

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on August 26, 2025, at 1:39 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Eight 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
- 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 and Josh Horowitz, legal counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District; Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Andrea Zimmer, Hazen and Sawyer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of the July 22, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting
- 3.2 Approve draft RWA Board Agenda for September 11, 2025, Board Meeting
- 3.3 Recommend approval of administrative revisions to several Board policies
- 3.4 Approve Change Order #5 to Task Order #22-02 to the Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- 3.5 Approve Change Order #1 to Task Order #3 to Agreement with Woodard & Curran

A motion was made to the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

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; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 0

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

5. CLOSED SESSION – Started at 1:53 p.m.

5.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: Executive Director

5.2 Closed session regarding labor negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6.)

Agency Representative(s): Directors Ewart and Saunders

Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – at 2:54 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken on 5.1 or 5.2

7. LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK

This was an action item presented by Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager, requesting the Executive Committee to take positions on state legislation and receive an update on legislative and regulatory actions.

The Legislature passed and the Governor signed a budget package on June 27th. However, 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. With this backdrop there are a few bills and policies that an updated position is recommended.

AB 532 (Ransom D- Tracy)

CMUA sponsored Low-Income Rate Assistance bill. Recent amendments present a concerning precedent on voluntary opt-out contributions. There is an effort to address this issue through further amendments.

Current Position: Support

Recommended Change: Neutral pending outcome of amendments

SB 707 (Durazo D- Los Angeles)

Makes various changes to the rules for local agencies to hold public meetings pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act).

Current Position: None

Recommended Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Health Rivers and Landscapes Trailer Bill

Would create a specific exemption from CEQA for an action of the state board or a regional board relating to regional water quality control plans.

Current Position: None

Recommended Position: Support if amended

A motion was made to take positions on the following bills as specified.

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

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; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 0

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY 500.2 AND CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST (CERBT) ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGY

Finance Director Hoffart presented this action item for the Executive Committee to receive the annual review the RWA Policy 500.2 – Investment Policy and the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Asset Allocation Strategy. Pursuant to California Government Code 53646, the Investment Policy shall be considered at a public meeting on an annual basis.

A motion was made to recommend approval of no changes to RWA Policy 500.2 and CERBT Asset Allocation Strategy to the Board of Directors

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

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; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 0

9. STRATEGIC PLAN 2030 UPDATE

This was an information/discussion item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director and Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services for the Executive Committee to receive an update on the approach to developing the RWA Strategic Plan 2030.

RWA staff believe more discussion should occur regarding the development of the plan and requested input on a formation of an ad hoc committee.

Chair Ewart formed an Ad Hoc Committee tasked with providing suggestions for consulting support services and the value of existing and potential RWA “service offerings. The Ad Hoc Committee includes Michael Saunders, Sean Bigley, Bob Wichert, and Brett Ewart.

No action was taken.

10. 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.

There was a discussion and status update on the Water Bank Project – Water Accounting System.

No action taken.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer announced the upcoming Coffee & Conversation with Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management at DWR starting at 10:00 a.m. on August 28.

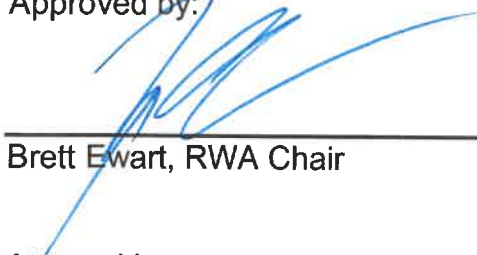
12. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Approved by:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attested by:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board