

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on July 22, 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
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
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, Ashley Flores, Monica Garcia, Raiyna Villasenor, and Josh Horowitz, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District and Brian Saunders, City of Sacramento

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the June 30, 2025, Executive Committee Special Meeting.

A motion was made to the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Ron

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

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

4. STRATEGIC PLAN 2030

This was an information item presented by Executive Director Peifer requesting direction from the Executive Committee on the next steps for the development of the next Strategic Plan.

No action taken, direction was provided to staff.

5. 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.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This was an action 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.

The Legislature passed and the Governor signed a budget package on June 27, 2025. There are a number of outstanding issues moving forward that are almost certain to cause the budget to be revisited. Among the issues are an extension on cap and trade, addressing potential budget shortfalls from changes in federal funding, and policy trailer bills. Among the actions that were taken associated with the June 27, 2025, budget were CEQA reforms. One issue in those reforms was a change to how water supply assessments apply to infill development. How that policy issue and others are addressed through the budget is likely to be an active area through the end of session.

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

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

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Sean Bigley, City of Roseville; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency voted yes. Motion passed.

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

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer directed the committee to his written report.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

Director Saunders reported that he is the new chair for the ACWA Headwaters Committee.

Director Greenwood reported that the Carmichael Water District has a new lawsuit they are navigating, would appreciate any shared experience.

Director Wichert expressed interest in working on the RWA Strategic Plan and asked if staff planned on responding to the ECOS letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Approved by:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attested by:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board