

**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 Shepline, 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 Shepline 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:

  
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Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attested by:

  
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Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board