

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on April 22, 2025, at 1:35 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
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 Villaseñor, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia and Josh Horowitz, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the March 25, 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 Bigley

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 5
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 4

Director Saunders arrived at 1:39 p.m. and Director Wichert arrived at 1:50 p.m.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET

This was an action item presented by Tom Hoffart, Finance and Administrative Services Manager, for the Board to recommend approval of the RWA Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

A motion was made to recommend the 2025/2026 Budget to the Board of Directors for Approval.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bigley, City of Roseville; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 7
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 2

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 Finance and Administrative Services Manager position.

No action taken.

6. LEGISLATIVE 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.

Due to an error in the staff report, no action was taken. This item will be brought back to the Executive Committee to take action.

7. RWA STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This was an action item presented by Executive Director Peifer for the Board to receive an action plan on updating the RWA Strategic Plan and provide feedback to staff.

A motion was made to recommend approval by the Board of Directors to Update the Strategic Plan.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bigley, City of Roseville; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 7

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 2

8. RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft agenda of the Regional Water Authority, Board of Directors Meeting of May 8, 2025.

A motion was made to approve RWA Board Meeting Agenda for May 8, 2025.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bigley, City of Roseville; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 7

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 2

9. 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.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported on several events that are happening in April and May 2025.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

Director Saunders reported that he will be hosting a panel on Resiliency at the Spring ACWA Conference in Monterey on Wednesday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m., Ryan Ojakian will be presenting the ARWR Pilot project. He also announced that ACWA has named Marwan Khalifa as ACWA Interim Executive Director. They will begin interviews for a permanent replacement on May 5. Director Saunders is running for ACWA's Regional Chair.

Director Greenwood reported that several agencies are heading to Washington DC ahead of the Cap to Cap event to lobby for funding.

Director Wichert reported that the annual Water Forum funding passed unanimously at the last Sacramento Suburban Water District Board meeting.

Director Grinstead reported on the status of the Master Plan for the Sacramento County Water Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Approved by:

 RWA Vice Chair
Brett Ewart, RWA Chair  Michael Saunders

Attested by:


Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board