

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on May 28, 2024 at 1:30 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**

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Chair  
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville  
Audie Foster, California American Water  
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District  
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District

**Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Tom Hoffart, Raiyna Villasenor, Michelle Banonis, Ashley Flores, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

**Others in Attendance:**

None

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the March 26, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting and the April 11, 2024 Executive Committee Special Meeting.**

**A motion was made to approve Consent Calendar as presented.**

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Michael Saunders,

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. motion passed.

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

#### **4. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE**

Mr. Ojakian explained the bills and positions. Bill positions were:

AB 1820 (Schiavo D- Santa Clarita) Recommendation: Neutral  
AB 2079 (Bennett D- Ventura) Recommendation: Neutral  
AB 1337 (Wicks D- Oakland) Recommendation: Maintain Oppose Unless Amended  
SB 366 (Caballero D- Salinas) Recommendation: Support  
SB 937 (Wiener D- San Francisco) Recommendation: Neutral  
SB 1210 (Skinner D- Berkeley) Recommendation: Neutral  
SB 1390 (Caballero D- Salinas) Recommendation: Support If Amended  
SB 867 (Allen D- Santa Monica) Recommendation: Maintain Support If Amended  
SB 1255 (Durazo D- Los Angeles) Recommendation: Oppose Unless Amended

**A motion was made to approve the staff recommended position on the bills.**

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. motion passed.

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

#### **5. VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT STAFFING NEEDS**

Executive Director Peifer and Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to consider and provide staff direction on how to address the additional resources needed to support the Voluntary Agreements.

***Chair Ewart called a recess from 2:37 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.***

## 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

Chair Ewart announced the Closed Session items and adjourned the Board into Closed Session at 2:46 p.m.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 Closed session regarding labor negotiations (Gov. Code, § 54957.6)  
Agency Representative: RWA Chair and Vice Char  
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

7.2 Conference with legal counsel concerning significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1): Sacramento Regional Water Bank.

*Director Greenwood exited the meeting at 4:05 p.m.*

## 8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION

Chair Ewart returned the Board into Regular Session at 4:17 p.m. No reportable action taken in Closed Session.

## 9. REVISIONS TO POLICY 400.2 (EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION POLICY)

Chair Ewart presented this discussion item is for the Executive Committee to consider and recommend revisions to Policy 400.2 which will 1) help to confirm the Executive Director's salary to be fully pensionable under CalPERS rules, as opposed to existing contract opportunities for bonuses and, 2) revise when a cost-of-living adjustment is made to the staff.

**Revisions were provided for staff to incorporate before presenting to the Board of Directors for approval.**

**A motion was made to approve the recommended revisions to Policy 400.2, Exhibit A to Policy 400.2 and the draft resolution to the Board of Directors. Recommend to the Board of Directors waiving section 2 of the policy for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and applying a COLA of 1.9% beginning with the first full pay period of July.**

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Audie Foster, California American Water; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. motion passed.

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

#### **10. RWA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft agenda of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors Special Meeting of June 11, 2024.

#### **A motion was made to approve Special Board Meeting Agenda on June 11, 2024**

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Audie Foster, California American Water; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. motion passed.

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

#### **11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer discussed the executive director's report. He reported that \$1.7 million dollars in grant funding for Carmichael Water District. The Holiday Social will be at the Delta King on December 12, 2024. Paul Selsky, SGA Chair, has invited the Water Technology Alliance of Denmark to speak at the Carmichael Water District.

#### **12. DIRECTORS' COMMENT**

Director Saunders reported that he will be moderating an ACWA Region 3 was hosting a panel on July 31, 2024, at the City of Roseville.


Chair Ewart reported that the City Council authorized the signature of the ARTESIAN Agreement, participation in furthering the work and cash flow on River Arch, process for the CEQA groundwater well replacement program, and implementing agreements with Sacramento County Water Agency and Sacramento Suburban Water District for water transfers.

Andrew Ramos announced that he is leaving BKS to join Yuba Water Agency and that Josh Horowitz will be our General Counsel moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.


**Approved by:**



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Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

**Attested by:**



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Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board