



Regional Water Authority

BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**RWA Board Meeting
Final Minutes
March 12, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saunders called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order on March 12, 2026, at 9:03 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 19 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee, Carmichael Water District – Entered at 9:12 a.m.
David Wheaton, Citrus Heights Water District
Barbara Leary, City of Folsom
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
George Hanson, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Rebecca Scott, City of West Sacramento
Philip Marler, City of Yuba City
Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District (Online)
Paul Lindsay, 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
Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company
Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District
Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water Company
Chris Shepard, Orange Vale Water Company
Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency
Tony Firenzi, Placer County Water Agency
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Kevin Thomas, Sacramento Suburban Water District (Online)
Craig Locke, Sacramento Suburban Water District (Online)
Ted Costa, San Juan Water District
Adam Larsen, San Juan Water District
George Machado, San Juan Water District
Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District (Online)

RWA Associate Members

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

RWA Affiliate Members

None

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Tom Hoffart, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Trevor Joseph, Monica Garcia, Ashley Flores and Josh Horowitz, Legal Counsel

General Public

Ashlee Casey, Water Forum; Ted Rauch, ECOS; Andrea Zimmer, Hazen and Sawyer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of January 8, 2026 RWA Regular Board Meeting

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

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

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; Rebecca Scott, City of West Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove 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; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water District; Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

Ayes	19
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	2

4. INFORMATION: 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.

The next phase will involve identifying adaptation strategies and projects for inclusion in the Watershed Resilience Plan. DWR has emphasized that regions further along in planning will be better positioned to compete for Proposition 4 funding. Progress to date, supported by the collaboration of local agencies, NGOs, community partners, and Water Forum members, strengthens the region’s ability to attract the resources needed to put resilience strategies into practice.

No action taken, information only.

5. PROPOSITION 4

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the Board of Directors to approve Resolution 2026-01 entitled Preparing for Climate Change and Proposition 4.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-01

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

The following vote was taken by roll call:

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; Rebecca Scott, City of West Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove 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; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water District; Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

Ayes	19
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	2

6. WATER FORUM AGREEMENT 2050

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director for the Board of Directors to receive a brief update and consider approval and authorize the RWA Chair to sign the Water Forum 2050 Agreement. The Water Forum Agreement 2050 is complete and Water Forum participating organizations are approving the agreement. The Water Forum Plenary approved the “main body” of the agreement at a meeting of the Plenary on September 25, 2025. At the time, the remaining portions of the agreement needed to be completed, and that was largely the Purveyor Specific Agreements (PSAs) from the retail water agencies. The Water Forum participants have agreement on the PSAs. The

agreement was brought to the Board of Directors for discussion at the January Board meeting. There were no objections to the agreement during that meeting.

A motion was made to approve and authorize the RWA Chair to sign the Water Forum 2050 Agreement

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

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; Rebecca Scott, City of West Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Jon Money, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove 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; Robert Hunter, Orange Vale Water District; Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency; Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency; Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District; and Ted Costa, San Juan Water District; voted yes.

Ayes	19
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	2

7. INFORMATION: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This was an information item presented by Michael Saunder, Board Chair and Ashley Flores, Associate Project Manager for the Board of Directors to receive and update on the project for the Strategic Plan 2030 update.

No action taken, information only.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported out the next Coffee and Conversation is scheduled for April 15, Michelle Banonis will interview John Watts, Water Policy Counsel for Senator Alex Padilla.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Greenwood reported that General Manager, Lee will be resigning in May.

Director Leary reported that the City of Folsom signed their Water Forum agreement at their last City Council meeting.

Director Roccucci reported that the City of Roseville and PCWA are collaborating on a conveyance project in conjunction with Army Corp of Engineers and received 5.3 million dollars toward the project.

Director Scott reported that the City of West Sacramento is projecting a 25% rate increase for water and sewer services.

Director Kamilos introduced Director Lindsay, the newest member to RWA.

Chair Saunders reported that GDPUD General Manager's contract has been renewed.

Director Jones reported that Nevada Irrigation District water rates will increase 12.5% biannually.

Director Firenzi reported that PCWA also received 8.9 million for the conveyance project with City of Roseville. He also reported that he was also appointed to the DWR the Advisory Committee to represent the Sacramento region and provide input for the State Water Plan development.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

By:



Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board