

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on March 25, 2025, at 1:31 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. All 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  
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company  
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency

### **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:**

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District; Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the February 18, 2025 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 Bigley, City of Roseville; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 9  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 0

#### **4. FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

This was an information item presented by Tom Hoffart, Finance and Administrative Services Manager, for the Board to discuss and provide feedback on the proposed draft of the RWA Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - Core Budget and Dues Schedule.

##### FY 2024/2025 Projected Budget to Actual Results

Included in the proposed draft of the RWA Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - Core Budget are projections for FY 2024/2025 amounts through year end. Staff has projected a Net Surplus/(Income) of \$129,738 for FY 2024/2025, in comparison to a budgeted Net Deficit/(Loss) of \$115,898 for a net positive impact on reserves of \$245,636. The largest factors in the positive projected results are as follows: projected interest income exceeded the budgeted amount by \$20,000, projected total staff expenses were less than the budgeted amounts by approximately \$100,000, projected legal fees and public outreach expenses were less than budgeted amounts by \$25,000 and \$75,000, respectively.

##### FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

The proposed draft of the budget includes no changes to the dues rate for FY 2025/2026. The FY 2025/2026 proposed budget has a Net Deficit/(Loss) of \$156,651 and a combined Operating Fund/Undesignated Reserve of 9.6 months of Net Core Operating Expenses. The Pension Plan Unfunded Liability expense included in the budget is \$93,800, which represents 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability. The General Consulting Services line item includes an additional \$60,000 to support ARCAP. Expense reimbursements from the Water Efficiency Program and the Common Interest Management Services include a 40% and 10% transfer from the RWA Core, respectively.

##### Future Projections

Projected dues rate increases are 3% for each projected year in the future. For FY 2027-2028, a transition to a new ERP/Accounting system was included in the budget, additional expenses include \$60,000 for general consulting and \$10,000 for computer software for the initial year, and \$15,000 for future years. Other expense line items were based on policies, historical amounts, contracts and schedules, when available.

No action was taken.

## **5. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY**

This was an action item presented by Executive Director Peifer for the Board to receive a Classification and Compensation Report submitted by Regional Government Services and consider the job description and salary for the Executive Assistant position.

**A motion was made to (1) Accept the Classification and Compensation Report submitted by RGS Report amended to include the salary schedules; and (2) Recommend approval of revised job description for Board Clerk - Project Manager to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting.**

Motion/Second/Carried Director Wichert 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 Bigley, City of Roseville; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 9  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 0

## **6. REVIEW OF POLICIES ON ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

This was an action item for Vice Chair Saunders to brief the Executive Committee on matters regarding the recommendations and finding made by the Ad Hoc Committee to review RWA Policy 200.3 to the Board of Directors on addressing vacancies on the Executive Committee.

**A motion was made to recommend approval of policy update by the Board of Directors as amended.**

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

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 Bigley, City of Roseville; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 9  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 0

## **7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND PROP 4 UPDATE**

This was an information item presented by Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager for the Executive Committee to receive an update on matters that the State legislature may consider in the upcoming year and share his insights.

**A motion was made to adopt positions on legislation as presented.**

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

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 Bigley, City of Roseville; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 9

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 0

## **8. 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.

## **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer announced in the interest of time the Executive Committee can review his report.

## **10. DIRECTORS' COMMENT**

No comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:51 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