



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Special Board Meeting
Final Minutes
January 9, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the special meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m. the meeting location was at The City of Roseville, Environmental Utilities Building, 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA 95747. A quorum was established of 19 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

S. Audie Foster, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Pauline Rocucci, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City
Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company
Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District
Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency
Eric Houston, Rancho Murieta Community Service District
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

None

RWA Affiliate Members

Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Stantec

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Trevor Joseph, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia, and Josh Horowitz, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Cathy Lee, CWD; Sean Bigley and George Hanson, City of Roseville; Bruce Kamilos, EGWD; Nicholas Schneider, GDPUD; Paul Helliker, SJWD; and Kevin Thomas, SSWD.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Ashley Flores, Clerk of the Board, presented this action item for the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors to review and consider approving a motion to make variances in the normal RWA election process for the Chair and, if necessary, Vice-chair positions due to previously-elected Chair Bill Roberts' decision to retire from his job at the City of West Sacramento and resulting vacancy in this office.

A motion to:

- (1) Waive January 1 start of term for the incoming RWA Chair to permit the Board to fill the vacancy in this position;**
- (2) If necessary, permit a one-time change in the process for selecting the Vice-Chair and provide for election of a Vice-chair by voice nomination and vote under Agenda Item 5;**
- (3) Waive the existing process and authorize the Chair to appoint two Executive Committee members subject to ratification of those appointments at the March 2025 Board Meeting; and**
- (4) Direct the Executive Committee to prepare amendments to Policy No. 200.3 and the Board Rules for approval at a board meeting later in 2025.**

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency; Eric Houston, Rancho Murieta Community Service District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	19
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	3

RWA Chair

Director Brett Ewart and Director Michael Saunders were nominated by their peers to be the 2025 RWA Board Chair.

RWA Vice Chair

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, was asked if he still wanted to be the Vice Chair if he did not win the election of Chair. He agreed to continue to be the Vice Chair if he did not win the Chair seat. No other Directors were interested in servicing.

RWA Executive Committee

The following additional Directors were appointed by the Chair to be on the RWA Executive Committee:

Bruce Kamilos – Elk Grove Water District
Chris Nelson – City of Lincoln

4. ELECT A CHAIR

A roll call vote occurred with the following results:

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Raymond Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; 11 voted for Director Ewart.

Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District; Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency; Eric Houston, Rancho Murieta Community Service District; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; 8 voted for Director Saunders.

Director Ewart was elected and appointed as the incoming RWA Board Chair with an 11 - 8 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the special meeting at 9:51 a.m.

By:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board