



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
May 8, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:01 a.m. the meeting location was at 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

Barbara Leary, City of Folsom
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Matthew Medill, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento – Arrived at 9:08 a.m.
Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento
Ariana Adame, City of West Sacramento
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City – Arrived at 9:10 a.m.
Benjamin Moody, City of Yuba City – Arrived at 9:10 a.m.
Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation District
Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District
Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District – Arrived at 9:12 a.m.
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
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Rebecca Guo, El Dorado Water Agency

RWA Affiliate Members

Vanessa Nishikawa, Principal Water Resources Engineer, Stantec; and Lauren Sullivan, CDM Smith

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Trevor Joseph, Tom Hoffart, Raiyna Villasenor, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores and Josh Horowitz, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Ashlee Casey, Water Forum; Eric Tsai, Department of Water Resources; Arthur Hinojosa, Department of Water Resources; Jose Alarcon, Department of Water Resources; Joe DeBorba; Tony Barela; Christine Kohn; and Brian Sanders

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Zlotnick pulled Item 3.1 Meeting Minutes; he requested that all alternates be listed under the RWA Board Member section in future meeting minutes.

3.2 Approve proposed revisions to RWA Policy 200.3 by the Board of Directors addressing vacancies on the Executive Committee.

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

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

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; Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	6

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

A motion was made to approve draft meeting minutes of March 13, 2025, RWA Board Meeting as presented.

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

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; Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	6

4. WATERSHED RESILIENCE PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

Arthur Hinokosa, Regional Assistance Division Manager, Department of Water Resources provided a verbal presentation updating the Board of Directors on developments with the Statewide efforts being made on the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project.

No action taken.

Item 8. Water Forum update was taken out of order

8. WATER FORUM UPDATE

This was an information item presented by Executive Director Peifer and Ashlee Casey, Executive Director of the Water Forum. The presentation provided an update to the Board of Directors on developments for the Water Forum Agreement process having set a goal to complete an agreement by the end of this year.

No action taken.

5. FY 2025-26 BUDGET

This is an action item for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation, discuss and adopt the RWA Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

A motion was made to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Kaplan moved, with a second by Director Leary

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; Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation 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;

Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	16
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

6. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

This is an action item to receive a Classification and Compensation Report submitted by Regional Government Services (RGS) consider job description and salary for Board Clerk - Project Manager and Finance Director.

A motion was made to obtain additional salary information and for it to be returned back to the Executive Committee.

Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation District– Abstained from voting.

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

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; 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes. Abstained vote – Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation District.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	1 - Penn
Absent	5

7. STRATEGIC PLAN

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 was made for staff to begin work to update the Strategic Plan.

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

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; Paul Penn, El Dorado Irrigation 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; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes. Motion passes.

Ayes	16
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	5

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer directed the Board to read his written report.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Yasutake reported that the City of Folsom is recruiting for a Public Works Director, recruitment closes on June 27.

Director Roccucci and Director Bigley introduced Devin Whittington, Assistant Director of Environmental Utilities, City of Roseville, to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

By:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board