



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
September 11, 2025**

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 Fair Oaks Water District, 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628. A quorum was established of 17 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Audie Foster, California American Water – Exited at 11:06 a.m.
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District - Arrived at 9:06 a.m.
Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District
Barbara Leary, City of Folsom - Arrived at 9:06 a.m.
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Devin Whittington, City of Roseville
George Hanson, City of Roseville
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Anne Sanger, City of Sacramento
Rebecca Scott, City of West Sacramento
Wade Kirchner, City of Yuba City - Arrived at 9:06 a.m.
Pravani Vandeyar, 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
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company
Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District – Exited at 10:55 a.m.
Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency – Exited at 10:56 a.m.
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency – Exited at 10:56 a.m.
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Jay Boatwright, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District

RWA Associate Members

Rebecca Guo, El Dorado Water Agency; John Hansen, SMUD;

RWA Affiliate Members

None

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Tom Hoffart, Michelle Banonis, Trevor Joseph, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores and Gavin Ralphs, Legal Counsel

Others in Attendance

Ashlee Casey, Water Forum; Trevor Kent

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of July 10, 2025, RWA Regular Board Meeting

3.2 Approve no changes to RWA Policy 500.2 and CERBT Asset Allocation Strategy

3.3 Approve administrative revisions to several RWA Board policies

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

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

Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Tom Nelson, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water 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.

Ayes	15
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	6

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

5. CLOSED SESSION – Started at 9:06 a.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): Director Ewart
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 10:02 a.m. - ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action taken on 5.1 or 5.2

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

A motion was made by the Chair to provide 6.25% adjustment to the RWA Executive Director Salary, effective beginning FY25/26. All other contract terms and conditions remain in place.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved, with a second by Director Costa

Audie Foster, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; David Wheaton, 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; 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; Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

Ayes	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	4

8. WATERSHED RESILIENCE PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

This is an information item presented by Executive Director, Jim Peifer and Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations briefing the Board of Directors on the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project activities. Staff and consultants continue to work on the Watershed Resilience Pilot Project, which is being funded by a grant from the Department of Water Resources. Most recently, the consultants have been focused on setting up technical tools for analysis and developing a framework for prioritizing the strategies to adapt to climate change. The Board of Directors received a presentation on the recent activities.

9. PREVIOUSLY BANKED WATER

This is an Information item presented by Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services to brief the Board of Directors on a recent Water Bank activity which quantifies "Previously Banked Water." RWA staff and consultants have analyzed the amount of water that has been stored within the North American Subbasin and South American

Subbasin through conjunctive use efforts. Manager Joseph reported on the results of the study that was conducted.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that he and Manger Ojakian met with the Executive Director of Capital Caucus Foundation and that the RWA desires to join the CCF for an annual fee of \$10,000. The Board agreed this would be worth investing in for the 2026 calendar year. In an effort to save time Executive Director Peifer directed the Board to read his written report for additional updates.

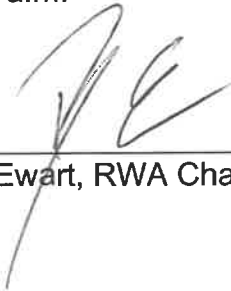
11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Wichert reported that Sacramento Suburban Water District will be presenting at their next Board meeting on how artificial intelligence and machine learning in predicting future leaks.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

By:



Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board