



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

**Regional Water Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Final Minutes  
December 9, 2009**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lorance called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

Board Members

Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District  
Joe Dion, Citrus Heights Water District  
Ken Payne, City of Folsom  
Bill George, El Dorado Irrigation District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Gray Allen, Placer County Water Agency  
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District (Vice Chair)  
Shauna Lorance, San Juan Water District (Chair)

Staff Members

John Woodling, Executive Director  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Rob Swartz  
Nancy Marrier  
Linda Higgins  
Cecilia Partridge

Others in Attendance

Brian Martin, Evelyn Cook, Ed Formosa and Marty Hanneman. Nicole Krotoski participated via conference phone.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Draft minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held October 28, 2009.

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

#### **4. AUDIT REPORT**

Cook CPA Group has completed the financial audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009. Evelyn Cook presented the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. She reported that RWA received an unqualified opinion on the audit, which is the highest opinion an audit can receive. Ms. Cook noted that there were no new management comments and observations this year and that last year's recommendations have all been implemented.

M/S/C Mr. Allen moved, with a second by Mr. Payne, to recommend RWA Board acceptance of the 2009 RWA financial audit report

#### **5. 2010 RWA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

RWA Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every other month. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. The schedule of meetings for 2010 will remain the same with a proposed change to the November 11, 2010 date. This meeting would conflict with the Veteran's Day holiday; therefore, the meeting will be changed to November 4, 2010.

M/S/C Mr. Payne moved, with a second by Mr. George, to approve the proposed schedule of RWA Board meetings for 2010.

#### **6. JANUARY 14, 2010 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

M/S/C Mr. Nugent moved, with a second by Mr. Payne, to approve the January 14, 2010 proposed RWA Board meeting agenda.

#### **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Legislative Update** – The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a package of five bills to address a Delta solution and other water policy issues. Four policy bills and an \$11.1 billion dollar bond bill make up the package. The bond bill will go before the voters in November 2010.

Our coordinated regional advocacy efforts, as well as coalitions with other upstream water users and other Sacramento area groups, were effective in getting some important changes to the legislation.

Now that the legislation has passed, there will be many implementation actions on which we will need to focus. For example, the State Water Resources Control Board must develop Delta flow criteria within nine months, and Department of Water Resources must develop an alternative compliance mechanism for the water conservation legislation. Appointments to the Delta Stewardship Council and the California Water Commission must be made, and will drive the course of implementation of the policy legislation. No doubt there will be additional legislation next year to clean up and expand on the special session bills.

RWA staff convened a meeting on November 13 to begin to develop a regional strategy to track and respond to implementation issues. It was agreed that an RWA Regulatory Affairs Committee should be formed to formalize our coordination efforts. The current membership of the committee includes Andy Soulé, Dave Brent, Derrick Whitehead, Ken Payne, Einar Maisch, David Witter, Ed Crouse, Rob Roscoe, and Shauna Lorance. A follow up meeting is being scheduled.

Mr. Bartkiewicz commented that he expected that there will be more water legislation to address the items that were not included as part of the Delta package. The Delta Stewardship Council will be appointed in January 2010.

**Integrated Regional Water Management Update** – On November 30, 2009, DWR released its final recommendations for IRWM regions. The American River Basin IRWM region has been approved. DWR staff provided a tentative schedule for upcoming IRWM funding opportunities. DWR expects to release draft IRWM guidelines and a planning grant solicitation package in January 2010. The first round of applications for implementation funding is expected in the May/June 2010 timeframe. RWA staff is beginning planning for an IRWM Planning Forum to discuss new projects in February 2010.

**Water Efficiency Program Update** – Staff and RWEF Public Outreach subcommittee reviewed and provided feedback on regional outreach campaign ideas prepared by Christine Kohn with Incommunications. Outreach campaign ideas and strategy were developed based on the findings of the regional telephone survey. Incommunications will present the refined campaign and outreach strategy for 2010 to the RWEF on December 8, 2009.

The RWA Strategic Plan called for development of a two-year plan for the Regional Water Efficiency Program. Staff has scheduled a workshop on December 15, 2009 at Sacramento Suburban Water District with RWA general managers and conservation staff to explore the future direction of the program.

The California Urban Water Conservation Council Board of Directors has generally been populated primarily with representatives of Bay Area and southern California water agencies. RWA and member staff has been contacting agencies from inland areas of the state in an attempt to get Lisa Amaral, from the City of Roseville, elected. Lisa would bring long needed representation from our region to the CUWCC.

Chair Lorance urged all general managers and mid-level managers to attend the December 15<sup>th</sup> workshop. Mr. Roscoe said that this workshop will assist water districts in getting on the same page with common future deadlines and reporting procedures.

**Regional Water Security Study Update** – A draft of the Regional Water Security Plan for Sacramento County is currently being reviewed by the County Office of

Emergency Services. The study is on schedule for completion by December 2009. Mr. Woodling said that a request has been made to Congresswoman Matsui's office for funding for the security measures in this plan. Some education is necessary for our federal representatives to understand that the benefits are for the region.

**RWA Consulting Agreements** – A report containing the status of the current RWA consulting agreements was included in the packet.

## **8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mr. George reported that EID is proposing a 35% rate increase on water, wastewater, and recycled water services in 2010, a 15% increase in 2011, and a 5% increase each year from 2012 through 2014. There will be hearings scheduled to explain the rate increases to EID customers.

Mr. Dion complimented Rob Swartz on his presentation to the Citrus Heights Water District board. Mr. Dion said that CHWD received \$50,000 to help pay for one of their wells.

Mr. Payne announced that Jeffrey Starsky is the newly elected major for the City of Folsom and Andy Morin is the new vice mayor. Folsom received a AA rating from Standard and Poor's.

Mr. Roscoe said that SSWD participated in the state's drought water bank. At the end of the process their net after all expenses had been paid was approximately \$1.8 million. Mr. Roscoe said that this was accomplished through the efforts of Ed Formosa.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Lorance adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer