



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

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**RWA Board Meeting  
Final Minutes  
May 16, 2024**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. the meeting location was hosted by the Sacramento Association of Realtors, 2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. A quorum was established of 17 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  
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City  
Benjamin Moody, City of Yuba City  
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District  
Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District  
Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District  
Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency  
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency  
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District  
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

### **RWA Associate Members**

None

### **RWA Affiliate Members**

Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Stantec; Sevim Onsoy, GEI

**Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Amy Talbot, Trevor Joseph, Raiyna Villasenor, Monica Garcia, Michelle Banonis, Ashley Flores, and Andrew Ramos, legal counsel.

**Others in Attendance**

Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Area Sewer District; Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Rebecca Scott, Citrus Heights Water District; Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District; Chris Shepard, Orange Vale Water Company; and Armin Munevar, Jacobs Engineering, Inc.

*Chair Ewart pulled Item 8. INFORMATION: SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WATER BANK UPDATE, this item will be brought back at a future meeting.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of March 14, 2024 RWA Board Meeting.

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

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

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; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	7

*Director Cathy Lee entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.; Director Nicholas Schneider entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.; and Director Y.K. Chalamcherla entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Chair Ewart recognized that the quorum was 17 members present.*

**4. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the RWA Board of Directors to approve the Regional Water Authority Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

**A motion to approve the RWA FY 2024-2025 Budget with a reduction of connection count of 3,060 for the City of Lincoln and amended connection dues of \$52,833.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Costa moved, with a second by Director Kirchner

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

**5. REVISIONS TO POLICY 300.1 (AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND POLICY 300.2 (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES POLICY)**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors to approve revisions to Policy 300.1 (Authority Delegated to the Executive Director) to allow the Executive Director to enter into contracts up to \$75,000 and to enter into contracts for up to \$150,000 if the contracts have been approved by an RWA Program Committee.

The Executive Director's "signing authority" is currently \$50,000 under certain circumstances as defined by Policy 300.2 and does not allow for the direct acquisition of non-professional services such as media buys except under narrow circumstances.

The proposed revisions to Policy 300.2 will better align with Policy 300.1 such as defining the monetary limit in Policy 300.1 and removing it from Policy 300.2 which would allow the Executive Director to acquire non-professional services such as media buys. Staff also proposed to remove an authority provided for in Policy 300.2 that is seldom used. This authority allows for the acquisition of certain third-party goods and services through a consultant.

**A motion to authorize the RWA Executive Director to:**

- (a) Enter into contracts on behalf of RWA up to a limit of \$75,000 and within the RWA-approved budget; or directive of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors; and**

**(b) Enter into contracts on behalf of RWA up to a limit of \$150,000 if the contracts are for a subscription program and have been approved by an RWA program committee.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

**6. WATERSHED RESILIENCE PILOT PROJECT**

Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services presented this action item to the Board of Directors to review and approve the alternate selection process consistent with RWA Policy 300.2 and employed by RWA staff. Authorizing the Executive Director to develop a draft professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

**A motion to approve an alternate selection process consistent with RWA Policy 300.2 employed by RWA staff enabling the Executive Director to develop a draft professional services agreement with Jacobs.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; YK Chalamcherla, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

**7. CONSERVATION REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Amy Talbot, Water Use Efficiency Program Manager presented this information item to the Board of Directors to receive and file an update on conservation regulations.

**8. SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WATER BANK UPDATE**

*This item was pulled from the agenda by Chair Ewart*

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Leadership Training is under way this week, hosted by City of Roseville. We had 28 participants and look forward to future training opportunities.

Executive Peifer surveyed the room to see if they liked the Sacramento Realtors venue for future use. Feedback provided that they could hear the meeting better online with the microphones.

General Manager and Utilities Manager Workshop hosted by City of Sacramento - Department of Utilities on May 29, 2024.

**13. DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS**

Director Chalamcherla thanked staff and reported that at his last City Council meeting it was mentioned that water is gold.

Director Nelson thanked staff for including the correction to the budget to include the updated connection numbers.

Director Roccucci thanked Amy Talbot for all of her work on the Conservation Regulations.

Director York thanked Executive Director Peifer for creating the General Manager and Utilities Manager Workshop that it has been successful and useful forum.

Chair Ewart reported some disclosures the Sacramento City Council approved the MOU for the River Arc project. He has reached out to the RWA/SGA to make sure the programs and policies that we are advocating for also supports the region.

An RWA special meeting will be announced soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

By:

  
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Brett Ewart, Chair

Attest:

  
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Ashley Flores, CMC  
Clerk of the Board