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REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026
at 1:30 p.m.**

**2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 967-7692**

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Committee members may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of April 26, 2026, Executive Committee meeting

Action: Approve Consent Calendar

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presenter: Ryan Ojakian, Manager of Government Relations

Action: Take positions on State and Federal legislation on any bill pending in the State Legislature or Congress upon a recommendation by staff and a discussion on the bill within the Executive Committee

5. INFORMATION: RWA PROGRAM UPDATES

Presenter: Jim Peifer, Executive Director

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(b); significant exposure to litigation involving one case.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings:

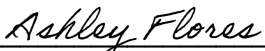
Next RWA Board of Director's Meeting: Regular RWA Board Meeting, July 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Fair Oaks Water District, 10326 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628. The location is subject to change.

Next RWA Executive Committee Meeting: The next RWA Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Office located at 2295 Gateway

Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Notification will be emailed when the RWA electronic packet is complete and posted on the RWA website at: <https://www.rwah2o.org/meetings/board-meetings/>.

Posted on: May 21, 2026



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board



Topic: Public Comment
Type: New Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: [Policy 200.1, Rule 11](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Board Clerk	PRESENTER:	Michael Saunders Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to recognize or hear from visitors that may be attending the meeting or to allow members of the public to address the Executive Committee on matters that are not on the agenda.

As noted on the agenda, members of the public who wish to address the committee may do so at this time. Please keep your comments to less than three minutes.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

Public agencies are required by law to provide an opportunity for the public to address the RWA Executive Committee matters that are not on the agenda.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR



Topic: Meeting Minutes
Type: Consent Calendar
Item For: Action; Motion to Approve
Purpose: [Policy 200.1, Rule 14](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Ashley Flores, CMC Board Clerk	PRESENTER:	Ashley Flores, CMC Board Clerk
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to review and consider approving the draft minutes of the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Meeting of April 28, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A motion to approve the minutes, as presented or amended.

BACKGROUND

The draft minutes of the above referenced meetings are included with this Agenda. The minutes reflect the RWA Policy 200.1 to document specific details on items discussed at the meetings. The Executive Director may list on the agenda a "consent calendar," which will consist of routine matters on which there is generally no opposition or need for discussion. Examples of consent calendar items might include approval of minutes, financial reports and routine resolutions. Any matter may be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar at the request of any member of the Board. The entire consent calendar may be approved by a single motion made, seconded and approved by the Board.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

Staff believes the draft of the presented minutes correctly reflect the information shared and actions taken by the Executive Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Draft meeting minutes of the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Meeting of April 28, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saunders called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on April 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the RWA Board Room located at 2295 Gateway Oaks, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Seven of the Executive Committee Members were present at roll call; a quorum was established. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Executive Committee Members

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Chair
Nichole Baxter, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District – Exited at 3:40 p.m.
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento – Arrived at 1:36 p.m.
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Tom Hoffart, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Raiyna Villasenor, Amy Talbot, Josh Horowitz and Ashley Flores

Others in Attendance:

Trevor Kent, Intera; Andrea Zimmer, Hazen and Sawyer; Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento; Jerry Azevedo and Bill Mueller, Integrated Communication Strategies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Trevor Kent made a brief introduction to the Executive Committee about his company Intera and the contributions they have made to the region. This was supplemental for Item 3.2

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of March 17, 2026 Executive Committee meeting

3.2 Recommend approval by the RWA Board of Directors of new affiliate membership – INTERA

A motion was made to the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

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

4. INFORMATION: STRATEGIC PLAN 2030

This is a discussion item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to receive an update on the Strategic Plan 2030 project from our consultants Mr. Jerry Azevedo and Bill Mueller, Integrated Communication Strategies.

No action taken, information only.

5. HEALTHY RIVERS AND LANDSCAPES /ARTESIAN AGREEMENTS

This is an action item for the acquisition of services for or amendments to several agreements to support the development or implementation of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (HRL). Along with a regulatory pathway of unimpaired flow, the HRL is presented as an option to meet objectives in the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Board's) *December 2025 Draft Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed* (Bay-Delta Plan Update). The Bay-Delta Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted by the State Board later this year. The following agreements or amendments are needed to support or augment the HRL:

- American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs (ARTESIAN) Project Agreement, Amendment No. 1 (Amendment #1 to the ARTESIAN). This amendment will be executed by RWA and HRL Parties.
- Amendment to Agreement – ARTESIAN Grant Management Services for Budget Augmentation (West Yost Agreement Amendment). This amendment will be executed by RWA and West Yost.
- Interagency Agreement for Cost-Sharing for Science and Habitat Plan for HRL (Water Forum Science and Habitat Agreement). This agreement will be executed between RWA, the Sacramento Water Forum (Water Forum Office), and the HRL Parties.

A motion was made to approve Recommend approval of the Healthy Rivers and Landscape/ARTESIAN agreements to the Board of Directors:

- **Interagency Agreement for Cost-Sharing for Science Habitat Plan for HRLP**
- **Amendment #1 to ARTESIAN agreement**
- **Amendment #1 to West Yost agreement – Grant Management**

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

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

6. RWA FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to approve and recommend adoption of the RWA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget to the RWA Board of Directors.

Approve the RWA FY 2026-2027 Budget and Recommend adoption by the RWA Board of Directors

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

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

7. RWA WEBSITE REDESIGN AND COMPLIANCE

This is an action item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to discuss and provide staff direction on the current RWA website, the required upgrades to comply with state ADA requirements and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a multi-year professional services agreement with Streamline-CivicPlus for web design, conversion and technical services.

No action take, Committee provided staff direction.

8. APPROVE OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025 AND CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGY

This was an action item presented by Finance Director Hoffart for the Executive Committee to approve the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Valuation

report as of June 30, 2025 and to approve the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Asset Allocation Strategy.

A motion was made to approve and accept the OPEB Actuarial Valuation report as of June 30, 2025; and consider and approve CERBT Asset Allocation Strategy 1.

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 7
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 2

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This was an action item presented by Ryan Ojakian, Government Relations Manager for the Executive Committee to take position on State and Federal legislation.

A motion was made to take positions on state and federal legislation on any bill pending in State Legislature or Congress upon recommendation by staff and a discussion on the bill during this Executive Committee meeting

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; and Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; voted yes. Motion passed.

Ayes- 7
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 2

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.

No action taken, information only.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that he has retained legal counsel specializing in Human Resources.

12. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

By:

Attest:

Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board



Topic: Legislative Update
Type: Legislative
Item For: Action; Take positions
Purpose: Policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority- Advocacy Objective A

SUBMITTED BY:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations	PRESENTER:	Ryan Ojakian Manager of Government Relations
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an action item for the Executive Committee to receive a briefing on current legislative matters of concern and to consider and take positions on proposed legislation. The RWA Executive Committee may take a position on any bill pending in the State Legislature or Congress upon a recommendation by the RWA staff and a discussion on the bill with the committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Take positions on State and Federal legislation on any bill pending in the State Legislature or Congress upon a recommendation by staff and a discussion on the bill within the Executive Committee.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Ojakian will be providing an oral report on legislative matters, including but not limited to [AB 2026](#), a bill cosponsored by RWA and NCWA.

FINDING/CONCLUSION

This information is consistent with Policy Principles adopted as part of RWA policy 100.5 and Strategic Plan Priority - Advocacy Objective A.



Topic: RWA Program Update
Type: Old Business
Item For: Information/Discussion
Purpose: [Policy 200.2](#)

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information/discussion item for the Executive Committee to have a two-way dialogue with staff regarding various programs and initiatives the RWA currently has underway.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

The RWA have a number of programs underway, the Executive Director will brief the Executive Committee on the status of many of those programs and initiatives. The report will include key milestones reached to date, the overall status of the programs, upcoming key milestones, and current and future anticipated resources.

Agenda Items #6-8

Closed Session Material TBD



Topic: Executive Directors’ Report
Type: New Business
Item For: Information
Purpose: General

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Jim Peifer Executive Director
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item for the Executive Director to provide a briefing on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information/discussion only.

BACKGROUND

This report is intended to provide an opportunity for the Executive Director to report to the Executive Committee on important activities, reports, communications, advocacy, and other updates.

RWA Website – Staff will be preparing and distributing a Request for Proposals to potential vendors to update and potentially host the RWA website. Staff would like to thank Director Wichert for his advice and interest in improving the website.

American River Climate Adaption Program – Staff continues to partner with the Water Forum staff in developing ARCAP. The next phase of work involves providing a questionnaire to water purveyors with several questions that help identify opportunities for making quantifiable quantities of water available for the ARCAP goals.

Eugene Robinson – I regret to inform the committee of the passing of Eugene (Gene) Robinson, a retired employee of the Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority (SMWA). RWA staff has received notice of his recent passing. As committee members may know, SMWA was a predecessor organization to the RWA, and the RWA accepted the retirement obligations of SMWA when it was dissolved. Attached is some information on Mr. Robinson, including photographs and a short biography of him from the “class notes” section of the Summer 2020 publication of Engineering Advantage from the California Polytechnic University College of Engineering.



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Eugene (Gene) Robinson (Aerospace Engineering, '55), now retired, had an extensive career as a propulsion test engineer for Douglas Aircraft/McDonnell-Douglas; Sacramento Test Center general manager; project manager for Legislative Aide Water Resources and Ground Water Contamination for the Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority; and as a contributor with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Sacramento's Moon Rocket and Sacramento Rocket Man by Alan Lawrie.



Topic: Directors' Comments
Type: New Business
Item For: Information
Purpose: Routine

SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Peifer Executive Director	PRESENTER:	Michael Saunders Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an information item to provide an opportunity for the RWA Executive Committee to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

None. This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND

This report is intended to provide an opportunity for the Board of Directors to report on any updates from their agency, comments, request future agenda items, recommendations, and questions.