



RWA Board Meeting Final Minutes September 12, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. the meeting location was hosted by the Fair Oaks Water District, 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA, 95628. A quorum was established of 16 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 Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln George Hanson, City of Roseville Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Rebecca Guo, General Manager, El Dorado Water Agency

RWA Affiliate Members

Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Stantec

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Tom Hoffart, Trevor Joseph, Amy Talbot, Raiyna Villasenor, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores, Michelle Banonis, and Jennifer Buckman, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Brian Heywood, CDM Smith; Tony Barela, Maya Werner, Rincon Consultants; Ellen Cross, Strategy Driver; Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Benjamin Moody, City of Yuba City; Paul Helliker; Joe DeBorba; Heriberto Cadena, FBI; and Jessica Law.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

To accommodate schedules, Chair Ewart announced to the Board of Directors that he was reordering the agenda. The Agenda Items were taken in this order 6, 3, 8, 9, 7, 4, 5, 10 and 11.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of September 12, 2024 RWA Board Meeting.
- 3.2 Approve Annual Review of Investment Policy 500.2 and California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Asset Allocation Strategy

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Gray moved, with a second by Director York

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; George Hanson, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes 16 Noes 0 Abstained 0 Absent 6

4. NEW MEMBERS

Jim Peifer, Executive Director presented this action item for the Board of Directors to approve the admission of a new affiliate member to the Regional Water Authority resulting in new annualized contributions of \$800.00.

A motion to approve the admission of CDM Smith as an Affiliate RWA member.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Gray moved, with a second by Director York

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; George Hanson, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes with a 2/3 vote.

Ayes 16 Noes 0 Abstained 0 Absent 6

5. PROPOSITION 4

Jim Peifer, Executive Director presented this action item for the Board of Directors to approve Resolution 2024-05 supporting Proposition 4 (Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024).

A motion to approve adopt Resolution 2024-05 RWA Supporting Proposition 4

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Caryl Sheehan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; George Hanson, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Gwynne Pratt, Del Paso Manor Water District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company; Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes

Ayes 16 Noes 0 Abstained 0 Absent 6

6. INFORMATION: CYBER SECURITY

Jim Peifer, Executive Director and FBI SSA Heriberto Cadena presented this information item for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation from the FBI on current trends and threats in Cyber Security.

7. INFORMATION: WATER USE REGULATIONS UPDATE

Amy Talbot, Regional Water Efficiency Program Manager presented this information item for the Board of Directors to receive update on the conservation regulation unanimously adopted by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on July 3, 2024.

8. INFORMATION: WATERSHED RESILENCE PILOT PROJECT

Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations presented this information item for the Board of Directors to receive update on Watershed Resilience Pilot Project. The project's initial work includes establishing watershed boundaries, and planning for the initial watershed network meeting. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has hosted or will host several workshops on the watershed resilience framework and toolkit, establishing water budgets, and equity resources.

9. INFORMATION: LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE

Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations presented this information item for the Board of Directors to receive update on the legislative session. The legislative session ended at midnight on August 31st. RWA has tracked over 80 bills in the second year of this legislative session and has a position on 5 outstanding bills that have been sent to the Governor for signature. The Governor has until September 30th to take action on bills.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer provided a brief update on the Water Bank Project.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Yasutake reported that the Folsom City Manager announced their retirement, a recruitment process has started.

Director Ewart reported that City of Sacramento is updating their Water Conservation Plan. What is the most economical way to meet these regulations.

Director Gray informed the group that ACWAJPIA offers Cyber Security Insurance and it is of great value to members.

Director Firenzi reported that Mike Lee is retiring from PCWA's Board of Directors. The other two Board members are incumbents and are running unopposed.

Director Grinstead reported the Sacramento County Water Agency is putting out an RFP for Water Supply Master Plan.

Director York reported two Board seats are up for reelections one is running unopposed. The other seat will be vacant and the County Board of Supervisors will appoint for Sacramento Suburban Water District. Rates are being increased for the next five years.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

By:

Brett Ewart, Chair

Attest:

Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board