

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m. at City of West Sacramento – City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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  
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District  
Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom  
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln  
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville  
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento  
William Roberts, City of West Sacramento  
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District  
Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District  
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency  
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency  
Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District  
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency  
Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District  
Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District

**RWA Associate Members**

None

**RWA Affiliate Members**

Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Stantec

**Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Josette Reina-Luken, Trevor Joseph, Raiyna Villasenor, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

**Others in Attendance**

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Hilary Straus, Citrus Heights Water District; Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District; Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency.

*Cathy Lee entered the meeting at 9:14 a.m.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

*Director Wichert pulled Consent Items 3.2 and 3.3 for further review.*

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of June 14, 2023, RWA Special Board Meeting and draft meeting minutes of August 21, 2023 General Managers Quarterly Workshop.

**A motion to approve Consent Calendar items as amended.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Helliker moved, with a second by Director Schneider

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 17 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 5  |

- 3.2 Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Change Order #4 in the amount of \$310,000 and upon the receipt of outstanding funds from participating agencies, the approved amount will increase by \$211,900, for a total of \$521,900 with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for additional technical and planning support for continued development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.
- 3.3 Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #2 in the amount of \$150,000 with Khadam Consulting Inc for additional technical support for continued development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

**A motion was made to approve Consent Item 3.2 and 3.3.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Schubert moved, with a second by Director Fecko

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted no. The motion passed.

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| Ayes      | 16         |
| Noes      | 1          |
| Abstained | 1 - Morris |
| Absent    | 5          |

**4. NEW MEMBERS**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority to approve the admission of Wood Rodgers, Inc. as an Affiliate member. He introduced Sean Spaeth of Wood Rodgers, Inc. to the Board and briefly explained their contributions to region.

**A motion to approve the admission of Wood Rodgers, Inc. as an Affiliate member**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Zlotnick moved, with a second by Director Roccucci

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso

Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes with a 2/3 member vote.

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| Ayes      | 18 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 4  |

**5. EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

Josette Reina-Luken, Finance & Administrative Services Manager presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors to approve the Executive Committee’s Recommendation to establish a medical Flexible Spending Account, Health Savings Account, and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account provider for RWA employees.

**A motion to approve 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 Wichert moved, with a second by Director Pratt

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 18 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 4  |

6. **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RWA POLICY 200.1 THE RULES FOR PROCEEDINGS**

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion item to the Board of Directors to review and approve proposes revisions to Policy 200.1 (Rules for Proceedings) based on direction from the Board of Directors.

**A motion to approve revisions to Policy 200.1 Rule of Proceedings.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Gray moved, with a second by Director Roccucci

**A friendly amendment to the motion was made by Director Zlotnick, asking that the policy include the Executive Committee allow for a virtual link on the agenda for public access.**

Amended Motion/Second/Carried Director Zlotnick moved, with a second by Director Wichert

The amended motion was accepted by Director Gray moved, with a second by Director Roccucci.

**A second amendment to the motion was made to delete the revised language to Rule 25 by Director Helliker.**

Amended Motion/Second/Carried Director Helliker moved, with a second by Director Chalamacherla

A roll call vote was requested by Legal Counsel for this second amendment to the motion.

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; YK Chalamacherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted no. The second amendment on the motion did not pass.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Ayes      | 9 |
| Noes      | 9 |
| Abstained | 0 |
| Absent    | 4 |

A roll call vote was requested by Legal Counsel for the amended motion on the floor.

**A motion to approve revisions to Policy 200.1 Rule of Proceedings, as amended.**

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; William Roberts, City of West Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Bob Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Ayes      | 18 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 4  |

**7. REGIONAL WATER BANK UPDATE**

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services presented this information item to the Board of Directors to provide an update on the Regional Water Bank.

**8. ARTESIAN AGREEMENT UPDATE**

Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs, presented this information item to the Board of Directors to provide an update on the status of the agreement and the funding agreement between the State of California (Natural Resources Agency and Department of Water Resources) and the RWA for the RWA to receive \$55 Million in grant funding for the construction of groundwater infrastructure. The funds are now available for designated RWA member agencies to construct projects.

**9. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE**

Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, presented this information item to the Board of Directors to provide an update on the latest Legislative and Regulatory changes relevant to members.

**10. INFORMATION/PRESENTATION: 2024 RWA BOARD ELECTIONS OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Jim Peifer, Executive Director, presented this information item to the Board of Directors to provide an overview of the new Election Policy that was adopted at the beginning of the year.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer reported that RWA Policy 400.5 - Compensation Policy needs to be updated per some requirements of CalPERS. This item will be brought to the Board at a later meeting.

The RWA/SGA Holiday Social is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 at the Blue Goose Event Center, 3350 Taylor Rd. Loomis, CA 95650.

**13. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

By:

  
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Anthony Firenzi, Chair

Attest:

  
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Ashley Flores, Board Secretary