

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saunders called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order on May 26, 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
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District – Arrived at 1:38 p.m.
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency

Staff Members

Jim Peifer, Ryan Ojakian, Michelle Banonis, Raiyna Villasenor, Josh Horowitz and Ashley Flores

Others in Attendance:

Greg Zlotnick, San Juan Water District

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve draft meeting minutes of April 28, 2026 Executive Committee meeting

A motion was made to the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District; Sean Twilla, Golden State Water Company; and Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency voted yes. Motion passed.

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

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This is a discussion item for the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee to receive an update on legislative activity including AB 2026, a bill cosponsored by RWA and NCWA.

No action taken, information only.

5. 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.

Chair Saunders called a recess at 2:26 p.m. to 2:32 p.m.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

7. CLOSED SESSION – ENTERED AT 2:35 P.M.

Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(b); significant exposure to litigation involving one case.
No action take, Committee provided staff direction.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 3:42 P.M. - ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action taken.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported that staff is working on an RFP for Website Redesign and ADA Compliance.

He also thanked Director Greenwood for inviting the RWA to participate, at the Carmichael Water District's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony which celebrated the construction of a new well,

on April 10, 2026. The project was partially funded by a grant from the Department of Water Resources. Several dignitaries spoke including Director Mark Emmerson; State Senator Roger Niello; and Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond.

10. DIRECTORS' COMMENT

Director Greenwood reported that they have brought in Kenneth Payne as the interim General Manager for Carmichael Water District and have started the recruitment process for a permanent placement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

By:


Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Attest:


Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board