

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Roscoe called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Carmichael Water District. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Andy Soulé, California American Water
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District
Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District
Joseph Dion, Citrus Heights Water District
Bob Churchill, Citrus Heights Water District
Dave Kane, Citrus Heights Water District
Walt Sadler, City of Folsom
Spencer Short, City of Lincoln
Steve Palmer, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville
Marty Hanneman, City of Sacramento
Dan Sherry, City of Sacramento
John Downing, Del Paso Manor Water District
Bill George, El Dorado Irrigation District
Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company
Michael Schaefer, Orange Vale Water Company
Sharon Wilcox, Orange Vale Water Company
Brain Martin, Placer County Water Agency
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Vice Chair
Tom Fellenz, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Executive Director; Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel; Rob Swartz, Linda Higgins and Cecilia Partridge.

Others in Attendance: Bill Hetland, Elizabeth Mansfield, Vickie Caulfield, Mike Roberts, Ed Kriz, Diana Messina, Guillermo Garcia, Jim Crowley,

David Isaacson, Mark Salmon, Steve Brown, Melanie Holton, Jose Ramirez, Keith Durkin, Paul Siebensohn, Greg Young, Frank Bradham, Stan Dean, Rueben Robles, Sandy Kozlen, Chuck Rose and Tom Gohring.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3a. The minutes from the RWA Regular Board meeting held May 14, 2009.

3b. Executive Director Performance Report

The Executive Director Review Committee has completed the 2009 performance review process, and has discussed findings and recommendations with the Executive Director.

3c. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Policy

On March 12, 2009 the RWA Board of Directors authorized funding Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). The new written policy (500.10) will formalize the funding process.

3d. Resolution 2009-04 Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursement

On March 12, 2009, the RWA Board of Directors authorized funding the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and approved using the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Fund (CERBT), which is managed by CalPERS, as the Trust Administrator. RWA must complete a Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements Resolution, indicating the persons authorized to request disbursements from the Prefunding Plan.

All requests for disbursement must be in writing and include a certification that the monies will be used for the purposes of the Prefunding Plan. The requests must be signed by an individual authorized by the employer to request disbursements from the Plan. PERS requires that requests exceeding \$10,000 have the signatures of two authorized employer representatives. The RWA Check Signing Policy 500.6 states that for amounts over \$10,000, the following two signatures are required: the RWA Board Chair and the Executive Director.

3e. RWA Budget Policy

RWA does not currently have a written budget policy. A new written policy (500.11) will help to formalize the budget process. The policy identifies

guidelines within which budget resources may be reallocated without Executive Committee or Board approval.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Mr. Sadler moved, with a second by Mr. Schaefer, to approve the consent calendar items.

4a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Final minutes of the April 22, 2009 and draft minutes of the June 24, 2009 RWA Executive Committee meetings were included in the packet for informational purposes.

4b. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past several months, RWA has been in the process of developing a Strategic Plan to guide the organization over the next two to five years. A Strategic Planning Committee has met on four occasions, and a Strategic Planning Workshop was held on January 20, 2009. The outcome of these efforts includes a vision, values, goals, and objectives for RWA, as well as roles and responsibilities to implement the objectives. Following adoption of these strategic plan elements, staff will write background information and publish the final RWA Strategic Plan.

Mr. Woodling presented the full scope of the proposed strategic plan. The strategic plan consists of four main goals that include 1) continuously improve an integrated regional water management plan that is comprehensive in scope and guides effective water resources management in the region; 2) assist members with implementing successful water resources management strategies and related programs; 3) inform and educate members and interested parties by providing a forum for discussion of issues and outreach to stakeholders and a clearinghouse for sharing information; and 4) represent regional needs and concerns to positively influence legislative and regulatory policies and actions. For each goal a SMART objective was defined. The next steps will be to generate text to support the elements that are presented for adoption, finalize the document and begin an implementation plan.

Mr. Rose complimented Mr. Woodling on the way the Strategic Plan was presented. Mr. Rose suggested an additional column be added to the Strategic Plan spreadsheet to communicate immediate concerns with the RWA Executive Committee as they occur, particularly with legislative items.

M/S/C Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Ms. Roccucci, to approve the RWA Strategic Plan.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RWA Financial Report – A financial report for RWA for the period July 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 was included in the packet. All expense categories are within budgeted amounts except for the consulting line item. This is due to consulting expenses for Brown and Caldwell for the Homeland Security Grant, which was a grant opportunity that was not budgeted for in fiscal year 2009. The Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services has confirmed that the first reimbursement invoice has been approved and payment is expected sometime in July 2009.

Legislation Update – The deadline for bills to pass out of their house of origin was June 5, 2009, so the number of bills we are actively tracking has reduced somewhat. We are working aggressively to seek changes to two bills intended to implement the Governor's call for 20% reduction in per capita demand by 2020, AB 49 and SB 261. RWA staff and members, with the assistance of David Jones, lobbyist for the City of Sacramento, have met with a number of local legislators, as well as the authors of these bills to present our water use and water conservation information. Legislators and/or their staff we have met with to date include, Senator Lois Wolk, Senator Fran Pavley, Senator Dave Cogdill, Senator Bob Dutton, Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Senator Dave Cox, Assemblymember Dave Jones, Assemblymember Roger Niello, Assemblymember Ted Gaines, Assemblymember Dan Logue, Assemblymember Jim Nielsen, Assemblymember Mariko Yamada, and Assemblymember Dave Jones. We are also working closely with ACWA to try to affect this legislation.

A number of Delta related bills are still under discussion, including SB 12, SB 229, SB 457, SB 458, AB 12, and AB 39 that relate to aspects of Delta governance and implementation of Delta Vision. Several of the bills call for a fee to be levied on diversions from the Delta watershed and on water conveyed through the Delta to fund the programs. Most of the bills we are tracking will be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on July 6th and in a joint session of Senate Natural Resources and Water with Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife on July 7th.

Metro Chamber State Legislative Summit – The Metro Chamber held its annual State Legislative Summit on June 10, 2009. The Water Resources team was led by Rob Roscoe and Derrick Whitehead, and included a number of other RWA members. The team had the opportunity to meet with our local legislators and their staff, as well as with key committee staff. The six water resources issue papers were included in the packet.

Water Conservation Policy Update – DWR has released its AB1420 compliance guideline document. AB1420 requires that urban water suppliers either demonstrate compliance with water conservation best management practices or develop and implement a plan to achieve

compliance to be eligible for certain state grant programs. RWA staff attended a workshop on the guidelines on June 17, 2009.

The State interagency team released its draft final *20x2020 Water Conservation Plan* in late April. RWA submitted comments consistent with our adopted water conservation policy principles. Staff attended a public meeting on the plan held on May 29, 2009. It is not clear when (or whether) the final plan will be released.

Grant Funding Update – Our various state of California grants are still frozen. Staff recently prepared and submitted two grant applications for economic stimulus funding for water conservation to the Bureau of Reclamation.

Integrated Regional Water Management Update – Staff and representatives of the Water Forum, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, and Montgomery Watson Harza attended the Region Acceptance Process (RAP) interview held by the Department of Water Resources on June 11, 2009. The interview is intended to help DWR make a recommendation regarding designating the American River Basin IRWMP area as an officially recognized region for future funding opportunity. Feedback from the state representatives present was generally supportive of our application. The recommendations are expected by September 2009. Staff is beginning to develop a Stakeholder Forum workshop to be held in September or October 2009. The intent of the workshop is to engage a large number of additional stakeholders in the IRWMP development effort and to inform them on the status of planning activities.

SACOG Water Resources Paper – Staff attended a meeting of SACOG's Land Use Committee, at which SACOG staff presented a water resources background paper prepared by a consultant. Committee members suggested that a more detailed discussion of water resources by the full SACOG Board might be warranted. RWA staff offered to participate in presenting information on urban water use in the region.

Water Forum Update – Many purveyors have adopted the new Water Conservation Element of the Water Forum Agreement or have it scheduled for board action. Work on the environmental documentation for the Lower American River Flow Standard continues. HDR/SWRI was selected as the consultant to conduct the work. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) released a biological opinion (BO) regarding the impacts on salmon, steelhead, and green sturgeon of operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Water Forum staff and consultants are evaluating the extent to which the BO may affect implementation of the LAR Flow standard.

6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. George reported that EID hopes to have the General Manager vacancy filled by the third week of July. Caples Lake is currently 99% full and has been planted with trophy trout.

Mr. Gray requested that the RWA Executive Committee meeting agendas be emailed to all RWA board members.

Mr. Churchill announced a project initiated by the Rotary Club of Folsom asking for "spare change" to raise funds for a much needed water truck for a desert community in Peru. Citrus Heights Rotary is assisting in this project (a 3 to 1 match) with the local rotary clubs.

Mr. Roscoe reminded board members to register for the 2009 Summer Symposium scheduled for July 23 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

7. STATUS AND FUTURE OF RECYCLED WATER IN THE REGION

Five RWA members or associates, El Dorado Irrigation District, Rancho Murieta Community Services District, City of Roseville, City of Lincoln, and Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District operate wastewater treatment plants and provide recycled water for various uses. Recycled water currently makes up approximately 1% of the municipal water use in the region. One of the objectives developed in the RWA Strategic Plan was to assess the current level of recycled water use in the region and identify the most promising opportunities for expansion of recycled water use.

Paul Siebensohn, Director of Field Operations for Rancho Murieta Community Service District, gave a presentation on Rancho Murieta CSD's recycled water use. Mr. Siebensohn talked about their wastewater treatment system and when they first began using recycled water. His presentation covered how much recycled water is used annually, where and how it is used, the biggest obstacles they have overcome, their plan for expansion of recycled water use, where the most promising opportunities are and drivers for expanding recycled water use. He believes that we need regional policies and/or regional planning regarding recycled water and that recycled water needs to be incorporated into the IRWM Plan.

Frank Bradham, Consulting Engineer, presented on behalf of the City of Lincoln. Lincoln has a new wastewater treatment and reclamation facility (WWTRF) designed to meet Title 22 effluent standards. The facility is compatible with unrestricted reuse reclamation and with creek discharge to Auburn Ravine. The WWTRF effluent meeting Title 22 unrestricted criteria can be used for irrigation of food crops, parks, playgrounds, schoolyards, residential landscaping and unrestricted access golf courses. Goals of

reclamation are to maximize reclaimed water use, optimize storage, balance on-demand delivery versus cost, maximize cost recovery and beneficial uses and implement reclamation projects based on highest benefit to costs ratio. Mr. Bradham gave a brief summary of existing and proposed reclamation facilities.

Derrick Whitehead, Environmental Utilities Director for the City of Roseville gave a presentation on Roseville's Recycled Water Program. Roseville's current recycled water users include golf courses, Sun City Streetscape, School House Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Elliot Park, West Roseville Specific Plan and Roseville Power Plant. Mr. Whitehead gave some future planned uses for their recycled water and he explained why using recycled water is a benefit. Mr. Whitehead commented that there are lessons to be learned as additional demands are placed on recycled water.

Vickie Caulfield, Waste Water/Recycled Water Division Manager for EID gave a presentation entitled "El Dorado Irrigation District Recycled Water Program, A Success Story". EID's experience includes water, wastewater, recycled water, recreation, and hydroelectric power. Ms. Caulfield gave a background report of EID's history and the steps they've taken to use recycled water that resulted in their current recycled water operations. EID currently uses recycled water for golf course irrigation, residential yard irrigation, decorative pond, street median irrigation, parks & schools irrigation, construction and commercial irrigation. The future of recycled water includes a seasonal storage reservoir, minimal creek discharge, augmentation of water supply and dual plumbed homes.

Jose Ramirez, Senior Civil Engineer, and Stan Dean, Chief of Policy and Planning for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District presented "SRCSD's Water Recycling Program: Present and Future Water Recycling Efforts". They gave background information on the SRCSD service area, facilities and operations and water supply portfolio. SRCSD is not a water purveyor, but a potential recycled water supplier for the area. The recycled water is currently used for landscaping purposes. They talked about SRCSD's future goals to increase water recycling capacity and to develop a large-scale water recycling program. They summarized the Water Recycling Opportunities Study (WROS) with the recommendations for centralized projects and satellite projects. The region is facing issues with limited water supplies, increasing water demand, drought proof water supplies and increased competition for the water supplies statewide. SRCSD is changing their thinking and trying to look at what they put back into the river as a resource that is a potentially marketable commodity. There are challenges for water recycling programs and potential opportunities for partners to participate in these programs. SRCSD is helping meet state water policy goals and want to send a message to the region that they are interested in exploring any and all opportunities.

There was discussion regarding associated costs of water conveyance and net water use. Potentially we give up some of our supply sources of higher quality to use secondary water. There are different legal theories on water rights. Mr. Woodling asked what the members see as RWA's role and if there is a need for regional planning and regional policy beyond the work that was done today. Mr. Whitehead said that there is a huge opportunity for partnerships to be formed.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Roscoe adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer