



Regional Water Authority
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Executive Committee Meeting
Final Minutes
February 17, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saunders called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on February 17, 2026, at 1:30 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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, Chair
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company
Nichole Baxter, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
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, Trevor Joseph, Amy Talbot, Michelle Banonis, Monica Garcia, and Ashley Flores.

Others in Attendance:

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of January 27, 2026 Executive Committee meeting; draft minutes of RWA GM and Utility Management Workshop Quarterly Meeting minutes of January 21, 2026; and RWA Special Closed Session – HRLP Workshop of January 26, 2026

A motion was made to the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; 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- 9
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 0

4. FY 2025/26 Mid-Year Budget Review and FY 2026/27 Planning

Executive Director Peifer and Finance Director Hoffart presented this discussion item to brief the Executive Committee on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mid-Year Budget Review and Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Planning.

No action taken, information only. Staff direction provided on key issues for the FY 2026/27 Budget.

5. INFORMATION: STRATEGIC PLAN

This was an information item presented by Associate Project Manager Flores to brief the Executive Committee on the latest progress on the Strategic Plan update. It was reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met last month and selected Integrated Communication Strategies LLC as the consultant. They have accepted and entered into a contract for \$40,000. A project kickoff meeting is scheduled for the end of the month.

No action taken, information only.

6. 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.

7. 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 March 12, 2026.

A motion was made to approve RWA Board Meeting Agenda for March 12, 2026.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Greenwood moved, with a second by Director Kamilos Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; Nichole Baxter, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; 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- 9
Noes- 0
Abstained- 0
Absent- 0

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported out that we are getting a lot of good press recently.

9. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 4:01p.m.

By:



Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Attest:



Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board