



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:51 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. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR PRO TEMPORE

This item was pulled.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alison Winter, Ardurra Engineering
Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District

4. 2025 RWA VICE CHAIR

During the Special Board meeting held prior to this meeting on January 9, 2025, 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.

A motion was made to ratify Michael Saunders as 2025 RWA Vice Chair.

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

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of November 14, 2024, RWA Board Meeting
- 5.2 Accept the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 RWA Financial Audit Report
- 5.3 Approve the 2025 Policy Principles
- 5.4 Approve the 2025 Federal Affairs Platform

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

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

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

6. 2025 RWA OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ewart presented this action for the Board of Directors to approve five of the 2025 RWA Executive Committee members. The following were elected to the 2025 RWA Executive Committee: Directors Sean Bigley, Brett Ewart, Robert Wichert, Sean Twilla, and Ron Greenwood to serve on the Executive Committee (the two EC members appointed by the RWA Chair will be ratified at the March board meeting per the action at the previous special meeting).

A motion was made to approve 2025 Executive Committee Members

Motion/Second/Carried Director Sanders moved, with a second by Director Nelson

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

No action was taken on the second recommended action consider and resolve officer and Executive Committee vacancies

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

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Board to consider and approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Water Authority and the California Municipal Utilities Association.

A motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Water Authority and the California Municipal Utilities Association

Motion/Second/Carried Director Jones moved, with a second by Director Nelson

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

8. WATERSHED RESILIENCE PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Affairs provided a verbal presentation on this information item updating the Board of Directors on developments with the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project.

9. WATER FORUM AGREEMENT UPDATE

Executive Director Peifer provided a verbal presentation on this information item updating the Board of Directors on developments for the Water Forum Agreement update process.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that the Strategic Plan survey has been sent out to members to complete. He announced the next Coffee Chat will be on February 26 with Dr. Daniel Swain.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Yasutake announced that the City of Folsom has identified their new City Manager Brian Whitemyer starting March 10, 2025.

Director Roccucci commended Director Bigley on his recent promotion as City of Roseville's Director of Environmental Utilities.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

By:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board