

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ewart called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on October 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Six 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  
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District – Entered at 1:47 p.m.  
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln  
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District  
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company  
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency – Entered at 1:58 p.m.  
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District

**Staff Members**

Jim Peifer, Tom Hoffart, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Raiyna Villasenor, Ashley Flores and Gavin Ralphs.

**Others in Attendance:**

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of September 23, 2025 Executive Committee meeting

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

Motion/Second/Carried Director Saunders moved, with a second by Director Twilla

Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 6  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 3

**4. POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO POLICIES 300.1 (AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR), 400.2 (COMPENSATION POLICY), 400.4 (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW POLICY), AND 500.13 (BUSINESS EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY)**

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the Executive Committee to consider and recommend approval of the proposed revisions to RWA Policies 300.1, 400.2, 400.4, and 500.13 by the RWA Board of Directors.

**Policy 400.2 (Compensation Policy)**

In 2024, the RWA adopted Resolution 2024-04 directed staff to include information on the Executive Director's salary on the RWA website. Specifically, stating: "To maintain transparency in local agency compensation, the RWA website shall maintain an "Employee Compensation" page that states the current RWA Executive Director's monthly salary." The proposed revision to Policy 400.2 (Compensation Policy) is provided to ensure this direction is memorialized and not lost.

**Policy 300.1 (Authority Delegated to the Executive Director) and Policy 400.4 (Executive Director Review Policy)**

The policy direction and methodology to prioritize the actions in the Strategic Plan are found Policy 400.4 (Executive Director Review Policy). Staff proposes to remove the policy direction from that policy and include it in "duties section" of Policy 300.1 (Authority Delegated to the Executive Director). Policy 300.1 appears to be a better "home" for this policy direction.

***Policy 500.13 was pulled by Executive Director Peifer as advised by General Counsel Ralphs.***

**A motion was made to recommend approval of the proposed revisions to RWA Policies 300.1, 400.2, 400.4 by the RWA Board of Directors.**

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 Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Michael Grinstead, County of Sacramento; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0

Absent- 1

**5. RWA SPONSERSHIP OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE RECHARGE PERMITTING**

This was an action item presented by Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager provided a brief update improving access to high flow events for the purpose of groundwater recharge, largely focused on the concept of improving the permitting process for recharge. Staff is requested that the Executive Committee to approve sponsoring legislation in this area to allow for more active and direct engagement in these efforts.

**A motion was made to approve the sponsoring of legislation to improve recharge permitting.**

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

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 Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Michael Grinstead, County of Sacramento; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8

Noes- 0

Abstained- 0

Absent- 1

**6. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Executive Director Peifer presented this information item for the Executive Committee to receive a progress report on the Strategic Plan Update. A shortlist has been established; a scope of work was drafted by Director Wichert that was approved by the ad hoc committee. Next steps will be to release the RFP.

No action taken.

**7. 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.

**8. RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Executive Director Peifer presented this action item for the Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft agenda of the Regional Water Authority, Board of Directors Meeting of November 13, 2025.

**A motion was made to approve RWA Board Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2025.**

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 Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Michael Grinstead, County of Sacramento; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 8  
Noes- 0  
Abstained- 0  
Absent- 1

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Peifer announced various dates for upcoming events hosted by RWA. Surplus property was also attached to this report and was approved for disposal.

**10. DIRECTORS’ COMMENT**

Director Saunders reported that he was appointed as the ACWA Chair for District 3. He also reported GDPUD welcomed Director Fisher. The next Mountain County Forum will hold a panel including Diane Papin discussing water North to South.

Director Kamilos reported that the Board of Directors signed the Phase 3 Water Bank agreement.

Director Grinstead reported that he had conversations with Todd Smith and Supervisor Kennedy about the Water Forum 2.0 agreement.

Director Wichert reported that SSWD has received a presentation on Water Forum and will have another discussion at their November Board meeting. SSWD also entered a one-year agreement with Vota for a trial of their conditions assessment tool to identify leaks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ewart adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

By:   
Brett Ewart, RWA Chair

Attest:   
Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board