the provider for an optional RWA employee FSA, HSA, and dependent care benefits program beginning January 1, 2024 and authorize the Executive Director to change Personnel Rules Appendix G to incorporate these changes under legal counsel guidance.

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; and Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted Yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 8
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 1

5. POSITION ON THE STREAM ACT (S. 2162).

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to take a position on the recently reintroduced bill titled the Support to Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture and Municipalities Act, or STREAM Act (S. 2162) by Senator Feinstein.

A motion was made to approve a position of support for the STREAM Act (S. 2162).

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; and Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 8
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 1

6. 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 Meeting of September 14, 2023.

A motion was made to approve RWA Board Agenda for September 14, 2023

Board Meeting as amended.

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

Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; and Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; voted yes. The motion passed.

Ayes- 8
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 1

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that the Artesian Agreement is now finalized and that many of the organizations will receive part of the 55 million received from DWR and reminded the Committee to deliver their CEQA paperwork to Michelle Banonis as soon as possible. He told the committee that a USBR Be Water Smart Grant Solicitation will be released soon.

Executive Director Peifer reminded the Committee that RWA will be hosting a Member Reception at the Fall ACWA conference on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 pm at the Vue Grille & Bar located at the Indian Wells Golf Resort and the SGA’s 25th Anniversary Event is on September 21st at the Sutter Club.

8. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Director Saunders reported on September 8, 2023, there is a webinar for Water Use Efficiency.

Director Ewart City of Sacramento reported the City of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento have started talking emergency pipelines connections and plan to start work on them in the next couple of years.

Director Bigley reported that he will be starting to drill two wells and spoke of possibly taking video and footage of the drilling. The DWR Funded wells will start August 23, and the second will start on September 20th for approximately 2 weeks on this project. The Roseville State of Water is on August 29, at 6:00 pm. hosted by Director Bigley, George Hansen (Weather Utility manager), and Bobby Alvarez (Water Conservation Manager).

Director Greenwood reported Carmichael Water District is continuing to work on Environmental Planning. Progress is still being made on the consolidation and reorganization of Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District.

The community has concerns over governance and the process. This District recently approved the TURF Program and the buyback program.

Director Foster gave kudos to those that attended the GM Directors meeting, put on by RWA. He said that it was a wonderful opportunity for Water professionals to be in the same room and gave his consensus to be with everyone and network. He thanked Jim Peifer for hosting the meeting.

Chair Firenzi reported that we are a region of 2 million people with more than 21 water agencies, and he appreciates that the RWA can meet and cohesively work together to discuss the water issues. Reported the River Arc project is being recommended by Wildlife Conservation with a 5-million-dollar Grant. He also reminded the Board there will be a Federal tour with the Nature Conservatory on October 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Firenzi adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Approved by:



Anthony Firenzi, Chair

Attested by:



Ashley Flores, Secretary