

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saunders called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order on May 14, 2026, at 9:03 a.m. the meeting location was at the Carmichael Water District, 7837 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA 95608. A quorum was established of 17 participating members present in person. Individuals who participated are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District
Ken Payne, Carmichael Water District
Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District
Barbara Leary, City of Folsom
Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom
Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Sean Bigley, City of Roseville
George Hanson, City of Roseville
Devin Whittington, City of Roseville
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Lisa Kaplan, City of Sacramento (online)
Philip Marler, City of Yuba City
Pravani Vandeyar, El Dorado Irrigation District
Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove Water District
Bruce Kamilos, Elk Grove Water District
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District
Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
Nicholas Schneider, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation District
Chris Wilson, Placer County Water Agency
Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency
Michael Grinstead, Sacramento County Water Agency
Robert Wichert, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Dan York, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Jay Boatwright, 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; Juliet Swinger, SMUD

RWA Affiliate Members

Ashu Shirolkar, Black & Veatch

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; Kathy Abarca, Citrus Heights Water District; Jerry Azevedo; ICS; Bill Mueller, ICS; Trevor Kent, Intera; Maya Goodwin, Goodwin Strategy & Economics; and Andrea Zimmer, Hazen and Sawyer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approve the draft meeting minutes of March 12, 2026, RWA Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Evan Jacobs, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Pravani Vandeyar, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation 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	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	3

4. PRESENTATION: CAPITOL REGION SKILLED TRADES WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

This was an information item introduced by Executive Director, Jim Peifer, presented by Maya Goodwin, Goodwin Strategy & Economics and Juliet Swinger, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District. The Capitol Region Skilled Trades Workforce Initiative is an effort to engage regional stakeholders in the greater Sacramento region to collaboratively develop a workforce program that will prepare and connect people to good

quality skilled trades careers in the utilities industry (across electric, gas, water, wastewater, and telecommunications), with a focus on opening doors to these careers for economically marginalized communities and underrepresented populations.

No action taken, information only.

5. PRESENTATION: JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM

This was an information item introduced by Executive Director, Jim Peifer, presented by Todd Jordan and Kathy Abarca from Citrus Heights Water District. Director Jordan is the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and provided a brief update on the Joint Purchasing Program.

No action taken, information only.

6. PRESENTATION: STRATEGIC PLAN 2023

This was an information item introduced by Executive Director, Jim Peifer, presented by Jerry Azevedo and Bill Mueller of Integrated Communications Strategies. The Board received an presentation that included a detailed outline of how the work will be completed on the Strategic Plan 2030 project. It is projected that the final work product will be completed by the end of the year.

No action taken, information only.

7. RWA FY 2026-27 BUDGET

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director and Tom Hoffart, Finance Director for the Board of Directors to receive a presentation, discuss and adopt the RWA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

Per the RWA Joint Powers Agreement and the RWA Policy 500.11 (Budget Policy), the RWA must adopt a budget prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year. At the RWA Executive Committee Meeting on April 28, 2026, the Executive Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and recommended adoption by the RWA Board of Directors.

A motion was made to adopt the RWA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget including a 5% rate increase for RWA membership.

Motion/Second/Carried Director Ewart moved, with a second by Director Costa

Evan Jacobs, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Pravani Vandeyar, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation 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	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	3

8. NEW MEMBERS

This was an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director, for the approval by the Regional Water Authority Board of Directors of the admission of INTERA as an affiliate member of the Regional Water Authority resulting in new annualized contributions of \$800.00.

Mr. Trevor Kent, Senior Hydrologist, gave a brief introduction to the Board about INTERA and why they would like to join RWA.

RWA Policy 100.6 (RWA Affiliates) governs the admission of affiliate members. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the members is required for INTERA to become a member.

A motion was made to approve admission of INTERA as an affiliate member of the Regional Water Authority.

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

Evan Jacobs, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Pravani Vandeyar, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation 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	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	3

9. HEALTHY RIVERS AND LANDSCAPES PROGRAM

This is an action item presented by Jim Peifer, Executive Director 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 amendments and agreement 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.
- **West Yost Agreement Amendment-** ARTESIAN Grant Management Services for Budget Augmentation. 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 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the following agreements:

- (1) Amendment #1 to ARTESIAN;**
- (2) Amendment #1 to the West Yost Agreement Amendment; and**
- (3) Water Forum Science and Habitat Agreement**

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

Evan Jacobs, California American Water; Ron Greenwood, Carmichael Water District; Todd Jordan, Citrus Heights Water District; Marcus Yasutake, City of Folsom; Chris Nelson, City of Lincoln; Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville; Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento; Philip Marler; City of Yuba City; Pravani Vandeyar, El Dorado Irrigation District; Paul Lindsay, Elk Grove Water District; Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District; Michael Saunders, Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District; Greg Jones, Nevada Irrigation 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	17
Noes	0
Abstained	0
Absent	3

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Peifer reported on the work being done to prepare for Proposition 4 funding including Recharge-related funding.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Greenwood introduced Ken Payne as interim General Manager of Carmichael Water District.

Director Nelson reported that City of Lincoln is participating in the Mulch Mania program this coming weekend.

Director Roccucci reported that the City of Roseville has focused on succession planning in recent years and it is helping transitioning staffing as they are experiencing several retirements recently.

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

Chair Saunders reported that GDPUD is preparing for their agency's 80th anniversary.

Director Wilson reported that PCWA District 1 Director Allen has retired and will be replaced by Director Jefferson Willoughby.

Director Grinstead reported that SCWA is completing their Urban Water Management Plan.

Director Wichert reported that SSWD is completing their Urban Water Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

By:


Michael Saunders, RWA Chair

Attest:


Ashley Flores, CMC, Clerk of the Board