



**Regional Water Authority**  
**BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**RWA Board Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**November 9, 2023**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Firenzi called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:07 a.m. at Regional County Sanitation District, 10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95827. A quorum was established of 19 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

### **RWA Board Members**

S. Audie Foster, California American Water  
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District  
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District  
Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District  
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom  
YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom  
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln  
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville  
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville  
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento  
Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento  
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Randy Marx, 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 Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company  
Joe Duran, Orange Vale Water Company  
Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency  
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency  
Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District  
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency  
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Dan York, 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  
Mike Gabaldon, Black and Veatch

**Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Josette Reina-Luken, Trevor Joseph, Amy Talbot, Ashley Flores, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

**Others in Attendance**

Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento; Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District; Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District; and Ellen Cross.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

*Director Kamilos pulled Consent Item 3.1 and Director Zlotnick pulled Consent Item 3.3 for further review.*

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Kamilos requested that Tom Nelson be added to the minutes as an attendee.

- 3.2 Approve Revisions to Policy 100.3 (RWA Associate Members) and Policy 100.6 (RWA Affiliates)
- 3.3 Approve Revisions to Policy 200.4 (Conflict of Interest Code)
- 3.4 Approve no changes to Policy 500.2 (Investment Policy) and California Employee Retirement Benefits Trust (CERBT)
- 3.6 Approve Change Order #11 to Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to extend the contract term to December 31, 2026
- 3.7 Approve the 2024 Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting schedule

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

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne

Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of September 14, 2023, RWA Special Board Meeting.

**A motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.1 as amended.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

3.5 Approve Proposed Changes Personnel Rules RWA Policy Series 400.1 (Personnel Rules)

**A motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.5 as presented.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of

Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

**4. WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM SACRAMENTO REGIONAL INDOOR DIRECT INSTALL PROJECT**

Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager Talbot presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the regional Water Efficiency Program (WEP) Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project Phase 2.

**A motion to approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for the Water Efficiency Program Sacramento Regional Indoor Direct Install Project – Phase 2.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

**5. INFORMATION: VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT UPDATE**

This item was pulled and will be brought back to the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting.

**6. REVISIONS TO POLICY 400.2 (EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION POLICY) AND APPROVE PAST SALARY SCHEDULES**

Josette Reina-Luken, Finance & Administrative Services Manager presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors approve revisions to RWA Policy 400.2 (Compensation Policy) and to approve Policy 400.2 Exhibit A attachments for the period from January 2020 to July 2023 to be in compliance with California Public Employee Retirement Law (PERL).

**A motion to approve revisions to RWA Policy 400.2 and approve past salary schedules.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

**7. 2024 RWA BOARD ELECTIONS OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Firenzi presented this discussion item to the Board of Directors to elect the 2024 Chair; and establish a list of interested members to state their candidacy for the 2024 Vice Chair and the 2024 Executive Committee.

The following Directors made a statement of interest: \*William Roberts, \* Michael Saunders, Audie Foster (IOU), Robert Wichert, Sean Bigley, Bruce Kamilos, and Ron Greenwood. (asterisk for Vice Chair)

**A motion to elect Brett Ewart as 2024 RWA Chair.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

## 8. REPRESENTATION ON REGIONAL MATTERS

Chair Firenzi presented this action item to the Board of Directors to At the October 30th Executive Committee meeting, the Committee discussed certain actions by Mr. Paul Helliker against RWA members Placer County Water Agency and the City of Roseville, and the impacts of Mr. Helliker's actions on RWA. The broad sentiment from the Committee members was the actions were of concern to the RWA membership. RWA Chair Firenzi requested that the matter be brought to the Board of Directors for discussion and potential action.

Statements were made by Tony Firenzi, Sean Bigley, Jim Peifer, and Paul Helliker

**A motion to renew our commitment to the Regional Water Authority as the regions voice as provided for and bound by our Joint Power Authority and acknowledge that members may not represent the membership or one another unless explicitly authorized.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Jim Abercrombie, El Dorado Irrigation District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency; Mimi Morris, Rancho Muerita Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District voted yes. Motion passes.

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| Ayes      | 19 |
| Noes      | 0  |
| Abstained | 0  |
| Absent    | 3  |

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer reported on Monday there will be a meeting for a policy group for Streamflow Depletion Factors.

Reminders that the Member Reception at the ACWA Conference is on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. 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**

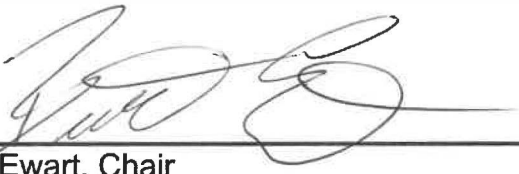
Director Greenwood asked that Director Helliker's statement should be included in the record.

Chair Firenzi reminded everyone that the Holiday Social dress code is casual attire.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Firenzi adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

By:

  
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Brett Ewart, Chair

Attest:

  
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Ashley Flores, Board Secretary