



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 18, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:05 a.m. at the City of Roseville Environmental Utilities Department, 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA 95747. A quorum was established of 14 participating members present in person. Technical difficulties resulted in Chair Ewart calling for a recess at 9:11 a.m. Chair Ewart called the meeting back into order at 9:20 a.m. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District
Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Scott Alvord, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Chris Peterson, Fair Oaks 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
Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City
Ben Moody, City of Yuba City

RWA Associate Members

None

RWA Affiliate Members

None

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Tom Hoffart, Trevor Joseph, Michelle Banonis, Monica Garcia, Amy Talbot, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District, Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Director Pratt entered at 9:15 am

Director Zlotnick pulled Consent Item 3.5.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of November 9, 2023, RWA Board Meeting.
- 3.2 Appoint Tom Hoffart as acting Board Secretary of the Regional Water Authority
- 3.3 Appoint Tom Hoffart as the Treasurer of the Regional Water Authority
- 3.4 Accept Fiscal Year 2022/2023 RWA Financial Audit Report
- 3.5 Approve the 2024 Policy Principles
- 3.6 Approve the 2024 Federal Affairs Platform
- 3.7 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with West Yost Associates for services to support the ARTESIAN Agreement
- 3.8 Approve Staff Cost of Living Adjustments in accordance with Policy 400.2

A motion was made to approve Consent Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 as presented.

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

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Scott Alvord, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District, Chris Peterson, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes 15

Noes 0
Abstained 0
Absent 7

3.5 Approve the 2024 Policy Principles

Director Zlotnick requested that “Provide priority focus on” be changed to “Support” in one of the policy principles within the “Ensure a Diverse, Resilient, and Reliable Water Supply” priority issue. Director Zlotnick additionally requested various other non-substantive changes.

A motion was made to change “provide priority focus on” to “Support” within the “Ensure a Diverse, Resilient, and Reliable Water Supply” priority issue and approve the 2024 Policy Principles

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

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Scott Alvord, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District, Chris Peterson, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes 15
Noes 0
Abstained 0
Absent 7

4. 2024 RWA BOARD ELECTIONS OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A motion to approve 2024 RWA Vice Chair and Executive Committee Members.

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

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Scott Alvord, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District, Chris Peterson, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Dugan, Placer County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	7

5. INFORMATION: VOLUNEARY AGREEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Banonis gave a report on the progress of the Voluntary Agreements.

6. INFORMATION: WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Ms. Talbot gave a presentation on the RWA Water Use Efficiency Program.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 Closed session regarding labor negotiations (Gov. Code, § 54957.6)

Agency Representative: RWA Chair and Vice Chair

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

Chair Ewart called for the closed session at 10:58 a.m.

Chair Ewart called the meeting back into order at 11:28 a.m.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

Chair Ewart reported that he will be forming an Ad Hoc Committee to propose revisions to Policy 400.1 and 400.2.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer requested that members fill out the strategic plan priority survey.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Sheehan noted that work is progressing in Citrus Heights Water District Well No. 8, that an advisory committee has met for their 2030 water planning, and that Citrus Heights Water District has benefited from the grant funding from the RWA Water Use Efficiency Program.

Director Nelson commented on the recent recruitment for a Water Use Efficiency specialist and thank Ms. Talbot for her help.

Director Kamilos reported that Mr. Joseph made a presentation to the Elk Grove Water District Board of Directors, and they voted to participate in phase 2 of the Water Bank.

Director Saunders thanked the Board for their support to be elected to the Executive Committee and reported on Georgetown Divide PUD's \$1.2 Million wildfire resilience grant.

Director Wichert requested that a Water Bank Presentation be made at the next Board meeting.

Director Dugan commented that the RWA staff is working hard for the members and thanked the staff.

Chair Ewart reported that the City of Sacramento is kicking off a Water Use Efficiency Master Plan and wished everyone a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

By:



Brett Ewart, Chair

Attest:



Tom Hoffart, Board Secretary

