



### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on January 28, 2025, at 1:31 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Seven of the Executive Committee Members were present at roll call; a quorum was established. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

### **Executive Committee Members**

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento, Chair Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Vice Chair Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District

### **Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Trevor Joseph, Tom Hoffart, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia and Josh Horowitz, legal counsel.

### Others in Attendance:

Ted Frink, DWR; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. motion passed.

Ayes- 7 Noes- 0 Abstained- 0 Absent- 1

# 4. REVIEW OF POLICIES ON ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Chair Ewart presented this information item 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.

Chair Ewart appointed Director Saunders as the Ad Hoc Chair, Director Ewart, Director Schmitz and Director Nelson to Ad Hoc Committee to review RWA Policies 200.1 and 200.3 related to Elections and Board Vacancies.

# 5. 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to receive a report on the Strategic Plan prioritization survey data.

No action taken.

### 6. RWA PROGRAM UPDATES

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: 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.

#### 7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager, presented this information item for the Executive Committee to receive a update on matters that the State legislature

may consider in the upcoming year and share his insights. Bill introduction deadline is February 21, 2025.

No action taken.

# 8. COMMUNICATIONS ON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Executive Director Peifer presented this discussion item for the Executive Committee to have a discussion on what the unified message regarding the firefighting capacity of water distribution systems considering the recent fires throughout Los Angeles County.

No action taken.

#### 9. AD HOC COMMITTEES

Chair Ewart presented this information item to brief the Executive Committee on matters regarding the formation and charge of the 2025 Ad Hoc Committees.

The following appointments were made:

### **Watershed Resilience Ad Hoc Committee**

Tony Firenzi (Chair), carryover 2024 committee

# **Executive Director Performance Review (RWA Policy 400.4)**

Brett Ewart (Chair), Michael Saunders, Chris Hunley, and Jay Boatwright

### Revisions to Policy 200.1 and 200.3

Michael Saunders (Chair), Brett Ewart, Chris Nelson, and Kerry Schmitz

### **Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee**

Rebecca Scott (Chair), carryover 2024 committee

### **Annual Awards Committee**

Kerry Schmitz (Chair)

#### 10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer directed the Executive Committee to his written report.

# 11. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

Director Saunders suggested that RWA should come up for a tour of GDPUD.

Director Kamilos reported that he has been onboarding new Boardmember Green to EGWD.

Director Wichert suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair should conduct round robin meetings with the member agencies.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Approved by:

Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attested by:

Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board