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REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025
at 1:30 p.m.**

**2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 967-7692**

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Committee members may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of December 17, 2024 Executive Committee.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

4. REVIEW OF POLICIES ON ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Presenter: Brett Ewart, Chair

Action: Chair to appoint Ad Hoc Committee Members to update RWA Policy 200.3 and 200.1

5. 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Presenter: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

Action: Recommend approval of the Strategic Plan Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to the Board of Directors

6. INFORMATION: RWA PROGRAM UPDATES

Presenter: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

7. INFORMATION: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presenter: Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager

8. INFORMATION: COMMUNICATIONS ON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Presenter: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

9. AD HOC COMMITTEES

Presenter: Brett Ewart, Chair

Action: Chair to Appoint Ad Hoc Committee Members

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

Next RWA Board of Director's Meeting:

Regular RWA Board Meeting, March 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at the Sacramento Realtors Association, 2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. The location is subject to change.

Next RWA Executive Committee Meeting:

The next RWA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025, 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Office located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Notification will be emailed when the RWA electronic packet is complete and posted on the RWA website at: <https://www.rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/>.

Posted on: January 24, 2025



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board



Topic: Public Comment
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: [Policy 200.1, Rule 11](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Secretary	PRESENTER:	Brett Ewart Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to recognize or hear from visitors that may be attending the meeting or to allow members of the public to address the Executive Committee on matters that are not on the agenda.

As noted on the agenda, members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Public agencies are required by law to provide an opportunity for the public to address the RWA Executive Committee matters that are not on the agenda.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR



Topic: Meeting Minutes
Type: Consent Calendar
Item For: Action; Motion to Approve
Purpose: [Policy 200.1, Rule 14](#)

SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Flores, CMC
Secretary

PRESENTER: Ashley Flores, CMC
Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft minutes of the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Meeting of December 17, 2024.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve the Minutes, as presented or amended.

BACKGROUND

The draft minutes of the above referenced meetings are included with this Agenda. The minutes reflect the RWA Policy 200.1 to document specific details on items discussed at the meetings.

The Executive Director may list on the agenda a "consent calendar", which will consist of routine matters on which there is generally no opposition or need for discussion. Examples of consent calendar items might include approval of minutes, financial reports and routine resolutions. Any matter may be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar at the request of any member of the Board. The entire consent calendar may be approved by a single motion made, seconded and approved by the Board.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

Staff believes the draft of the presented minutes correctly reflect the information shared and actions taken by the Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Draft meeting minutes of the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Meeting of December 17, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on December 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Five of the Executive Committee Members were present at roll call; a quorum was established. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District – Arrived at 1:36 p.m.
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Chair
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, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Monica Garcia, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores and Josh Horowitz, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson & Company, LLP.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the October 22, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.

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

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; 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- 5
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 4

4. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AUDIT REPORT

Tom Hoffart, Financial and Administrative Services Manager and Ingrid Sheipline, Richardson & Company presented this information item for the RWA Executive Committee to review and accept the fiscal year 2023/24 Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements, Internal Control and Compliance Report, and Governance Letter with the RWA's independent auditor, Richardson and Company, LLP.

A motion was made to recommend acceptance of the RWA Financial Audit Report by the Board of Directors as amended.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

Ingrid Sheipline exited at 1:56 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RWA AND CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to recommend approval by the Board of Directors to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the RWA and the California Municipal Utilities Association.

A motion was made recommending approval by the Board of Directors to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the RWA and the California Municipal Utilities Association as amended.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

6. 2025 POLICY PRINCIPLES

Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations, presented this action item for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors to authorize the Executive Director to execute Task Order #3 with Khadam Consulting Inc. for an additional amount not to exceed \$88,000.

Director Saunders requested the following bullet point be added to the section entitled, "Ensure the Region has Tools to Adapt to Climate Change."

- *Promote and support funding for water infrastructure used for fire mitigation, suppression, and firefighting.*

A motion was made recommending approval of 2025 Policy Principles by the Board of Directors as amended.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

7. APPROVE TASK ORDER #3 WITH WOODARD & CURRAN FOR GROUNDWATER MODELING ANALYSIS FOR WATER BANK

Trevor Joseph, Technical Services Manager, presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving Task Order #3 with Woodard & Curran for groundwater modeling analysis for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) project.

A motion was made approving Task Order #3 with Woodard & Curran for groundwater modeling analysis for the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Water Bank) project.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

8. RWA PROGRAMS UPDATE

Executive Director Peifer presented this information item for the Executive Committee to receive a report on the various programs and initiatives the RWA and SGA currently have underway. These programs and initiatives included but are not limited to: The Sacramento Regional Water Bank, the North American Subbasin (NASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) update, implementation of the current NASb GSP, the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project, the Water Forum Agreement update, the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program, and the Reinitiation of Consultation for the Biological Opinions. The report included key milestones reached to date, the overall status of the programs, upcoming key milestones, and current and future anticipated resources.

No action taken.

9. RWA 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, Board of Directors Meeting of January 9, 2025.

A motion was made to approve RWA Board Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2025.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael 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- 6
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 3

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that the RWA Holiday Social was a success and thanked everyone who made it out.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

Director Saunders reported Proposition 218 passed at GPUD.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Approved by:

Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attested by:

Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Topic: Review of Policies on Elections and Vacancies
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: [Policy 200.1](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Secretary	PRESENTER:	Brett Ewart Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information / discussion item for Chair Ewart to brief the Executive Committee on matters regarding the formation and charge of an Ad Hoc Committee to review RWA Policies 200.1 and 200.3 related to Elections and Board Vacancies.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Chair to Appoint Ad Hoc Committee Members. This item is for information /discussion only.

BACKGROUND

At the January 9, 2025, RWA Board Meeting, it was recommended by counsel to the Board of Directors that the Chair should appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review RWA Policies 200.1 and 200.3 related to Elections and Board Vacancies.

RWA Policy 200.1, Rule 21 states that the RWA Board Chair may from time to time establish and appoint the members of ad hoc advisory committees to serve a limited or single purpose, which committees are to be dissolved once their specific task is completed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- RWA Policies 200.1 and 200.3

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Policy Type : Board of Directors
Policy Title : Rules for Proceedings of the Board of Directors
Policy Number : 200.1
Date Adopted : September 12, 2002
Date Amended : November 4, 2004;
September 13, 2012;
May 2, 2019;
September 14, 2023

RULES FOR PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

INTRODUCTION

These are the rules for proceedings of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Regional Water Authority (“Authority”), which are authorized by Section 17 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement forming the Authority, dated July 1, 2001 (“JPA Agreement”). The purposes of these rules are to facilitate public participation during meetings of the Board, protect the rights of all Directors, and to provide a process for conducting Board meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. The provisions of the JPA Agreement, the Community Services District Law (see Section 7.a.12 of the JPA Agreement, and Government Code sections 61000, et seq.), the Brown Act (Government Code section 54950, et seq.) and any other law governing the powers and/or proceedings of the Authority will control over any inconsistent provision contained in these rules.

RULE 1 - SELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will be elected by the members of the Board for a one-year term commencing immediately upon conclusion of the meeting where the election was held. The election will be held prior to January 31 each year. The procedures that the Board will follow for the election of Chair and the Vice-Chair are set forth in the “Procedures for Selection of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors” (attached as **Exhibit 1**, as amended by the Board from time to time, “Election Procedures”).

The Board will by majority vote appoint, considering the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Authority, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who will serve at the

pleasure of the Board. (See JPA Agreement Section 18, and Government Code sections 61002 and 61050(b).)

RULE 2 - DUTIES OF CHAIR OF BOARD

The Chair of the Board of Directors will be its presiding officer. (See JPA Agreement Section 18, and Government Code section 61043(b).) The Chair's duties will include, but not be limited to, the following: acting as the liaison between the Executive Director and the Board and the Executive Committee, calling special meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, presiding over meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, establishing and appointing committees of the Board and the Executive Committee (except that, the members of the Executive Committee will be appointed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Election Procedures), and appointing representatives of the Authority to associations of which the Authority is a member. The Board will appoint representatives of the Authority to joint powers authorities of which the Authority is a member. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair of the Board will perform such duties. (See JPA Agreement Section 18.)

RULE 3 - TIME AND PLACE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at a location within the Authority as designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. The dates and times of those regular meetings also will be as designated by the Board of Directors from time to time, with regular meetings generally occurring at least on the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday (as listed in Government Code section 6700), the meeting will be held on the day designated by the Board or the Executive Committee. (See Government Code section 54954(a).)

RULE 4 - QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

A majority of all of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (See JPA Agreement Section 13.)

RULE 5 - MAJORITY VOTE

A majority of all of the members of the Board will be required to approve any resolution or motion, unless a different voting requirement to approve a particular action is specified under State law or the JPA Agreement. (See JPA Agreement Section 13.)

RULE 6 - WHAT CONSTITUTES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

Unless a Director is not voting because of a conflict of interest, a Director who is present will be deemed to have voted in the affirmative on a matter unless the Director votes against the measure by casting a "no" vote. An "abstain" vote will constitute an "aye" vote. (See *Dry Creek Valley Association, Inc. v. Board of Supervisors* (1977) 67 Cal.App.3d 839.) When calling for the vote on a motion, the Chair of the Board may (1) ask for the "aye" and "no" votes, or (2) ask if there is any opposition, since the remaining

Directors present will be deemed to have voted in the affirmative unless they are not voting due to a conflict of interest.

RULE 7 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A member of the Board may not make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence a decision of the Board of Directors in which he or she knows or has reason to know that he or she has a financial interest. (Government Code section 87100.) Generally, a Director has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonably foreseeable that the Board decision would have a material financial effect (as defined by the Fair Political Practices Commission's [FPPC] regulations) that is distinguishable from the effect on the public generally, involving dollar amount set by FPPC regulations from time to time, on (a) a business entity in which the Director has a direct or indirect investment, in the amount specified in FPPC regulations, (b) real property in which the Director has a direct or indirect investment interest, with a worth in the amount specified in FPPC regulations or, (c) a source of income of the Director, in the amount specified in FPPC regulations, within twelve months before the Board decision, (d) a source of gifts to the Director, in the amount specified in FPPC regulations, within twelve months before the Board decision, or (e) a business entity in which the Director holds a position as a director, trustee, officer, partner, manager or employee. An "indirect interest" means any investment or interest owned by the spouse or dependent child of the Director, by an agent on behalf of the Director, or by a business entity or trust in which the Director, or the Director's spouse, dependent child or agent owns directly, indirectly or beneficially a ten percent interest or greater. (Government Code section 87103.)

If a member of the Board believes he or she may be disqualified from participation in the discussion, deliberations or vote on a particular matter due to a conflict of interest, the following procedure will be used: (a) if the Director becomes aware of the potential conflict of interest before the Board meeting at which the matter will be discussed or acted on, the Director will notify the Executive Director of the potential conflict of interest, so that a determination can be made whether it is a disqualifying conflict of interest; (b) if it is not possible for the Director to discuss the potential conflict with the Executive Director before the meeting, or if the Director does not become aware of the potential conflict until during the meeting, the Director will immediately disclose the potential conflict during the Board meeting, so that there can be a determination whether it is a disqualifying conflict of interest; and (c) upon a determination that a disqualifying conflict of interest exists, the Director (1) will not participate in the discussion, deliberation or vote on the matter for which a conflict of interest exists; and (2) unless the matter has been placed on the consent calendar, leave the Board room until after the discussion, vote or any other disposition of the matter has been concluded, except that the Director may speak on the matter during the time that the general public speaks on the matter. In such a case, the Board minutes will state: "Due to a potential conflict of interest, Director _____ left the boardroom and did not participate in the discussion, deliberation or vote on this matter."

RULE 8 - MOTIONS

The three steps for bringing a motion before the Board are: (a) a Director makes a motion, (b) another Director seconds the motion, and (c) the Chair states the motion. Once the motion has been stated by the Chair, it is open to formal discussion. While only one motion can be considered at a time, and a pending motion must be disposed of before any other question is considered, (a) a pending motion may be amended before it is voted on, either by the consent of the Directors who moved and seconded, or by a new motion (and second) "to amend" the pending motion, which is then approved by the Board, or (b) a pending motion may be tabled before it is voted on by motion (and second) made "to table," which is then approved by the Board, or (c) a pending motion may be rejected without further discussion or action by a motion (and second) "of objection to consideration," which is then approved by the Board, or (d) further discussion of a pending motion can be terminated by a motion (and second) "to call the question," which is then approved by the Board. Any Director, including the Chair, may make or second a motion.

RULE 9 - PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF DIRECTORS

One of the primary purposes for these rules of procedure is to protect the rights of all Directors. The Chair will allow each Director a reasonable opportunity to discuss a motion, after it has been made and seconded, and before it has been voted on. The Chair can set reasonable time limits for discussion of a motion. A Director can object to a procedural ruling by the Chair by stating: "Mr./Madam Chair, I rise to a point of order." The Chair must then ask the Director to state the point of order. The Chair will then rule on the point of order. The Chair's ruling on a point of order may be appealed by a motion made and seconded to appeal the decision, which is then voted on by the Board.

In order to ensure that the Board's discussions and deliberations during a public meeting can be heard by other Board members and the public, Directors should refrain from engaging in other than oral communications on Authority matters during a Board or committee meeting (e.g., refrain from using written, electronic or telephonic communications that are not made available to other Board members and to the public).

RULE 10 - RECORD OF VOTE

Except where action is taken by the unanimous vote of all Board members present and voting, the ayes and noes taken upon the passage of all resolutions or motions will be entered upon the minutes. (See Government Code section 61045(d).)

RULE 11 - AGENDA AND AGENDA MATERIALS

The Executive Director will be responsible for preparing the agenda for regular Board meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee and other standing committees (see Government Code section 54952 and Rules 21 and 22), and having it

posted at the Authority office in a location freely accessible to the public no later than seventy-two hours before a regular meeting. The Executive Director will also be responsible for preparing the agenda for *ad hoc* advisory committee meetings. The agenda will specify the time and location of the meeting and contain a brief, general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including closed session items. (See Government Code section 54954.2.) Any member of the Board may request that the Executive Director place an item for discussion or action on the agenda. In order to allow sufficient time to prepare the agenda and back-up materials, the deadline for adding items to the agenda for a regular meeting will be at noon, five working days before the meeting.

An agenda for a regular or special Board meeting will contain the following statements: (a) "The public shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any item of interest either before or during the Board's consideration of that item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcomed, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker." (See Government Code section 54954.3(a).); (b) "Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the Authority's Administrative Office at the address listed above." (See Government Code section 54957.5(b)(2).); and (c) "In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact the Executive Director of the Authority. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting." (See Government Code section 54954.2 (a).)

The Public shall be provided the option to attend and participate in Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings via a two-way audiovisual platform, such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, or MS Teams.

Additional statements may be added to the agenda from time to time as recommended or deemed advisable by the Board Chair, Executive Director or General Counsel.

RULE 12 - REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF AGENDAS AND AGENDA MATERIALS

Any person may request the Authority to mail or electronically transmit to him or her a copy of the agenda or agenda packet for any meeting of the Board. When the Authority receives such a request, the Executive Director will transmit copies of the requested materials (except for documents that are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act) to the requesting party at the time that the agenda is posted or when the agenda packets are distributed to a majority of the Board members, whichever occurs first. Any request for copies of agendas or agenda packets for all Board meetings in a given year will be valid for the calendar year in which the request is submitted, and the request must be renewed after January 1 of each year in which it is to remain in effect. (Government Code section 54954.1.)

Documents that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board by any person in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at a regular or special meeting of the Board will be disclosable public records under the California Public Records Act (commencing with Government Code section 6250), and will be made available upon request by a member of the public without delay, except as to documents that are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. Documents that are distributed during a regular or special Board meeting that are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act will be made available for public inspection at the meeting, if prepared by the Authority or a member of the Board, or after the meeting, if prepared by some other person. The Authority may charge a fee for responding to requests for copies of agendas, agenda packets or other documents, which fee will be limited to the Authority's copying and postage costs. (See Government Code section 54957.5(a) and (b).)

Public documents and materials that are related to an open session agenda item that are provided to the Board less than seventy-two hours before a regular meeting will be made available for public inspection and copying at the Authority's office during normal business hours. These documents also may be made available on the Authority's web site. (See Government Code section 54957.5.)

Upon request, the agenda and other documents referred to in this rule will be made available in an appropriate alternative format to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. section 12132) and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. (See Government Code sections 54954.1, 54954.2(a) and 54957.5(b).) The Authority will not charge a special surcharge to provide documents requested in an alternative format by a person with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations. (See Government Code section 54957.5(c).)

The Authority may record its meetings for the sole purpose of assisting staff with the preparation of minutes. If RWA records a meeting, it will retain the recording for at least thirty days following the meeting or Board or committee approval of the minutes, whichever occurs later, after which the recording may be erased or destroyed. The public may inspect the recording on a playback device made available by the Authority, without charge. (See Government Code section 54953.5(b).)

RULE 13 - AUTHORITY TO ACT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Board will not take action on or discuss any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except under the following conditions, in which cases the item will be publicly identified before discussion begins: (a) upon a determination by a majority of the Board that an emergency situation exists as provided in Rule 26; (b) upon a determination by a two-third vote of the Board members present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members of the Board are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that the need to take immediate action became apparent after the agenda was posted; or (c) the item was posted for a prior meeting of the Board

occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken. (See Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54956.5.)

RULE 14 - CONSENT CALENDAR

The Executive Director may list on the agenda a "consent calendar", which will consist of routine matters on which there is generally no opposition or need for discussion. Examples of consent calendar items might include approval of minutes, financial reports and routine resolutions. Any matter may be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar at the request of any member of the Board. The entire consent calendar may be approved by a single motion made, seconded and approved by the Board.

RULE 15 - ORAL INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Any member of the Board may make an oral report at a regular meeting for the purpose of informing the Board of any matter of interest to the Authority. The Board may also call on the Executive Director, Authority staff or Authority legal counsel for oral informational reports on matters not on the agenda. Unless the Board makes the determinations required under Rule 13, there will be no more than limited discussion, and no action, on matters covered in such oral reports. (See Government Code section 54954.2(a).)

RULE 16 - PUBLIC FORUM AND COMMENT

Every agenda for a regular meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board and that do not appear on the agenda. This agenda item will be described substantially as follows: "Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items." During the Public Forum, the Board may, at its discretion, not respond, briefly respond to statements made or to questions posed by the public, or ask Authority staff for clarification, refer the matter to Authority staff or ask Authority staff to report back at a future meeting. (See Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54954.3.) The Board will not take action on any matter raised during the Public Forum, unless the Board first makes the determinations set forth in Rule 13. In order to facilitate public participation during the Public Forum session of the meeting, the Board may limit the total amount of time allocated for public comment on a particular issue (10 minutes or less will normally be standard), and may limit the time allocated for public comment of an individual speaker (3 minutes or less will normally be standard). The Chair may declare as out of order irrelevant, repetitious or disruptive comments. (See Government Code section 54954.3.)

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board's consideration of that agenda item. (See Government Code section 54954.3(a).)

These rules are not intended to prohibit public criticism of policies, procedures, programs or services of the Authority, or of the acts or omissions of the Board. (See Government Code section 54954.3(c).)

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible, and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Board may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, will be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section will prohibit the Board from readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting. (See Government Code section 54957.9.)

It is the general policy of the Board to refer to the Executive Director for resolution of complaints received from members of the public. If the complaint cannot be resolved, the Executive Director will place it on a meeting agenda for consideration by the Board.

RULE 17 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

The procedure for conducting public hearings during a meeting of the Board will be as follows: (a) no earlier than the time set for the public hearing, the Chair of the Board will declare the public hearing open; (b) the Chair will ask the Executive Director whether notice of the public hearing has been given in the manner required by law; (c) the Chair will ask the Executive Director whether written comments on the subject matter of the public hearing have been received; (d) the Chair will ask whether any member of the public wishes to present written or oral comments on the subject of the public hearing; (e) in its discretion, the Board may set time limits on the amount of time an individual speaker is allowed to comment orally during the public hearing; and (f) following the close of presentation of comments, the Chair will declare the public hearing closed. The Board may continue a public hearing from time to time in accordance with the procedures provided in Rule 18. (See Government Code section 54955.1.) If otherwise permitted by law, the Board may take action related to the subject matter of the public hearing after the hearing is closed.

RULE 18 - ADJOURNMENT

A meeting of the Board will be adjourned by (a) loss of a quorum, (b) by motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting, or (c) by declaration of the Chair that the meeting is adjourned when the agenda has been completed and there is no further business to come before the Board. A regular or special meeting of the Board may also be adjourned for the purpose of continuing it to a specific day and time (a) by motion made, seconded and approved, (b) by approval of less than a quorum if a quorum is not present, or (c) by the Secretary of the Board if all members are absent

from any regular or adjourned regular meeting. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment to continue a meeting to another date will be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the Authority boardroom or other location where the meeting was held within twenty-four hours after the time of adjournment. (See Government Code section 54955.)

RULE 19 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chair, by the Executive Committee or by a majority of the members of the Board, by delivering personally or by any other means, including mail, facsimile and electronic mail, written notice to each member and to each newspaper, radio or television station requesting notice in writing. Such notice must be received at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice (except as to emergency meetings, in which case, the notice requirements specified in Rule 26 will be followed). Electronic mail will constitute notice of a special meeting only if the recipient confirms receipt, and it will be deemed to be received at the time of such confirmation. The call and notice must specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted, and will include the statements specified in Rule 11. No other business will be considered at such meeting. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the Authority Secretary a written waiver of notice. Waiver may be given in person or by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Such written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who was actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. The call and notice must also be posted at least twenty-four hours before the meeting in a location freely accessible to the public. (See Government Code sections 54954.3(a) and 54956.)

RULE 20 - BOARD WORKSHOP MEETINGS

From time to time, the Board may set a regular or special meeting to be conducted as a “workshop meeting,” during which the Board will have the opportunity to receive presentations on and discuss matters identified on the agenda, but the Board would not normally take action on those items. Nothing in this rule is intended to prevent the Board from taking action on a matter during a workshop session if it is identified as an “action item” on the agenda for that meeting.

RULE 21 - BOARD COMMITTEES

Board committees will be composed of less than a majority of Directors, and may be either standing committees or *ad hoc* advisory committees. The Board has the following standing committee (i.e., committees with continuing subject matter jurisdiction; see Government Code section 54952): the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule 11, standing committee meetings will be open to the public (except for authorized closed sessions), and the agenda for those meetings will be posted in the same manner as the agenda for regular Board meetings. In addition, the Chair may from time to time establish, and appoint the members of, *ad hoc* advisory committees to serve a limited or single purpose, which committees are to be dissolved

once their specific task is completed. The meetings of an *ad hoc* advisory committee are not required to be open to the public, and notice of such meetings is not required to be posted. (See Government Code sections 54951 and 54952.)

Directors who are not members of a standing committee may attend a standing committee meeting only as observers, and they may not participate in the committee meeting, ask questions or sit with the committee members at the Board table. (See Government Code section 54952.2(c)(6).) Directors who are not members of an *ad hoc* committee may not attend an *ad hoc* committee meeting, unless such a meeting has been publicly noticed, in which case the same rules governing attendance at standing committee meetings described above shall apply.

RULE 22 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Board will have the duties and authority specified in Section 10.a of the JPA Agreement, and as set forth in the "Authority Delegated to the Executive Committee" (Authority Policy 200.2, attached as **Exhibit 2**, as amended by the Board from time to time). The Executive Committee will operate according to these Rules to the extent applicable.

RULE 23 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director of the Authority will have the duties and authority specified in Section 19 of the JPA Agreement, and as set forth in the "Authority Delegated to the Executive Director" (Authority Policy 300.1, attached as **Exhibit 3**, as amended by the Board from time to time).

RULE 24 - CLOSED SESSIONS

A closed session may be held on any subject authorized under the Brown Act. The agenda for a regular or special meeting will contain a brief, general description of the purpose of a closed session, in substantially the following form:

a. Conference with legal counsel--existing litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a); _____ v. _____ [insert name of case, e.g., *Jones v. Authority*].

b. Conference with legal counsel--existing litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a); case name unspecified because _____ [insert either "disclosure would jeopardize service of process" or "disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations"].

c. Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(b); significant exposure to litigation involving _____ [describe].

d. Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code

sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(c); consideration of initiation of litigation involving _____ [describe].

e. Public employee appointment involving _____ [insert position(s) to be filled]; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957.

f. Public employee performance evaluation involving _____ [insert position(s) being reviewed]; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957.

g. Public employee discipline/dismissal/release; Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957. [No additional information required.]

h. Conference with labor negotiator involving _____ [insert name of Authority negotiator] and _____ [insert name of employee organization involved in negotiation]; Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6.

i. Conference with labor negotiator involving _____ [insert name of Authority negotiator] and unrepresented employee(s) in position(s) of _____ [insert position(s) of unrepresented employee(s) involved in negotiation]; Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6.

j. Conference with real property negotiator involving _____ [insert street address or other description of property], and _____ [insert name(s) of Authority negotiator(s); Authority negotiators will negotiate with _____ [insert name of other party(ies)]. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include price, terms of payment, or both. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8.)

k. Closed session consultation with _____ [insert the name of a law enforcement agency, and the title of the officer, or the name of an applicable agency representative and title] concerning a threat to public services or facilities, or for the assessment of the security vulnerability of public facilities. (See Government Code section 54957.)

The Board will not keep minutes of its closed sessions. (See Government Code section 54957.2.) In the closed session, the Board will consider only those matters covered in its statement of reasons for holding the closed session. (See Government Code section 54957.7.)

Before holding a closed session to consider complaints or charges against a particular employee (as distinguished from mere evaluation of performance unrelated to any specific complaint or charge), the Authority will provide twenty-four hours' advance written notice to the employee of his or her right to have the matter heard in open session. (See Government Code section 54957.)

A closed session may be held to meet with the Authority's negotiator regarding the salary and benefits of Authority officers and employees, but not including elected

officials, but the Authority's available funds, funding priorities or budget will not be discussed during the closed session. (See Government Code section 54957.6.)

Following every closed session, the Board will reconvene to open session and publicly report any action and vote during the closed session in accordance with the following guidelines:

a. For action concerning final approval of a real property purchase/sale agreement or lease, report in open session at the same meeting the action taken (including the substance of the agreement) and vote, except that, if final approval rests with another party, the report may be deferred until the other party's approval. (See Government Code section 54957.1(a)(1).)

b. Approval given to legal counsel to defend or initiate a lawsuit, or seek appellate review will be reported in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session was held. (See Government Code section 54957.1(a)(2).)

c. Approval given to legal counsel to settle pending litigation or action taken to dispose of a claim will be reported in open session as soon as the settlement or claim disposition becomes final. (See Government Code section 54957.1(a)(3) and (4).)

d. For action to appoint, employ or dismiss, accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status of an employee, the Board will report in open session at the same meeting the action taken (including identity of employee or position and any change in compensation) and vote, except that, for any dismissal or non-renewal of a contract, the report back may be deferred until the first meeting after the exhaustion of administrative remedies. (See Government Code section 54957.1(a)(5).)

e. For action concerning a labor MOU, after the MOU has been approved by both parties, the Board will report in open session the action taken and vote. (See Government Code section 54957.1(a)(6).)

The Authority will make available after a closed session to anyone who has requested them in advance, agreements or other documents approved in closed session, unless the document needs to be revised, in which case it will be provided as soon as possible. After the closed session, changes to the agreement will be orally summarized if anyone present so requests. (See Government Code section 54957.1(b).)

A Director is not authorized, without approval of the Board of Directors, to disclose information that is deemed confidential information under applicable provisions of law to a person not authorized to receive it, that (1) has been received for, or during, a closed session meeting of the Board, (2) is protected from disclosure under the attorney/client or other evidentiary privilege, or (3) is not required or authorized to be disclosed under the California Public Records Act. A Director is not prohibited from taking the following actions in regard to a closed session of the Board: (a) making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a

perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts to a district attorney or grand jury that are necessary to establish the alleged illegality of an action taken by the Board, (b) expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of actions taken by the Board in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the allegedly illegal action, or (c) disclosing information acquired by being present in a closed session that is not confidential information. Prior to disclosing confidential information pursuant to (a) or (b), above, however, a Board member will first bring the matter to the attention of either the Chair of the Board or the full Board, to provide the Board an opportunity to cure an alleged violation. A Director who willfully and knowingly discloses for pecuniary gain confidential information received by him or her in the course of his or her official duties may be guilty of a misdemeanor under Government Code section 1098. (See Government Code section 54963; 76 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 289 (1993) and 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 231 (1997).)

It is within the Board's discretion to allow a Director who serves as a member of the legislative body of a member agency to disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for that member agency to the following individuals: (1) legal counsel of that member local agency for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that member local agency; or (2) other members of the legislative body of the member agency present in a closed session of that member agency. (See Government Code section 54956.96)

RULE 25 - MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE

Board members will attend Board meetings in person unless they qualify to participate in the meeting remotely under the "just cause" and "emergency circumstances" provisions of AB 2449 and their alternate is unavailable, or if the Board elects to hold a meeting by teleconference.

The Board or the Executive Committee may hold meetings by teleconference. (See Government Code section 54953(b).) For purposes of this rule, "meetings by teleconference" include meetings at which one or more Board member attends and participates in the meeting by telephone, video conferencing or any other electronic means using live audio or video, or both. For any meeting by teleconference conducted by the Board, the following requirements will apply:

- a. During a meeting by teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the Board will participate from locations within the territory of the Authority.
- b. Each teleconference location (i.e., the location from which one or more Board members attends and participates in a meeting by teleconference) will be accessible to the public.
- c. When meetings by teleconference are held by telephone, speaker phones will be used at the main meeting location and at any teleconference location where there are members of the public in attendance.

d. All votes taken at a meeting by teleconference will be by roll call.

e. The Board will conduct the meeting by teleconference in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the public to attend and participate in the meeting.

f. Each teleconference location will be identified in the regular meeting agenda or special meeting notice, and the agenda or notice will state that members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board from any teleconference location.

g. Notice of any meeting by teleconference will be included in the meeting agenda or special meeting notice in substantially the following form:

"All or portions of this meeting will be conducted by teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 54953(b). The teleconference location(s) for the meeting are as follows: _____ . Each teleconference location is accessible to the public, and members of the public may address the Board of Directors from any teleconference location."

h. In addition to the usual notice and agenda requirements, the regular meeting agenda or special meeting notice will be posted at all teleconference locations at least seventy-two hours before regular meetings or twenty-four hours before special meetings.

RULE 26 – EMERGENCY MEETINGS

Under Government Code section 54956.5, the Authority may hold a meeting to address an emergency if a majority of the Board determines that a situation exists that involves matters upon which prompt action is necessary. An emergency situation is defined as: (1) a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both; or (2) a dire emergency, which shall be defined as a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting may endanger the public health, safety, or both.

As a condition of holding an emergency meeting, the Board Chair or his/her designee shall provide notice of the meeting by telephone to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio station and television station that has requested notice of special meetings. For a meeting for a "non-dire emergency" (Definition 1, above), the telephone notice must be provided at least one hour prior to the emergency meeting. In the case of a meeting for a "dire emergency" (Definition 2, above), the telephone notice must be provided to the media at or near the same time as notice is given to the members of the Board. In the event that telephone services are not functioning, the

notice requirements of this section shall be deemed waived, and the legislative body, or designee of the legislative body, shall notify those newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency meeting, the purpose of the meeting, and any action taken at the meeting as soon after the meeting as possible.

The Board may meet in closed session upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the Board (or the unanimous vote of the Board if less than two-thirds are present) to discuss matters related to the emergency situation. (See Government Code sections 54956.5(c) and 54957.)

With the exception of the 24-hour notice and posting requirements and any other exceptions provided in herein, all special meeting requirements described in Rule 19 shall be applicable to an emergency meeting called pursuant to this Rule.

The draft minutes of an emergency meeting called under this Rule must be posted in a public place for a minimum of 10 days as soon after the meeting as possible, and include a list of persons who the Board Chair or his/her designee notified or attempted to notify of the meeting, if applicable, any actions taken at the meeting, and a recording of any votes taken by roll call. (See Government Code section 54956.5(e).)

RULE 27 - COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

The Authority does not compensate or reimburse the expenses of members of the Board of Directors. Generally, the agency that a member of the Board represents provides for compensation and reimbursement of expenses associated with representing that agency on the Board of the Authority, in accordance with the rules of that agency.

RULE 28 - AMENDMENT OF RULES

By motion made, seconded and approved, the Board in its discretion may at any meeting (a) temporarily suspend these rules in whole or in part, (b) amend these rules in whole or in part, or (c) both.

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REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Background

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (“JPA”) under which the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) was formed and operates provides for the selection of (1) the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and (2) the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. (See Articles 10 and 18, respectively, of the JPA.) The Board of Directors will follow the procedures set forth in this document for the nomination and election of the members of the Executive Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair. This document may be amended at any time by the Board of Directors.

In accordance with Article 8 of the JPA, each Member and Contracting Entity (as defined in Article 3 of the JPA) have two representatives on the Board of Directors, either of whom may cast a single vote on behalf of his or her Member or Contracting Entity. It will be the responsibility of a Member and Contracting Entity to notify RWA in writing from time to time of (1) its designated representatives to the Board of Directors, including alternates who may act in the absence of a representative, and (2) the priority for voting of its representatives to the Board of Directors of RWA. In the absence of such written notification, the Secretary of RWA will determine that an elected representative of a Member will have voting priority over the Member’s non-elected representative to the Board of Directors, and a Member or Contracting Entity’s senior management staff will have priority over the Member or Contracting Entity’s junior management staff, in the event that the Member or Contracting Entity’s two representatives disagree as to who should cast a vote on behalf of the Member or Contracting Entity concerning a particular matter. These rules shall also apply in the case of nominations under this Policy.

Reference in this document to a majority vote of the Board of Directors will refer

to the affirmative vote of a majority of the representatives (one for each Member and Contracting Entity) on the Board of Directors who are entitled to vote on a matter and who are present at the Board meeting during the vote. A seat on the Board of Directors of RWA will become vacant when a representative of a Member or Contracting Entity no longer meets the qualifications set forth in Article 8 of the JPA, or upon the happening of any of the events set forth in Government Code section 1770.

The Executive Committee will be a standing committee of the Board of Directors of RWA, and will be selected as individuals from the membership of the Board of Directors, except that, no Member or Contracting Entity of RWA will have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee meetings will be open to the public (except for authorized closed sessions), noticed and conducted in accordance with applicable law. A majority of all of the members of the Executive Committee (i.e., five members on a nine-member Executive Committee) will (a) constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business, and (b) be required for an affirmative vote to take action.

Members of the RWA Board of Directors who are not members of the Executive Committee may attend an Executive Committee meeting only as observers, and they will not participate in the committee meeting, ask questions or sit with the committee members at the Board table. (See subsection (c)(6) of Government Code section 54952.2 and 81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 156 (1998).)

In accordance with the Brown Act (Government Code section 54952), the Executive Committee will comprise less than a quorum of the number of members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee of RWA will consist of nine members, subject to the Board of Directors approving a smaller odd-number of members of the Executive Committee to avoid a violation of the Brown Act. These procedures assume that the Executive Committee will comprise nine members.

The election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and members of the Executive Committee will generally follow the three-step process described in this Policy: (a) election of a new Chair at a meeting held near the end of the calendar year; (b) receipt of nominations for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee; and (c) election of a slate of nominees for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee.

I. Election of the Incoming Chair and Identification of Candidates for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee

1. At a meeting held prior to December 31 of each year, the Board of

Directors will elect the Incoming Chair for the next year. The current Chair shall conduct the election. The Incoming Chair's term will commence on the January 1 following the Board meeting.

2. To elect the Incoming Chair, the Board of Directors will vote on the question, "Shall the current Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors be elected Chair?" If the current Vice-Chair is unable to serve, or if the Vice-Chair is not elected as Incoming Chair by a majority of the Board of Directors, then another Incoming Chair shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.
3. The Chair or the Chair's designee will then conduct a roll call of Directors to state their candidacy for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee. Each Director may make an oral presentation of not more than two minutes concerning the Director's qualifications to serve as Vice-Chair or as a member of the Executive Committee. A Director who is not present may not be included as a candidate unless the Director or the RWA entity that he or she represents has notified the current Chair that the Director wishes to be included as a candidate.

II. Nomination of Candidates for Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee

1. If only one candidate was identified for Vice-Chair, then that candidate shall be deemed the nominee for Vice-Chair. If there were only three candidates identified for members of the Executive Committee, then those three candidates shall be deemed the nominees for those offices. If the nominees for Vice-Chair or Executive Committee are not determined under this step, then the Executive Director or designee shall conduct the nomination of candidates for the unfilled office or offices as described below.
2. The Executive Director shall prepare and distribute to each RWA Member or Contracting Entity a written nomination form listing the Directors who were previously identified as candidates. The nomination form shall request that each RWA Member or Contracting Entity nominate a Vice-Chair and three members of the Executive Committee by ranking as candidates as they wish in order of preference. Candidates for Vice-Chair shall also be listed as candidates for the Executive Committee on the nomination form.

Example Nomination Form:¹

¹ The examples presented in this policy are illustrative and not binding.

Nomination Form

Name of RWA Member of Contracting Entity: _____

Please rank each of the candidates below in order of preference from highest to lowest and return this form to the RWA Executive Director no later than _____ (date).

Candidates for Vice-Chair	1st	2nd	3rd
Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Candidates for Executive Committee	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Agency Representative: _____

Signature of Agency Representative: _____

3. Nomination forms shall be completed, signed, and returned to the Executive Director or designee no later than the date stated on the form. Only one form may be submitted by each Member or Contracting Entity. No Director may discuss or deliberate with any Director of another RWA Member or Contracting Entity concerning the responses to the nomination forms. RWA staff and representatives shall not discuss with any Director the results of any nominations until after the nominees are publicly identified as provided in this Policy.

4. To determine the nominee for Vice-Chair, the Executive Director or designee shall tally the nomination forms in rounds until a candidate has a majority of nominations. In each round, if no candidate has a majority of nominations, the candidate with the fewest number of nominations is eliminated. The eliminated candidate's nominations are then redistributed based on the nominator's next preference to the remaining candidates until one candidate has a majority of nominations and is nominated Vice-

Chair.² If two or more candidates are tied for the fewest number of nominations in any round, or the only remaining candidates are tied, then the candidate with fewest first round nominations shall be eliminated, and, if the candidates are tied for the fewest first round nominations, then the fewest second round nominations, and so on.

Illustrative Example:

Candidates A, B, and C are candidates for Vice-Chair. Of 21 nominations made, Candidate A received 10 nominations, Candidate B received 6 nominations, and Candidate C received 5 nominations. Candidate C is eliminated with the fewest nominations, so the 5 nominations cast for Candidate C are redistributed to those nominators' next choice candidates in the next round. Of the agencies who nominated Candidate C, 1 chose Candidate A bringing him to 11 nominations and 4 chose Candidate B bringing her to 10 nominations. Candidate A has a majority (11 of 21 votes) making him the successful nominee for Vice-Chair after 2 rounds of nominations.

5. To determine the nominees for members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director or designee shall tally the nomination forms in rounds until three candidates have reached a "Nomination Threshold." The Nomination Threshold is defined as the total number of nominations received divided by 4, with the result rounded up to the nearest 1.³ In the first round, the successful nominee for Vice-Chair shall be eliminated and that candidate's nominations are then redistributed based on the nominator's next preference to the remaining candidates. In subsequent rounds, the candidate with the fewest number of nominations is eliminated and the nominations distributed on the basis of preferences to the remaining candidates until three candidates reach the Nomination Threshold. No candidate can receive any more nominations after the candidate has met the Nomination Threshold in any round. If two or more candidates are tied in any round of nominations, or the only remaining candidates are tied, then the candidate with fewer first round nominations shall be eliminated, and, if the tied candidates are tied for the most fewest round nominations, then the eliminated candidate shall be the one with the fewest second round nominations, and so on.

Because each RWA Member or Contracting Agency may only have one Director become a member of the Executive Committee, a special procedure is required if two Directors from the same RWA Member or

² Reference is made to the "Instant Runoff" form of preferential voting.

³ Four is the sum of the number of Executive Committee nominees (three) plus one.

Contracting Agency reach the Nomination Threshold. The Director with fewer nominations shall be eliminated. If this elimination results in fewer than three candidates remaining, then the candidate who was previously most recently eliminated shall be reinstated and deemed to have reached the Nomination Threshold.

Illustrative Example:

Candidates A through F are candidates for membership on the Executive Committee. With 21 nominations submitted, the Nomination Threshold is 6 (21 divided by 4 is 5.25, rounded up to 6). The Candidates receive the following first round nominations:

Candidate	First Round Nominations
Candidate A	3
Candidate B	3
Candidate C	5
Candidate D	3
Candidate E	4
Candidate F	3
Total	21

No candidate has met the Nomination Threshold by receiving 6 or more nominations. In the first round, Candidate A is eliminated because he was nominated for Vice-Chair under the prior step. All of his nominations are redistributed to his nominators' second-choice candidates. In the second round, the nominations are now as follows:

Candidate	Second Round Nominations
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	3
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	5
Candidate E	4
Candidate F	3
Total	21

Candidate C has reached the Nomination Threshold with 6 nominations and is nominated to membership on the Executive Committee. Candidates B and F are tied for the fewest nominations. Under the tie-breaking rules, Candidates B and F are tied for first-choice nominations, and Candidate B has 5 second-choice nominations to Candidate F's 1 second-choice nomination. Candidate F is therefore eliminated in the second round and

his nominations are redistributed to his nominators' next-choice candidates.

Candidate	Third Round Nominations
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	5
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	5
Candidate E	5
Candidate F	0 (Eliminated)
Total	21

At the third round, Candidates B, D, and E are tied with 5 nominations. Under the tie-breaking rules, Candidate E has the most first-round nominations and is not eliminated. Candidates B and D are tied for first-choice nominations, but Candidate B has more second-choice nominations. Candidate D is therefore eliminated in the third round.

Candidate	Fourth Round Nominations
Candidate A	0 (Eliminated as Vice-Chair)
Candidate B	7 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate C	6 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate D	0 (Eliminated)
Candidate E	8 (Nominated to EC)
Candidate F	0 (Eliminated)
Total	21

At the fourth round, Candidates B and E have reached the Nomination Threshold. They join Candidate C as nominees for membership on the Executive Committee.

6. After the date set for return of nomination forms, the Executive Director or designee shall tally all nominations received according to this Policy. No late nominations shall be accepted. The tallied results shall be reviewed and certified by the Incoming Chair and RWA counsel. The Executive Director or designee shall then make the list of the proposed nominees for Vice-Chair and the three nominees for members of the Executive Committee publicly available. Any documents showing how the Executive Director or designee tallied the nominations, as well as all completed nomination forms, shall be retained by RWA and available for public review in the same manner as other public records. The Executive Director in consultation with RWA counsel is directed and empowered to interpret these rules as necessary to ensure the fair and timely completion of the nomination tally process.

III. Election of the Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee

1. At a meeting held after January 1 of each year, the Board of Directors will elect the Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee. At or prior to the meeting, the Incoming Chair shall take office and shall conduct the election as Chair.
2. The proposed slate of nominees presented for election by the Board of Directors shall be as follows:
 - a. The Vice-Chair nominee determined above under this Policy.
 - b. The three nominees for members of the Executive Committee determined above under this Policy.
 - c. A Director nominated by the Contracting Entities of RWA (as defined in Article 3(d) of the JPA), which nomination shall be sent to the Executive Director or designee in writing prior to the meeting.
 - d. A Director nominated by the current Chair of the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) (regardless of whether the current Chair is a Director on the RWA Board of Directors), which nomination shall be sent to the Executive Director or designee in writing prior to the meeting.
 - e. Two Directors nominated by the Chair. In making these nominations, the Chair shall evaluate and consider the makeup of the other nominees to the Executive Committee based on the following RWA member characteristics:
 - i. Size of Member agency service area and customer base;
 - ii. Water supplies;
 - iii. Geography;
 - iv. Demographics;
 - v. Prior representation on the Executive Committee; and
 - vi. Any other factors necessary to ensure diverse representation of RWA members on the Executive Committee.

To ensure that at least two of the members of the Executive Committee (inclusive of the Chair and Vice Vice-Chair) shall be members of a governing board of a Member of RWA (as defined in

Articles 2 and 3(i) of the JPA), then the Chair shall ensure this requirement is met through the Chair's nominations if it has not otherwise been met.

3. The Board of Directors will then vote in a single election on the question, "Shall the proposed nominees for Vice-Chair and members of the Executive Committee be elected?" If any of the proposed nominees are unable to serve, or are not elected by a majority of the Board of Directors, then one or more alternative nominees shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.

IV. Procedures for Filling a Post-Election Vacancy on the Executive Committee

1. In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee the Member or Contracting Entity whose representative held the Executive Committee seat that was vacated may recommend a replacement by sending the Chair of the Board of Directors a letter making that recommendation.
2. The recommended Executive Committee replacement must be one of the two identified representatives on the Board of Directors for that Member or Contracting Entity, provided the nomination is consistent with the RWA JPA and the Executive Committee Election Policy.
3. The recommended replacement to the Executive Committee may begin to serve immediately, but must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. In the event that a recommended replacement is not identified or not approved, then another Director shall be nominated by motion and elected by at least a majority vote.



Topic: RWA Strategic Plan Priorities
Type: New Business
Item For: Information, Discussion
Impact: Fiscal/Budget

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

PRESENTER: Jim Peifer
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to receive a report on the Strategic Plan prioritization survey data.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend approval of the Strategic Plan Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

Last month, a survey was delivered via email to RWA members to assist in the strategic plan prioritization process. The purpose of this item is to review the survey results. Staff recommendations for prioritization of the Strategic Plan will be agendized for the February Executive Committee meeting.

The RWA Board of Directors approved the Strategic Plan in August 2020. The Strategic Plan lays out a number of goals and objectives that allow for the RWA to achieve our mission: To serve, represent and align the interests of regional water providers and stakeholders for the purpose of improving water supply reliability, availability, quality and affordability.

Policy 400.4 requires the RWA to set RWA priorities as follows: The Executive Director Shall lead the following procedure to set priorities for the coming year:

1. The Executive Director shall solicit input on the strategic plan and/or other priorities from the members.
2. The input from members shall be reviewed by the Executive Director, staff and the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Director shall propose a strategic plan and/or other priorities to the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee should propose the priorities to the Board for adoption.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

The survey data will allow the Executive Committee to gain insights on what the members' needs are and how the RWA might address those needs.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Strategic Plan Survey Data

Attachment 2 - RWA Strategic Plan

Q1 What is your name?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Councilmember Pauline Roccucci	1/8/2025 12:39 PM
2	Rebecca Scott	1/7/2025 1:22 PM
3	Sean Twilla	1/7/2025 11:03 AM
4	Marcus Yasutake	1/7/2025 10:10 AM
5	anne	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
6	Greg Jones	1/6/2025 1:33 PM
7	Chris Nelson	1/6/2025 9:29 AM
8	Eric Houston	1/6/2025 8:04 AM
9	Rebecca Guo	1/3/2025 5:00 PM
10	Greg Zlotnick	1/3/2025 4:27 PM
11	Gwynne Pratt	1/3/2025 2:37 PM
12	Chris Shepard	1/3/2025 11:22 AM
13	Tom R. Gray	1/3/2025 10:57 AM
14	JA Jim Abercrombie	1/3/2025 10:42 AM
15	Councilmember Pauline Roccucci	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
16	Tom Nelson and Bruce Kamilos	1/2/2025 1:01 PM
17	Tony Firenzi	12/27/2024 1:14 PM
18	Cathy Lee	12/17/2024 10:37 AM
19	Wade Kirchner	12/11/2024 2:15 PM

Q2 What is your organization?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	City of Roseville	1/8/2025 12:39 PM
2	Citrus Heights Water District	1/7/2025 1:22 PM
3	Golden State Water Company	1/7/2025 11:03 AM
4	City of Folsom	1/7/2025 10:10 AM
5	Sac	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
6	Nevada Irrigation District	1/6/2025 1:33 PM
7	City of Lincoln	1/6/2025 9:29 AM
8	Ranch Murieta Community Services District	1/6/2025 8:04 AM
9	El Dorado Water Agency	1/3/2025 5:00 PM
10	San Juan Water District	1/3/2025 4:27 PM
11	Del Paso Manor Water District	1/3/2025 2:37 PM
12	Orange Vale Water Company	1/3/2025 11:22 AM
13	Fair Oaks Water District	1/3/2025 10:57 AM
14	EID	1/3/2025 10:42 AM
15	City of Roseville	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
16	Elk Grove Water District	1/2/2025 1:01 PM
17	PCWA	12/27/2024 1:14 PM
18	Carmichael Water District	12/17/2024 10:37 AM
19	The City of Yuba City	12/11/2024 2:15 PM

Q3 What is your title?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Roseville City Councilmember	1/8/2025 12:39 PM
2	Director of Operations	1/7/2025 1:22 PM
3	General Manager	1/7/2025 11:03 AM
4	Environmental & Water Resources Director	1/7/2025 10:10 AM
5	GA	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
6	Assistant General Manager	1/6/2025 1:33 PM
7	Environmental Services Manager	1/6/2025 9:29 AM
8	Director of Operations	1/6/2025 8:04 AM
9	General Manager	1/3/2025 5:00 PM
10	Water Resources Manager	1/3/2025 4:27 PM
11	Director	1/3/2025 2:37 PM
12	General Manager	1/3/2025 11:22 AM
13	General Manager	1/3/2025 10:57 AM
14	GM	1/3/2025 10:42 AM
15	Roseville City Councilmember	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
16	Tom Nelson (Board Chair) and Bruce Kamilos (General Manager)	1/2/2025 1:01 PM
17	Director of Strategic Affairs	12/27/2024 1:14 PM
18	General Manager	12/17/2024 10:37 AM
19	City Councilmember	12/11/2024 2:15 PM

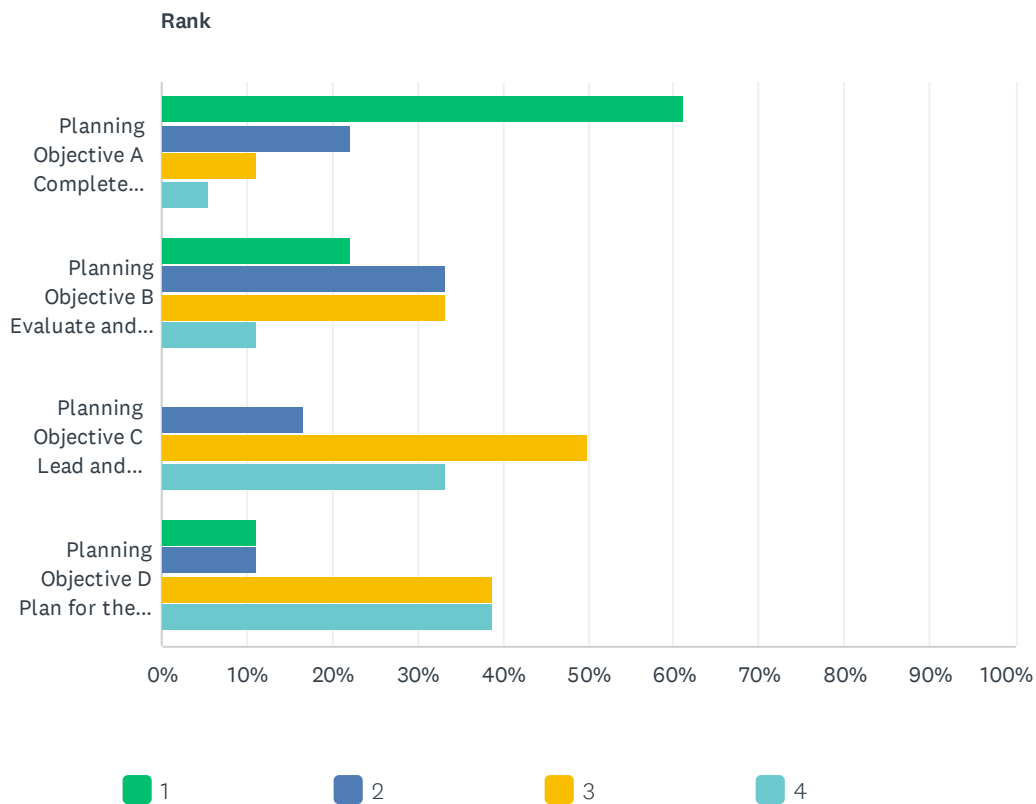
Q4 What is your phone number?

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2	(916) 725-6873	1/7/2025 1:22 PM
3	(916) 825-7471	1/7/2025 11:03 AM
4	916-461-6161	1/7/2025 10:10 AM
5	9162044555	1/7/2025 8:59 AM
6	530-271-6826	1/6/2025 1:33 PM
7	9168992384	1/6/2025 9:29 AM
8	9163543700	1/6/2025 8:04 AM
9	5307188772	1/3/2025 5:00 PM
10	916-791-6933	1/3/2025 4:27 PM
11	9165029695	1/3/2025 2:37 PM
12	9169881693	1/3/2025 11:22 AM
13	916-967-5723	1/3/2025 10:57 AM
14	5303060966	1/3/2025 10:42 AM
15	916-605-9780 (Sean Bigley)	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
16	(916) 685-3556	1/2/2025 1:01 PM
17	916.624.0640	12/27/2024 1:14 PM
18	9164724289	12/17/2024 10:37 AM
19	5309337183	12/11/2024 2:15 PM

Q5 The PLANNING GOAL in the Strategic Plan is: Continuously improve regional water management planning that is comprehensive in scope and contributes to more effective regional water resources management. Please rank in order of importance the following PLANNING GOAL objectives for RWA in FY 2025/26.

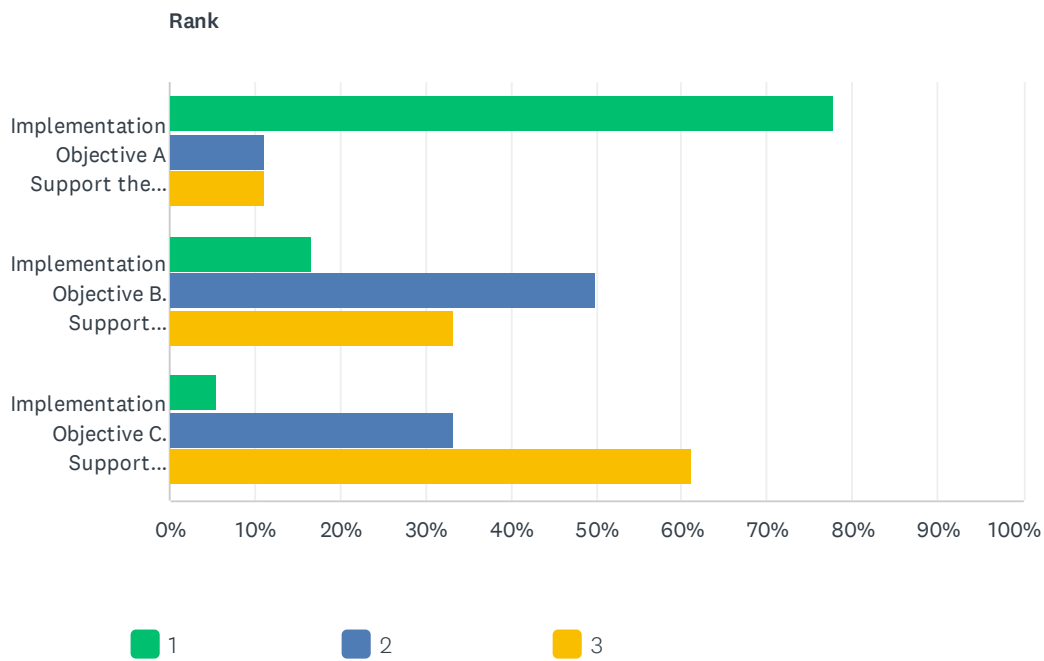
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Rank	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Planning Objective A Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience.	61.11% 11	22.22% 4	11.11% 2	5.56% 1	18
Planning Objective B Evaluate and respond to impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.	22.22% 4	33.33% 6	33.33% 6	11.11% 2	18
Planning Objective C Lead and support planning efforts that benefit water agencies.	0.00% 0	16.67% 3	50.00% 9	33.33% 6	18
Planning Objective D Plan for the sustainability of RWA and its members.	11.11% 2	11.11% 2	38.89% 7	38.89% 7	18

Q6 The IMPLEMENTATION GOAL in the Strategic Plan is: Lead successful water management strategies, as well as develop and undertake related beneficial programs on behalf of the region. Please rank in order of importance the following IMPLEMENTATION GOAL objectives for RWA in FY 2025/26.

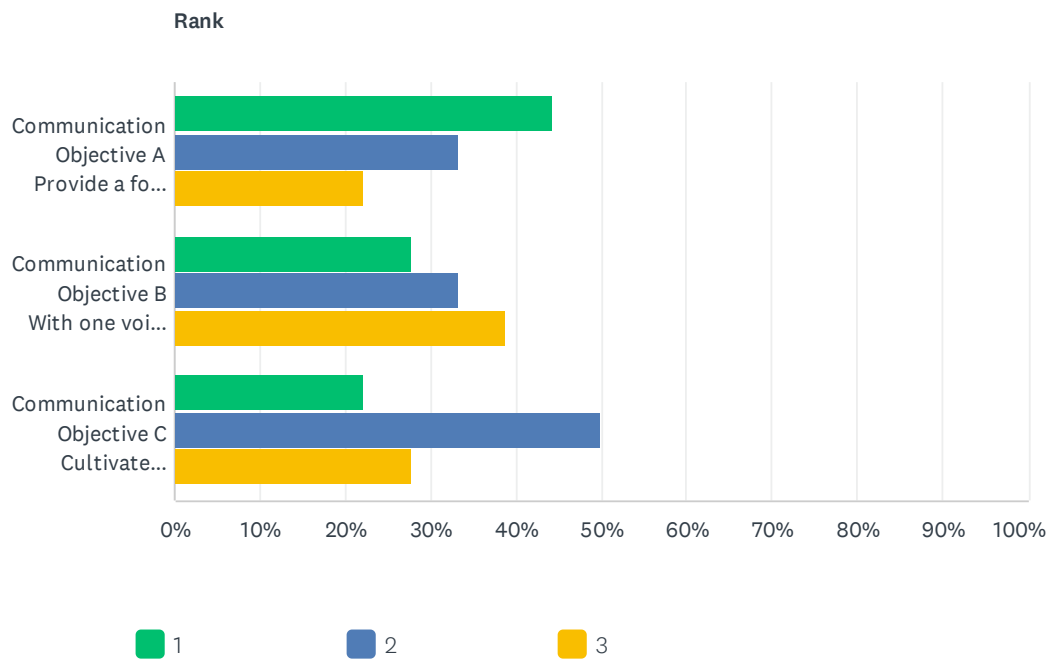
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Rank	1	2	3	TOTAL
Implementation Objective A Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.	77.78% 14	11.11% 2	11.11% 2	18
Implementation Objective B. Support members' efforts to improve water reliability and resilience.	16.67% 3	50.00% 9	33.33% 6	18
Implementation Objective C. Support members' water use efficiency efforts to comply with applicable state and local requirements.	5.56% 1	33.33% 6	61.11% 11	18

Q7 The COMMUNICATION GOAL in the Strategic Plan is: Based on shared values, communicate with one voice on issues of regional significance to strengthen relationships, elevate regional visibility and influence, and advance the collective interests of the region. Please rank in order of importance the following COMMUNICATION GOAL objectives.

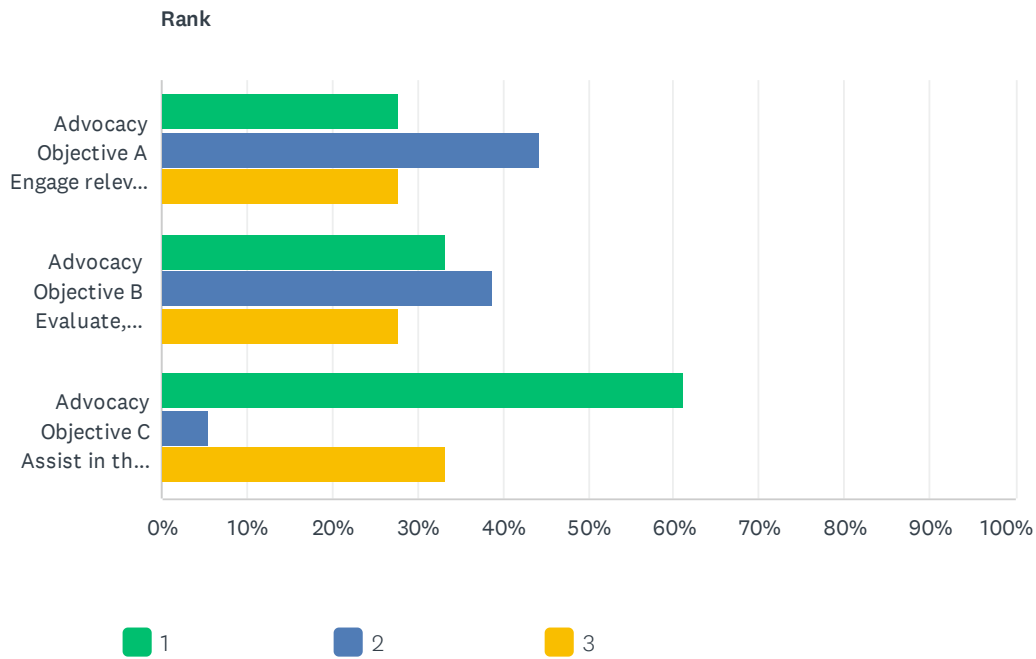
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Rank	1	2	3	TOTAL
Communication Objective A Provide a forum for education, discussion, and outreach on water issues affecting the region.	44.44% 8	33.33% 6	22.22% 4	18
Communication Objective B With one voice, raise RWA's profile and credibility through outreach efforts to targeted audiences.	27.78% 5	33.33% 6	38.89% 7	18
Communication Objective C Cultivate relationships to advance RWA members' interests.	22.22% 4	50.00% 9	27.78% 5	18

Q8 The ADVOCACY GOAL in the Strategic Plan is: Advocate for members and the region’s needs and interests to positively influence legislative and regulatory policies and actions. Please rank in order of importance the following ADVOCACY GOAL objectives for RWA in FY 2025/26.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



Rank	1	2	3	TOTAL
Advocacy Objective A Engage relevant local, state, and federal representatives to seek support for RWA's legislative agenda to further the region's collective goals and objectives.	27.78% 5	44.44% 8	27.78% 5	18
Advocacy Objective B Evaluate, comment and advocate on state and federal water regulatory issues that may impact the region and its water reliability and resilience (e.g. WQCP, PFAS, Chrome VI).	33.33% 6	38.89% 7	27.78% 5	18
Advocacy Objective C Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience.	61.11% 11	5.56% 1	33.33% 6	18

Q9 Of all the Strategic Plan Objectives noted above, please list the top three that your organization believes should be the highest priority for RWA in 2025/26.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Priority Objective 1	100.00% 18
Priority Objective 2	100.00% 18
Priority Objective 3	100.00% 18

#	PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 1	DATE
1	Planning objective D	1/9/2025 6:10 PM
2	Planning Objective B	1/8/2025 1:45 PM
3	Implementation Objective A - Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities	1/8/2025 12:49 PM
4	Planning Objective A (Water Bank): includes developing revenue & expense sharing plan based upon SW & GW contributions by participating agencies	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
5	A Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.	1/7/2025 11:11 AM
6	Complete Sacramento Regional Water Bank	1/7/2025 10:16 AM
7	Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience	1/6/2025 1:42 PM
8	Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities	1/6/2025 9:36 AM
9	Planning	1/6/2025 8:08 AM
10	Planning Objective B	1/3/2025 7:14 PM
11	Advocacy B	1/3/2025 5:58 PM
12	Planning Objective A	1/3/2025 4:29 PM
13	Evaluate, comment and advocate on state and federal water regulatory issues that may impact the region and its water reliability and resilience (e.g. WQCP, PFAS, Chrome VI).	1/3/2025 11:28 AM
14	Water Bank	1/3/2025 11:01 AM
15	6 A	1/3/2025 10:45 AM
16	Implementation Objective A Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.	1/2/2025 2:41 PM
17	Implementation Objective A. Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.	1/2/2025 1:05 PM
18	Advocacy Objective C	12/27/2024 1:29 PM

#	PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 2	DATE
1	Implemention objective B	1/9/2025 6:10 PM
2	Planning Objective A	1/8/2025 1:45 PM

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3	Advocacy Objective C - Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience	1/8/2025 12:49 PM
4	Implementation Objective A (Funding)	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
5	Provide a forum for education, discussion, and outreach on water issues affecting the region.	1/7/2025 11:11 AM
6	Evaluate, comment and advocate on state and federal issues	1/7/2025 10:16 AM
7	Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities	1/6/2025 1:42 PM
8	Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience	1/6/2025 9:36 AM
9	Implementation	1/6/2025 8:08 AM
10	Implementation Objective B	1/3/2025 7:14 PM
11	Planning A	1/3/2025 5:58 PM
12	Advocacy Objective A	1/3/2025 4:29 PM
13	Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.	1/3/2025 11:28 AM
14	Water Bank	1/3/2025 11:01 AM
15	5 B	1/3/2025 10:45 AM
16	Advocacy Objective C Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience.	1/2/2025 2:41 PM
17	Planning Objective A. Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience.	1/2/2025 1:05 PM
18	Implementation Objective A	12/27/2024 1:29 PM
#	PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 3	DATE
1	Communication objective B	1/9/2025 6:10 PM
2	Implementation	1/8/2025 1:45 PM
3	Planning Objective A - Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience	1/8/2025 12:49 PM
4	Communications Objective C (Cultivate Relationships)	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
5	A Engage relevant local, state, and federal representatives to seek support for RWA's legislative agenda to further the region's collective goals and objectives.	1/7/2025 11:11 AM
6	Secure funding to assist in projects	1/7/2025 10:16 AM
7	Engage relevant local, state, and federal representatives to seek support for RWA's legislative agenda to further the region's collective goals and objectives	1/6/2025 1:42 PM
8	Provide a forum for education, discussion, and outreach on water issues affecting the region	1/6/2025 9:36 AM
9	Advocacy	1/6/2025 8:08 AM
10	Advocacy Objective C	1/3/2025 7:14 PM
11	Communication A	1/3/2025 5:58 PM
12	Communication Objective A	1/3/2025 4:29 PM
13	Evaluate and respond to impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.	1/3/2025 11:28 AM
14	Water Bank	1/3/2025 11:01 AM
15	8 C	1/3/2025 10:45 AM

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16	Planning Objective A Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience.	1/2/2025 2:41 PM
17	Advocacy Objective A. Engage relevant local, state, and federal representatives to seek support for RWA's legislative agenda to further the region's collective goals and objectives.	1/2/2025 1:05 PM
18	Communication Objective B	12/27/2024 1:29 PM

Q10 If you could change anything about the Strategic Plan, what would you change to benefit your organization? Please explain what and why.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 5

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Update the members and representatives for transparency.	1/8/2025 1:49 PM
2	More focus on "added value" activities like bringing funding into the region, protecting water rights and entitlements, and less on activities that would normally be handled by agency.	1/8/2025 12:54 PM
3	N/A	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
4	The Strategic Plan should remain mostly unchanged, with the focus of providing a forum to engage and discuss issues in a less formal setting encouraging ideas and solutions that benefit the region.	1/7/2025 11:23 AM
5	Can we identify the overlap between RWA and the Water Forum to minimize overall costs. Once the WF 2.0 agreement is complete, can we find economies of scale between the two to try to minimize costs or workload.	1/7/2025 10:26 AM
6	Emphasis on funding opportunities for both aging infrastructure and forest management. As our systems age and forests grow, the cost of maintenance and fuel management becomes too costly for our rate payers to absorb in full....this is a long-game but large dollar support federally can be helpful. A comprehensive assessment among RWA mountain-based organizations might yield similar issues with an opportunity for a shared program.	1/6/2025 2:00 PM
7	Provide equity amongst all member agencies such that the one voice provides representation for all.	1/6/2025 9:44 AM
8	The Strategic Plan is well written and comprehensive. It would be helpful to see how RWA has advanced the objectives from the current Strategic Plan to improve accountability and help inform where adjustments, if any, should be made.	1/3/2025 7:31 PM
9	Because DPM is combining with SSWD, the following are not applicable.	1/3/2025 6:02 PM
10	The "plan" is ok, though it's now 5 years old and in need of a refresh. The execution of advocacy should be refined and prioritized with more focus. Too many bills are being engaged on, many of which are tangential to RWA and are being addressed through ACWA, and too little bandwidth is being focused on growing regulatory and other issues impacting utility management and governance, e.g., Water Quality/Treatment, HR, Clean Fleets, SWRCB Reporting overkill, etc.	1/3/2025 4:35 PM
11	Development of a plan that provides "progressive discipline" to members that do not support the defined objectives of RWA membership up to removal.	1/3/2025 11:14 AM
12	none	1/3/2025 10:47 AM
13	More focus on "added value" activities like bringing funding into the region, protecting water rights and entitlements and less on activities that would normally be handled by agency.	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
14	EGWD would like RWA's help in securing grant funding to assist with the future cost of a new water well.	1/2/2025 1:06 PM
15	More focus on protecting local, area of origin water rights. The State Water Board is incrementally trying to erode local control of water rights. This is an area in which regional coordination is superior in advocacy to us fighting alone.	12/27/2024 1:46 PM

Q11 Do you believe the RWA is adequately implementing and effectively operating in a manner that is consistent with the Strategic Plan? Please explain why.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes - Most goals are general enough to follow flexibility.	1/8/2025 1:49 PM
2	Yes, although some activities like the watershed resilience effort seems like a lot of work with modest apparent gain.	1/8/2025 12:54 PM
3	The major concern is that RWA doesn't have enough resources (staffing and professional services) to implement its Strategic Plan.	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
4	Mostly. There is a sense that RWA has begun to be more bureaucratic that has reduced effectiveness and efficiencies.	1/7/2025 11:23 AM
5	Yes. If you look through the current SP, there are a lot of areas where RWA can "check the box" for many of the different objectives under each goal. RWA continues to find money (state or federal) to support various objectives and minimize costs for its member agencies.	1/7/2025 10:26 AM
6	I do. However I don't recall seeing a mid-year or updated milestone chart during the year which can help to set up discussion on goals developed vs. goals met (or working on).	1/6/2025 2:00 PM
7	Yes, we feel that the RWA provides and foster a positive and respectful forum where ideas are exchanged, plans formulated, and priorities are implemented and executed.	1/6/2025 9:44 AM
8	There appears to be a high focus on Planning Objective A and subsequent activities to move the water bank forward. It would be ideal for RWA to put a balanced effort across all of the objectives, especially furthering other regional projects consistent with the ARBS and RWRP.	1/3/2025 7:31 PM
9	Generally, the Strategic "Plan" is being followed, but as to effectiveness and adequacy of outcomes, there is not sufficient prioritization, particularly with regard to legislative and regulatory engagement, nor proper metrics for measuring "success".	1/3/2025 4:35 PM
10	RWA membership and leadership routinely allow individual members to derail positive movement on the Strategic Plan.	1/3/2025 11:14 AM
11	yes	1/3/2025 10:47 AM
12	Yes, although some activities like the watershed resilience effort seems like alot of work with modest apparent gain.	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
13	Yes. Policy 400.4 requires RWA staff to set priorities each fiscal year. In reviewing the Strategic Plan priorities set on March 14, 2024, staff have done a good job of implementing those priorities in fiscal year 2024/25.	1/2/2025 1:06 PM
14	Yes. The annual process is effective as a check-in and recalibration.	12/27/2024 1:46 PM

Q12 Thinking about the RWA's mission: What are the challenges your organization is experiencing in the context of the mission?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Contamination treatment.	1/8/2025 1:49 PM
2	Funding large regional reliability projects will be important and this is where RWA can really help. Examples, RiverArc and projects that mitigate risk at Folsom Reservoir.	1/8/2025 12:54 PM
3	Affordability: legislative & regulatory mandates; legislation that diverts our resources away from current objectives.	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
4	For our organization, our challenges involve groundwater quality and surface water availability. Also, the never-ending cycle of regulations that have a direct impact on our customers cost.	1/7/2025 11:23 AM
5	Ensuring water supply reliability under various scenarios in the future (BDWQCP, changing climate, regulatory).	1/7/2025 10:26 AM
6	The hardest challenge, for us, seems to be in the alignment of primary interests of RWA member agencies - in particular the stark contrast between upper watershed agencies and valley organizations. NID particularly is an outlier as our watershed is not directly connected to downstream agencies - as is the case in the American River users. The connection seems disjointed at times and heavy resourced in that river corridor (which seems natural given the % of agencies in that watershed and reliant on its success).	1/6/2025 2:00 PM
7	Implementation of ever increasing state/federal regulations	1/6/2025 9:44 AM
8	Our challenge is to secure and maintain reliable water supplies in light of climate and regulatory challenges.	1/3/2025 7:31 PM
9	State imposed conservation mandates, which were unnecessary and also don't comport with the law are a "challenge". Amy does a great job, but RWA as RWA did not push back hard enough or work to develop coalitions in opposition to SWRCB overreach, as well as in development of reporting mandates. Inability to get DWR/USBR to approve criteria for conservation transfers consistent with the law.	1/3/2025 4:35 PM
10	RWA membership and leadership routinely allow individual members to act in opposition to the RWA mission.	1/3/2025 11:14 AM
11	involvement and benefits from regional bank	1/3/2025 10:47 AM
12	Funding large water regional reliability projects will be important and this is where RWA can really help. Examples, RiverArc and projects that mitigate risk at Folsom Reservoir.	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
13	EGWD would like to potentially participate in the Sacramento Regional Water Bank. Help EGWD make it a reality.	1/2/2025 1:06 PM
14	Regulatory overreach, e.g. Water Use Efficiency regulation, Healthy Rivers & Landscapes proposal, and water right proposals.	12/27/2024 1:46 PM

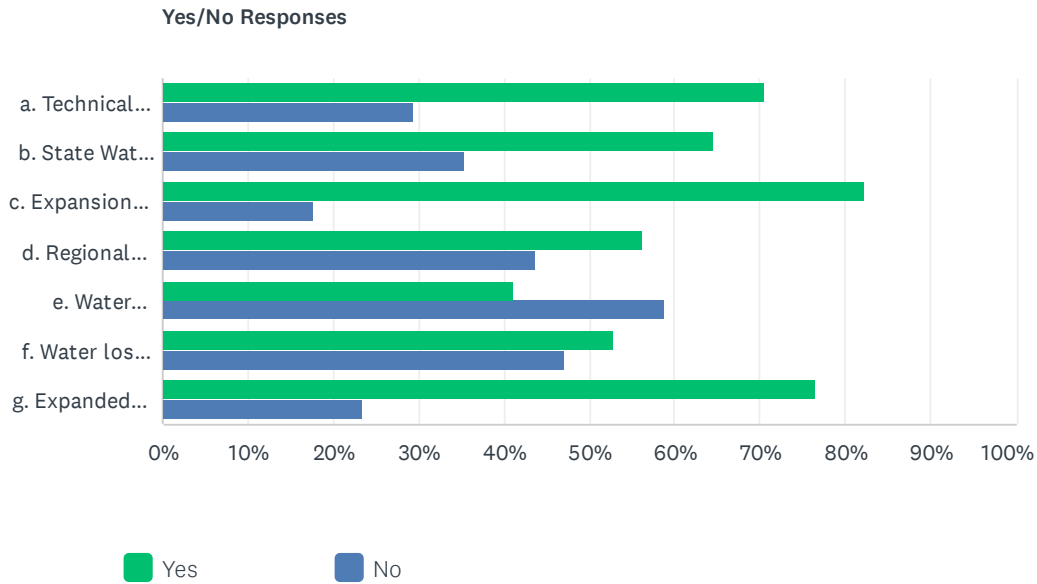
Q13 Please list any priorities your agency feels are important that are not in the strategic plan (if any)?The RWA’s mission is: To serve and represent the interests of regional water providers and stakeholders for the purpose of improving water supply reliability, availability, quality and affordability.

Answered: 11 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Contamination treatment.	1/8/2025 1:49 PM
2	Covered mostly, nothing else to add.	1/8/2025 12:54 PM
3	"Evaluate RWA staffing, operations, and financing models for opportunities to improve long-term organizational sustainability." This objective should be made more specific to include a staffing projections study.	1/7/2025 1:35 PM
4	As written, most priorities are covered. Under Sustainability - I don't see any mention of workforce development and the interconnection with local educational opportunities, such as community college, high school internships, etc.	1/6/2025 2:00 PM
5	Supporting upper watershed health. The historical snowpack is no longer reliable and is projected to melt earlier under climate change. With Folsom being undersized, the snowpack is our largest 'reservoir' in the region. Without this reservoir, there is less water for the greater Sacramento region and lower American River aquatic species to rely on.	1/3/2025 7:31 PM
6	None come to mind off the top of my head. The RWA Mission casts a rather broad net because of its inherent generality.	1/3/2025 4:35 PM
7	Though only somewhat related to the question, RWA should place a primary focus on completing the Sacramento Region Water Bank. Completing and implementing the Water Bank will immediately increase RWA credibility and stature.	1/3/2025 11:14 AM
8	none	1/3/2025 10:47 AM
9	Covered mostly, nothing else to add.	1/2/2025 2:40 PM
10	Per AB 733, the requirement of fluoridation in large water systems, but not smaller water systems, creates a fragmented regional water system. This hinders the ability to wheel water in between agencies to maximize the efficient use of regional water resources. Public opinion has changed with respect to the benefits of fluoride in public water systems. RWA should advocate for the elimination of the fluoridation requirement if an opening becomes available.	1/2/2025 1:06 PM
11	RiverArc. The lobbyist on this project was critical to Proposition 4 language that brings together RiverArc and Water Bank. RWA should support both projects in parity, which would exponentially improve the opportunity for both projects.	12/27/2024 1:46 PM

Q14 What services can RWA provide to assist your agency with implementation of the conservation regulation over the next three years?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 3



Yes/No Responses			
	YES	NO	TOTAL
a. Technical support and training for water efficiency staff	70.59% 12	29.41% 5	17
b. State Water Board/DWR regulation reporting support	64.71% 11	35.29% 6	17
c. Expansion and development of regional water efficiency programs to meet regulation requirements (example: commercial, industrial, and institutional outreach and rebate programs)	82.35% 14	17.65% 3	17
d. Regional master services contracts for consultant and vendor support for programs and data procurement (example: landscape area measurement data, mixed use meter conversion/in lieu).	56.25% 9	43.75% 7	16
e. Water savings analysis of supplier meter data for water efficiency programs	41.18% 7	58.82% 10	17
f. Water loss standard and leak detection/repair support	52.94% 9	47.06% 8	17
g. Expanded public outreach messaging and school education programs	76.47% 13	23.53% 4	17

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	NOTE: For "b" above, it would be for training/how to; for "d", "e" and "f" it's really a "maybe" or "it depends". For "g" it's "yes" to school programs, not expanded public outreach on behalf of member agencies..	1/3/2025 4:35 PM
2	None	1/2/2025 1:06 PM
3	Continue securing grant funding and administration of incentive programs	1/6/2025 9:44 AM
4	D is a maybe - no others at this time	1/7/2025 11:23 AM

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Definitions:

Affordability: The continued delivery of high quality, reliable water service at the lowest reasonable cost. Affordability is directly related to water reliability and quality. Affordability is also affected, both positively and negatively, by legislative and regulatory policies.

Supershed: a region consisting of multiple watersheds that is actively managed to improve water resource resilience in support of a healthy community, economy and environment.

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PLANNING GOAL: Continuously improve regional water management planning that is comprehensive in scope and contributes to more effective regional water resources management.

Objective A. Complete development of the Sacramento Regional Water Bank to improve water supply reliability and resilience.

- 1) Establish a funding program to complete work to establish the Regional Water Bank.
- 2) Engage with state, federal, and local stakeholders to gain Regional Water Bank acceptance, approval, and support.
- 3) Engage with potential Regional Water Bank partners.
- 4) Establish governance to manage the Regional Water Bank.
- 5) Complete an environmental analysis to support Regional Water Bank operations.

Objective B. Evaluate and respond to impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.

- 1) Continue to evaluate and plan for adapting to climate change.
- 2) Promote the application of forecast informed reservoir operations that enhance water supplies while maintaining flood protection.
- 3) Maintain a regional integrated groundwater/surface water model, in coordination with groundwater sustainability agencies, to support regional planning and groundwater management.

Objective C. Lead and support planning efforts that benefit water agencies.

- 1) Evaluate opportunities to provide coordinated responses for sections of Urban Water Management Plans on behalf of agencies.
- 2) Track next generation of regional planning requirements (e.g. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan or other requirements that may result from the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio) and respond as necessary.
- 3) Participate with other regional organizations (Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative, etc.) on planning for and responding to climate change.
- 4) Participate with the Water Forum on efforts that improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health.

Objective D. Plan for the sustainability of RWA and its members.

- 1) Evaluate RWA staffing, operations, and financing models for opportunities to improve long-term organizational sustainability.
- 2) Develop a Young Professionals Program.

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IMPLEMENTATION GOAL: Lead successful water management strategies, as well as develop and undertake related beneficial programs on behalf of the region.

Objective A. Support the securing of funding and assist in resourcing projects and programs that are regional priorities.

- 1) Position, secure and manage funding for the Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP), Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan, Water Bank, and Water Efficiency Programs and Projects.
- 2) Support and pursue funding opportunities for members and partner agencies that benefit the region.
- 3) Support programs that benefit from economies of scale in the areas of research, studies, planning, implementation, purchasing and resource sharing (e.g. Regional Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Information Study, Meter Asset Management and Chemical Purchasing Program).
- 4) Administer funding and financing for major endeavors such as the Water Quality Control Plan, Delta Initiatives and Water Bank.
- 5) Advocate for and support the financing of regional infrastructure to improve water reliability and resilience.

Objective B. Support members' efforts to improve water reliability and resilience.

- 1) Continue to partner with the Water Forum to ensure the health of the Lower American River as a critical component to improving water supply reliability.
- 2) Maintain the Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP) database and update the RWRP as needed.
- 3) Maintain the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) database and update the IRWMP as needed.
- 4) Support intra- and interregional water transfers.
- 5) Evaluate combining the American River Basin IRWM with appropriate portions of the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) IRWM.
- 6) Support the region's efforts on Delta initiatives and water supply regulatory initiatives such as the Water Quality Control Plan, Voluntary Agreements and the Biological Opinions of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.
- 7) Support compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within the Region.
 - Provide services and support, as needed, for planning and implementation.
 - Facilitate collaboration between subbasins.
 - Align interests with RWA, Sacramento Groundwater Authority, Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority and others as appropriate.
- 8) Support the planning and construction of regional infrastructure to improve water reliability and resilience.

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Objective C. Support members' water use efficiency efforts to comply with applicable state and local requirements.

- 1) Continue to implement a regional water efficiency program that supports member agencies' compliance with state and local water efficiency and water loss requirements through cost-effective efforts/programs/initiatives.
- 2) Participate in statewide efforts related to water efficiency legislation and regulatory requirements to maintain a positive perception of the region and protect member agency interests.
- 3) Track individual member agency water use and related metrics to communicate regional water efficiency progress to the state, other regions and interested stakeholders.

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COMMUNICATIONS GOAL: Based on shared values, communicate with one voice on issues of regional significance to strengthen relationships, elevate regional visibility and influence, and advance the collective interests of the region.

Objective A. Provide a forum for education, discussion and outreach on water issues affecting the region.

- 1) Assess modes for preferred internal member communication such as meetings, in-person presentations, email updates, newsletters, blogs, social media, etc.
- 2) Distribute relevant information to members.
- 3) Create a venue for members to regularly brief each other on current and emerging issues, planned messages and responses, and coordinate on topics and issues of regional significance.
- 4) Provide educational opportunities for members through speakers and experts.
- 5) Update members regularly on the status and progress of RWA's services and programs.
- 6) Educate legislators, policy makers, and the public on the challenges to and benefits of uninterrupted high-quality water services and investments necessary for its continued delivery.

Objective B. With one voice, raise RWA's profile and credibility through outreach efforts to targeted audiences.

- 1) Be a champion for the Region by being a single, coordinated voice on regional matters.
- 2) Identify and cultivate RWA ambassadors/spokespersons to communicate significant topics and policy issues.
- 3) Inform key interested parties such as the media, federal, state and local officials, and the public about water management successes (e.g. Water reliability and resilience improvements) and key issues (e.g. regulatory, water accessibility, safety and affordability).
- 4) Foster consistent and cohesive regional messaging including:
 - a) Prioritizing anticipated issues and opportunities for target audiences, along with tools, materials and activities to help RWA members communicate with a consistent voice.
 - b) Developing talking points, position papers and outreach materials on key issues.

Objective C. Cultivate relationships to advance RWA members' interests.

- 1) Work with other organizations with water interests (e.g. Northern California Water Association, Association of California Water Agencies, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and land use agencies).
- 2) Coordinate and partner with water suppliers and other stakeholders to further leverage advocacy, research initiatives and/or economies of scale related to water management.
- 3) Work with business organizations (e.g. Metro Chamber and local chambers.)
- 4) Work with state and federal agencies that influence or manage resources related to regional water reliability and resilience (e.g. United States Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources, State Water Resource Control Board, and other resource agencies.)
- 5) Work with the Water Forum Successor Effort on behalf of the member agencies that are signatory to the Water Forum Agreement. Support includes:

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- a) Ensuring RWA member interests are represented in the re-negotiation process including governance and succession planning.
- b) Ensuring RWA member interests are represented in the Water Forum Successor Effort.
- c) Participating in the Coordinating Committee and Water Caucus.

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ADVOCACY GOAL: Advocate for members and the region’s needs and interests to positively influence legislative and regulatory policies and actions.

Objective A. Engage relevant local, state and federal representatives, to seek support for RWA’s legislative agenda to further the region’s collective goals and objectives.

- 1) Annually update RWA policy principles and federal legislative platforms to effectively advocate for the region.
- 2) Maintain and track significant water-related state and federal legislation on important policies and funding opportunities and make the information regularly and readily available electronically to members.
- 3) Advocate for positions on state and federal legislation and programs consistent with the adopted RWA policy principles and platforms.
- 4) Monitor and actively engage on actions of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) State Legislative and Federal Affairs Committees and coordinate with other organizations.
- 5) Protect member agencies’ interests and work with state and federal organizations on the development of policies related to the equitable access to water.
- 6) Coordinate with external organizations, as appropriate, including but not limited to, American Water Works Association (AWWA), Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Northern California Water Association (NCWA), National Water Resources Association (NWRA), California Water Foundation, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and the Metro Chamber, and California Water Association (CWA).
- 7) Coordinate and partner with environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and environmental justice NGOs throughout the state to advance RWA’s interests.
- 8) Present regular updates from RWA lobbyist efforts and recalibrate priorities as necessary.
- 9) Maintain a volunteer standing committee as a forum for coordination, collaboration, education and vetting on federal policy areas of regional interest and evaluate the effectiveness of the standing committee in FY2021/2022.

Objective B. Evaluate, comment and advocate on state and federal water regulatory issues that may impact the region and its water reliability and resilience (e.g. WQCP, PFAS, Chrome VI).

- 1) Track, evaluate and respond to water quality, water conservation and efficiency, water affordability, resilience, SGMA and other regulatory issues that may affect members.
- 2) Lead and participate in efforts with other organizations aligned with RWA positions and interests as appropriate.

Objective C. Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements of RWA members, maintain area of origin protections, and protect and ensure water reliability and resilience.

- 1) Educate the public and decision makers and promote our region’s contribution to the Delta.
- 2) Advocate to maintain the water rights priority system.

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- 3) Continue to support efforts for expanding conjunctive use operations as a means of protecting water rights (e.g., exercising more surface water rights and contracts in wetter years).
- 4) Support a Water Forum lower American River Modified Flow Management Standard that is consistent with the Water Forum co-equal goals.
- 5) Leverage proximity to the Capitol to engage and be a resource to legislators on issues important to the region and promote RWA's reliability and resilience successes.
- 6) Work with the State to help implement the portions of the Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio where it aligns with and benefits our region's interest.
- 7) Promote the region's collaborative efforts to comprehensively manage its water resources through an innovative *Supershed* approach to be resilient to fire, flood, and drought, and which serves our region and creates value to the state.



Topic: RWA Program Update
Type: Old Business
Item For: Information and Discussion
Purpose: Policy 200.2

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

This information/discussion item is for the Executive Committee to receive a report from the Executive Director on the various programs and initiatives the RWA and SGA currently have underway.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

The RWA and SGA have a number of programs underway, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Committee on the status of many of those programs and initiatives. These programs and initiatives include but are not limited to:

- The Sacramento Regional Water Bank
- The North American Subbasin (NASb) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) update,
- The implementation of the current NASb GSP
- The Watershed Resilience Pilot Project
- The Water Forum Agreement update
- The Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program
- The Reinitiation of Consultation for the Biological Opinions.

The report will include key milestones reached to date, the overall status of the programs, upcoming key milestones, and current and future anticipated resources.



Topic: Legislative and Regulatory Update
Type: Legislative Matter
Item For: Information
Purpose: Policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority- Advocacy Objective A

SUBMITTED BY:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations	PRESENTER:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This information item is a legislative and regulatory update for the Executive Committee on State legislation. Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations, will provide an oral report on state legislation.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

The bill introduction deadline is February 21, 2025. While it is early in the legislative session, Mr. Ojakian will brief the Executive Committee on matters that the State legislature may consider in the upcoming year and share his insights.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

This information/discussion is consistent with Policy Principles adopted as part of RWA policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority- Advocacy Objective A



Topic: Communications on Water Distribution Systems
Type: New Business
Item For: Information and Discussion
Purpose: Policy 100.1 – *Speaking with one voice*

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

This information item is for the Executive Committee to discuss communications regarding the firefighting capacity of water distribution systems considering the recent fires throughout Los Angeles County.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

A number of members have reached out to the Executive Director to discuss the potential communications item regarding a water agency’s ability to provide water service for firefighting. The purpose of this item is to hold a discussion with the Executive Committee.



Topic: Ad Hoc Committees
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: [Policy 200.1](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Secretary	PRESENTER:	Brett Ewart Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information / discussion item for Chair Ewart to brief the Executive Committee on matters regarding the formation and charge of the 2025 RWA Ad Hoc Committees.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Chair to Appoint Ad Hoc Committee Members. This item is for information /discussion only.

BACKGROUND

RWA Policy 200.1, Rule 21 states that the RWA Board Chair may from time to time establish and appoint the members of ad hoc advisory committees to serve a limited or single purpose, which committees are to be dissolved once their specific task is completed.

Watershed Resilience Ad Hoc Committee

Chair: TBD

Executive Director Performance Review (RWA Policy 400.4)

Chair: Chair Ewart

Revisions to Policy 200.1 and 200.3

Chair: TBD

Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee

Chair: Rebecca Scott

Annual Awards Committee

Chair: TBD



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

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director
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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 report is intended to provide an opportunity for the Executive Director to report to the Executive Committee on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

Water Defense Workshop – The RWA along with the City of Roseville is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to symposium on February 21st geared to General Managers and Operations Managers within our region and focuses on threats to water systems. More details to come.

Coffee and Conversation – Our next Coffee and Conversation will be with climate scientist Dr. Daniel Swain on February 26, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Watershed Resilience Pilot Project - RWA will hold a meeting with interested communities on February 10 as part of the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project. These communities are key members of the project’s “Watershed Network,” which includes local agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders.

Water Bank Program Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about the Water Bank, contact Trevor Joseph at tjoseph@rwah2o.org.

UPCOMING RWA BOARD MEETINGS

March 13, 2025 – Sacramento Realtors Association



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

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER: Brett Ewart Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the RWA Executive Committee 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 report is intended to provide an opportunity for the Board of Directors to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.