

Topic: 2024 RWA Board Officers and Executive Committee - Elections and Appointments

Type: New Business

Item For: Action, Motion to Approve

Purpose: Policy

	Jim Peifer		Jim Peifer
SUBMITTED BY:	Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is for the Board of Directors to approve the 2024 RWA Vice Chair and Executive Committee members.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the 2024 Vice Chair and Executive Committee Members.

BACKGROUND

Policy 200.3 identifies the process on how the RWA Board of Directors selects the Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Executive Committee. The process is summarized as flows:

- The membership elects the Chair at the November Board meeting (and Mr. Brett Ewart was elected Chair)
- The membership votes for the Vice Chair and three members of the Executive Committee.
- The investor-owned utilities propose a member for the Executive Committee.
- The RWA Chair appoints two members to the Executive Committee.
- The SGA Chair appoints a member to the Executive Committee, provided their agency is a member of the RWA.

An election was conducted which determined the Vice Chair and executive committee members. The results were:

Vice Chair: William Roberts (City of West Sacramento)

Executive Committee: Sean Bigley (City of Roseville), Ron Greenwood (Carmichael Water District), Michael Saunders (Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District)

As required under the policy, the Chair and Counsel have to certify the elections results. Chair Ewart and Mr. Andrew Ramos, Counsel, have certified the results.



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The Investor-Owned Utilities are proposing Mr. Audie Foster (California American Water) for the Executive Committee.

Mr. Paul Selsky, SGA Chair is proposing Mr. Chris Peterson (Fair Oaks Water District) for the Executive Committee.

Chair Ewart is proposing Ms. Gwynne Pratt (Del Paso Manor Water District) and Mr. Bruce Kamilos (Elk Grove Water District) for the Executive Committee.



Topic: Agreement to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes
 Type: New Business
 Item For: Information
 Purpose: Strategic Plan Implementation Goal, Objectives: Implementation B-4, B-6; Advocacy B1-2, C2-3,C-6

	Michelle Banonis		Michelle Banonis
SUBMITTED BY:	Manager of Strategic Affairs	PRESENTER:	Manager of Strategic Affairs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is presented to provide an overview of the current process working toward the Agreement to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (the “Voluntary Agreement” or “VA”). The VA is an alternative that is included in the Draft Staff Report in Support of Potential Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan Update).

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has the requirement to periodically update its regulations for how water is put to beneficial use in the Bay-Delta. Voluntary Agreements (VAs) provide a collaborative alternative to the State Board’s regulatory process and provide for a combination of habitat restoration, environmental outflow, a science program, and funding. The funding for implementing various portions of the VA is expected to come from participating water providers as well as from public sources.

DISCUSSION

On September 28, 2023, the State Board released a Notice of Availability for Public Comment, Hearing, and Staff Workshops on the Draft Staff Report for the Bay-Delta Plan Update. The Draft Staff Report is intended to fulfill the State Board’s requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State Board’s regulations, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and other requirements.

RWA has been working with other tributaries and within the American River region to prepare verbal and written comments on the nearly 6,000 page (without appendices) document. In parallel, work has continued within the region through the VA Ad Hoc Committee process to work toward an Intratributary Agreement to address risks and determine appropriate mechanisms for sharing that risk. Finally, potential parties to the VA in the American River region are continuing to work toward

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establishing a legal mechanism with the Bureau of Reclamation to ensure that the flow portion of the VA is effectively carried out.

More details on the VA process and what lies next will be presented during the Board Meeting.

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Topic: Water Use Efficiency Program
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: Strategic Plan Priority – Implementation Objective C

SUBMITTED BY:	Amy Talbot Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager	PRESENTER:	Amy Talbot Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information/discussion item for the RWA Board to review and discuss current water efficiency program activities and related regulatory processes. Amy Talbot, Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager, will provide an oral report and PowerPoint presentation.

STAFF PRESENTATION SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

RWA's Regional Water Efficiency Program was established in 2003 and has since developed into an award-winning, research-based program supported by 19 RWA water supplier members with an annual budget of \$650,000 for staff and programs. Additionally, since its establishment, the program has secured nearly \$20 million in highly competitive grant funding, including more than \$6 million in the past four years. Program activities include a regional public outreach campaign, customized outreach materials and advertisements for participating water suppliers, water efficiency staff training and support, and a regional school education program. More recently, the program has taken on an additional advocacy role regarding the Conservation Regulation (Senate Bill 606/Assembly Bill 1668) with RWA staff providing statewide, regional, and local leadership roles and member supplier support throughout the regulatory development process. A program committee comprised of participating water supplier staff provides the program with technical guidance and budget oversight and meets every other month to discuss pertinent topics. The Board presentation will provide a 2023 Year in Review summary of program activities, leadership roles, partnerships, and a conservation regulation update.

Topic: Executive Directors' Report
Type: New Business
Item For: Information
Purpose: General

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

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 Board of Directors on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

Congratulations to the 2023 award winners announced December 6 during the RWA/SGA holiday event: The Water Statesperson of the Year Award went to Mr. Brett Ewart of the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities and Mr. Sean Bigley of the City of Roseville Environmental Utilities for their leadership in helping to secure \$55 million for local water resilience projects, and the Small System Innovation Award was given to Georgetown Divide Public Utility District for their efforts to improve efficiency, resource management and customer services through AMI.

The RWA hosted a third Stakeholder Forum for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) on December 12. The Program team discussed Water Bank activities from this past year and detailed what's ahead for 2024 and beyond.

The RWA and SGA welcomed a new Finance and Administrative Services Manager, Mr. Tom Hoffart. Tom is a Certified Public Account and worked for Richardson & Co., LLC before joining the RWA/SGA. We are excited to have Tom on the RWA and SGA team.

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

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Brett Ewart
Vice Chair

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.