



**Regional Water Authority**  
BUILDING ALLIANCES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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**Executive Committee Meeting  
Final Minutes  
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:

  
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Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Attest:

  
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Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board