



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

**Regional Water Authority  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Final Minutes  
June 16, 2010**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Executive Committee Members

Joe Dion, Citrus Heights Water District  
Ken Payne, City of Folsom  
Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville  
Bill George, El Dorado Irrigation District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Brian Martin, Placer County Water Agency  
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Shauna Lorange, San Juan Water District

Staff Members

John Woodling, Executive Director  
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel  
Cecilia Partridge

Others in Attendance

Dan Sherry

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Draft minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held April 28, 2010.

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

At 8:35 a.m. staff was dismissed and the open session portion of the meeting was closed.

**4. CLOSED SESSION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(E) AND (F), 54957 AND 54957.6 TO DISCUSS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE REPORT AND CONFER WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**5. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 9:45 a.m.

The Executive Director Review Committee completed the 2010 performance review process, and has discussed findings and recommendations with the Executive Director.

The Committee reported back from closed session with a 5/3 split vote, the majority recommending a 2% increase in the Executive Director's salary to be effective July 1, 2010. The recommendation is to go to the full RWA board in the form of an amendment to the employment contract with John Woodling, Executive Director. There was unanimous consent of the Executive Committee members that the Executive Director's performance exceeded expectations and in fact the Executive Committee voted to upgrade the performance review that was recommended by the Executive Director Review Committee to reflect their opinion as a superior performance by Mr. Woodling. The Executive Committee requested that a contract amendment be prepared for presentation to the full RWA board at the next regular meeting.

**6. TASK ORDER WITH NICOLE KROTOSKI, CPA**

In April, 2008 staff was directed to prepare an RFP for CPA services. Ms. Nicole Krotoski was awarded the contract. The RFP stated that services will be provided on an as-needed basis and will be provided for a period of up to five years, subject to annual review and renewal. A master services agreement already exists between RWA and Ms. Krotoski. Staff recommends that a new task order under this agreement be issued with Ms. Krotoski for the purpose of providing financial management consulting services from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000. The contract amount is within the approved RWA budget.

Mr. Woodling reported that there was a competitive process for this contract at the direction of the board in 2008. He also reported that Ms. Krotoski's hourly rate will remain the same. A question was raised about Ms. Krotoski living in Virginia. Mr. Woodling added that her knowledge of RWA's finances and her working relationship with staff outweighs those concerns and that Ms. Krotoski has been living in Virginia since the start of her contract, and no issues have arisen over the first two years of the contract. Ms. Krotoski's travel costs have not been an issue in the past because much of the work is done by computer and phone conferences. Ms. Krotoski's personal travel to California has allowed for necessary periodic meetings, although this cannot be relied upon in the future.

Her hourly rate is lower than the other firms included in the RFP and would probably offset the cost of any travel that might be needed. It was suggested that the task order item “*Go To Meeting*” charges for remote presentations be changed to be more generic and not specify a particular vendor.

M/S/C Ms. Lorance moved, with a second by Mr. Whitehead, to authorize task order RWA 10-01 with Nicole Krotoski CPA for financial consulting services from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000 reflecting the changes discussed above.

## **7. JULY 8, 2010 RWA BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Suggested changes to the agenda include 1) adding sub item c) to agenda item number 4 to “Approve Executive Director Contract Amendment”; 2) postpone agenda item number 5, “SGA Water Accounting Framework presentation” to the September board meeting; and 3) change agenda item number 6 to “Regional Water Efficiency Update” with sub items a) Outreach Program Presentation, b) California Urban Water Conservation Council Update and c) SBX7 7 Urban Stakeholder Committee Update.

There was discussion about adding a presentation on the Delta issues. It was suggested that a workshop be held in July or August to be devoted strictly to the Delta issues. After the initial session has been held it will be decided how frequently these sessions may be warranted.

M/S/C Mr. Whitehead moved, with a second by Mr. Dion, to approve the July 8, 2010 board meeting agenda with the above noted changes.

## **8. LEGISLATION POLICY**

The Joint Powers Agreement defines certain matters that require unanimous consent of the membership to be items such as legislation, regulatory or projects proposed by other entities. Unanimous written consent is time consuming and challenging to achieve. The result is that the effectiveness of RWA's efforts to advocate on behalf of the region may be reduced in some cases. A number of members have expressed a desire to explore other alternatives, and the RWA Board directed the Executive Committee to discuss streamlining the process of developing, negotiating, and adopting policy positions.

For reference, language proposed, but rejected in 2006 is pasted below. These amendments would have provided for abstention from supporting or rejecting a proposed position.

**Limitations.** To ensure that the Regional Authority does not take a position on External Policy Issues without the concurrence of the Members, the written consent of all Members (i.e., the unanimous consent of the entire membership,

not just those present at a meeting, or a quorum of the membership) will be required before the Regional Authority adopts formal positions on External Policy Issues. The consent required under this subsection can be obtained in the following manner: (1) at the direction of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will provide a written request to each Member for approval of the Regional Authority taking a position on the External Policy Issue; (2) the Members may respond in writing: "yes," "no" or "abstain;" and (3) all Members have responded in writing, and no Member has responded "no."

Mr. Woodling addressed alternatives for improving effectiveness of RWA advocacy efforts. Mr. Woodling asked for direction from the Executive Committee on how to proceed and the timing for going forward. The strategic planning committee met in October 2009 and looked at making changes to the JPA. The committee moved forward to form a legislative committee, which has become a government affairs committee, to help streamline the process of obtaining policy positions. Discussion centered on various ways of responding to deadlines for formal positions as well as whether the timing for amending the JPA is appropriate. There was consensus among the Executive Committee that now is not the time to take an amended JPA to individual agency boards and city councils; however, we should begin to prepare language for further consideration by the Executive Committee in the future.

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

**Sacramento County Membership** – Mr. Woodling has been in discussion with staff of Sacramento County Water Agency regarding their joining RWA. Based on direction from the executive committee, Mr. Woodling sent a letter to the county inviting them to apply for membership. Mr. Woodling has been working with Kerry Schmitz to determine the level of support they may need before the board of supervisors, which may include letters from RWA members.

**Government Affairs Update** – RWA's Government Affairs Committee meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 by conference call. The last meeting of the month is in person at Sacramento Suburban Water District. The next scheduled meeting is June 22, 2010. The committee had a special meeting on June 2, 2010 to discuss a strategy for tracking and responding to actions of the Delta Stewardship Council. Mr. Woodling and Ryan Bezerra will track the Council and report to the Government Affairs Committee. At some future time, the Government Affairs Committee may recommend expending additional resources on Delta issues.

**Integrated Regional Water Management Update** – Work on the IRWM Update is ongoing. Staff developed and sent a survey to more than 100 potential stakeholders in the region to get information on priority water management issues in the region. The survey results will be used to develop workshops to get input on water management objectives and establishing quantifiable goals for water planning in the region. Staff prepared an application seeking \$134,183 through the USBR System Optimization Review Grant Program. Because RWA was not

an eligible applicant, San Juan Water District submitted the application. If successful, the grant will help fund establishing objectives, goals, and identifying and prioritizing projects in the region. These are all required elements of an IRWMP. The IRWM Management Committee is scheduled to meet next on July 14, 2010.

**Grant Funding Update** – Ongoing grants include: Prop 50 Implementation Grant (\$25 million); Prop 50 Drought Grant (\$1.97 million); Prop 50 Toilet Rebate Grant (\$1.12 million); USBR Meter Grant (\$5 million); USBR ET Controller Grant (\$294,000).

**RWA Outreach Activities** – Mr. Woodling continues to serve on the Urban Stakeholder Committee to advise DWR on implementation of SBX7 7. The next meetings of the USC will be June 22nd and 23rd in Chino. The meeting on the 23rd will be the first meeting of the subcommittee that will consider alternatives for implementing the fourth alternative for target setting (Option 4).

Mr. Woodling was a speaker on a panel at the California Water Association Conference on June 8th discussing public-private partnerships. He explained the mechanisms by which investor owned utilities are fully engaged in both SGA and RWA. Mr. Woodling was a panelist on a panel discussing SBX7 7 at the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) Plenary meeting on June 9th.

Rob Swartz and Linda Higgins assisted RWA members who are also CUWCC members in developing a proposal for changing the way board representation is determined to better reflect regional differences.

**RWA Financial Report** – The investments report for the period ending May 31, 2010 was included in the packet.

**CalPERS CERBT Quarterly Statement** – On March 12, 2009 the RWA Board voted to approve RWA early implementation and adopt GASB No. 45 and to use the CERBT Trust, which is managed by CalPERS, as the Trust Administrator. The CERBT Quarterly Statement ending March 31, 2010 was included in the packet.

## 10. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Whitehead reported that attendees at the recently held meeting of the Water and Nature Subcommittee to the Sacramento Greenwise initiative did not recognize the connection between water and nature or what to expect from a water efficiency program.

Mr. George reported that El Dorado Irrigation District signed a Warren Act contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for up to 4,500 acre-feet of water. The water, to be taken from Folsom Reservoir, is comprised of pre-1914 water

rights and water storage rights from Weber Reservoir. The water is taken from Folsom Reservoir through EID's pumping facility at the reservoir to meet customer demand in the El Dorado Hills area.

Mr. Martin mentioned that groundwater monitoring legislation should not only be for individual regions because we are all in the same groundwater basin. Mr. Roscoe wondered whether it was time to have discussions about why there are so many groundwater entities over one groundwater region and possibly think about combining West Placer, SGA, and the Central Sacramento basin together into one groundwater monitoring system. Mr. Woodling suggested that we move forward with discussions on the groundwater monitoring including a plan that includes staffing, reporting, and management of the program prior to January 2011. Mr. Roscoe suggested the Executive Director work on a business model for how this could work as a subscription program through RWA.

Mr. Roscoe commented that Sacramento Suburban Water District continues to work on a groundwater substitution transfer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Roscoe adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer