

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. the meeting location was at The Sacramento Association of Realtors, 2003 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. A quorum was established of 17 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
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Ariana Adame, City of West Sacramento
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City
Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove 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
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, Michelle Banonis, Tom Hoffart, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores and Josh Horowitz, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water D; George Hanson, City of Roseville; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; Paul Helliker, San Juan Water District; Ashlee Casey,

Water Forum; Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of March 13, 2025, RWA Board Meeting

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

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ariana Adame, City of West Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

4. 2025 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ewart presented this action for the Board of Directors to hold an election for the vacancy on the Executive Committee and to ratify the three remaining positions on the 2025 RWA Executive Committee. Two of the positions were nominated by the RWA Chair at the last Board meeting (January 2025) and the third was vacated by Director Robert's retirement.

Director Wichert and Director Nelson nominated Director Grinstead for the remaining seat on the Executive Committee.

A motion was made to elect Director Grinstead to the RWA Executive Committee

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

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; 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; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency – Abstained from voting.

Ayes	16
Noes	0
Abstained	1-Grinstead
Absent	5

A motion was made to ratify the 2025 RWA Executive Committee.

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

S. Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Ariana Adame, City of West Sacramento; Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City; Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

5. LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK

This was an informational item that Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations, presented to the Board covering major policy topics that will be taken up by the Legislature in 2025. Staff is tracking approximately 80 bills which cover a wide range of topics including, among other things, water rate affordability, water rights, water quality, emergency response, and groundwater management.

No action taken.

6. WATER FORUM UPDATE

This was an information item presented by Executive Director Peifer and Ashlee Casey, Interim Executive Director, The Water Forum, the presentation provided an update the Board of Directors on developments for the Water Forum Agreement process having set a goal to complete an agreement by the middle part of this year. They also introduced an important part of the agreement will be the American River Climate Adaption Program (ARCAP).

No action taken.

7. ARTESIAN REPORT

This was an information item presented by Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs for the Board of Directors to receive an update and discuss the status of the American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs (ARTESIAN) Project Agreement and associated projects. The progress made for ARTESIAN participants, progress remaining for completion, and an overview of what next steps are required until the close of and after the reimbursement period.

No action taken.

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.

No action taken.

9. 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN PRORITIES

This was an action item presented by the Executive Director Peifer for the RWA Board of Directors to receive a presentation summarizing feedback from a Strategic Plan Prioritization Survey from the members and to consider and approve proposed priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

A motion to approve the Strategic Plan Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that at the last joint Sacramento Suburban Water District and Del Paso Manor Water District Board meeting it was announced that DPMWD would be withdrawing from the RWA.

ECOs is hosting an Earth Day event on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 11am-4pm at Southside Park (700 T Street) in Sacramento, for a free, family-friendly event, with opportunities to learn and network about sustainability.

11.DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Foster reported that they have had an increase in stolen water meters, they have been addressing the issue by setting the meters in sand.

Director Yasutake reported that they also have had issues with meter thefts. Also reported that the new City Manager, Bryan Whitemyer, started on Monday.

Director Roccucci reported that the City hosted a workshop with the FBI and it was well-attended by RWA members. The City is hosting the Lineworkers' Rodeo on March 29 at the Fairgrounds from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Director Kirchner reported the City of Yuba City is welcoming an interim City Manager and new Human Resources Director.

Director Saunders reported that he attended the ACWA DC Summit.

Director Jones reported that the region is concerned about the invasive golden muscle. The Bay Delta launches are closed to ensure the muscles are not introduced into the waterway.

Director Firenzi reported that PCWA Finance Director Joe Parker is retiring they have named Kerry Parks as interim Director.

Director Wichert reported that Sacramento Suburban is also experiencing stolen meters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

By:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board