

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dion called the regular 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 Soule<sup>1</sup>, California American Water  
Paul Selsky, Carmichael Water District  
Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District  
Joseph Dion, Citrus Heights Water District, Chair  
Bob Churchill, Citrus Heights Water District  
Ken Payne, City of Folsom  
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville  
Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville  
John Downing, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Debra Sedwick, Del Paso Manor Water District  
Bill George, El Dorado Irrigation District  
Randy Marx, Fair Oaks Water District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company  
Michael Schaefer, Orange Vale Water Company  
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District  
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District  
Shauna Lorange, San Juan Water District

### **Staff Members**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Brian Martin, Chuck Rose, Neil Schild, Keith Durkin, Ed Formosa, Keith Wallace, Steve Brown, Ane Deister, Jim Crowley, Cathy Monaghan, Dan Sherry, Evelyn Cook and Sandy Kozlen.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes from the RWA Regular Board meeting held November 13, 2008.

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

### **4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a. Final minutes of the October 29, 2008 and draft minutes from the December 10, 2008 RWA Executive Committee meetings.
- b. RWA Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every other month. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. There were no potential meeting conflicts or changes to the schedule for 2009.
- c. Cook CPA Group has completed the financial audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. The full audit report and the Comments and Observations were included in the packet

M/S/C Ms. Lorance moved, with a second by Mr. Nugent, to approve the schedule of RWA Board meetings for 2009 and to accept the 2008 RWA financial audit report.

### **5. ELECT 2009 RWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A copy of the procedures for selection of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was included in the packet. The election process involves multiple rounds of balloting to achieve a total of nine members with the following:

- At least two seats on the Executive Committee will be held by members of the Board of Directors who are members of a governing board of a Member of RWA (as defined in Articles 2 and 3(i) of the JPA).
- At least two seats on the Executive Committee will be held by members of the Board of Directors who are members of management staff of a Member of RWA.
- At least one seat on the Executive Committee will be held by a member of the Board of Directors who represents a City or County Member of RWA.
- At least one seat on the Executive Committee will be held by a member of the Board of Directors who represents a Contracting Entity of RWA (as defined in Article 3(d) of the JPA).
- A majority of the seats on the Executive Committee (i.e., five seats on a nine-member Executive Committee) will be held by members of the Board of Directors who represent a Member of RWA.

Mr. Bartkiewicz, RWA Legal Counsel, gave a brief overview of the election process. Chair Dion appointed Paul Bartkiewicz and Nancy Marrier to act as the Elections Committee. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to make a statement, if they desired. Hard copies of all final ballots will be kept in the RWA office for anyone who wishes to review them.

M/S/C Elect the following members to the 2009 Executive Committee

- Andy Soule', California American Water
- Steve Nugent, Carmichael Water District
- Joseph 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
- Shauna Lorange, San Juan Water District

## **6. ELECT 2009 RWA CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair and Vice-Chair were elected by the Board of Directors from the membership of the Executive Committee.

M/S/C Ms. Lorange was elected as the 2009 Chair.

M/S/C Mr. Roscoe was elected as 2009 Vice Chair.

## **7. DELTA ISSUES UPDATE**

The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger, completed its Delta Vision Strategic Plan in October 2009. Subsequently the Delta Vision Committee, consisting of the Secretaries of Resources, Environmental Protection, Food and Agriculture, Business, Transportation and Housing, and the president of the Public Utilities Commission was charged with developing implementation recommendations for the Strategic Plan and transmitting them to the Governor and Legislature. The Delta Vision Committee held public meetings on November 21, December 5, and December 16, 2008. The Committee is expected to provide their final recommendations early in January.

RWA held a well attended Board Workshop on Delta Issues on November 11, 2008. The positions of other water management organizations throughout the state were presented, as well as concerns for our region in the Delta Vision. The RWA Board adopted a Delta Solutions Response Strategy that included 19 recommendations to guide our engagement in

Delta issues and formed an ad hoc RWA Delta Issues Committee. Progress has been made on many of the recommendations. The Delta Issues Committee will meet January 6, 2009 to evaluate progress and plan for legislative outreach.

RWA staff and members have met periodically with the Public Water Coalition of California (PWCC), a consortium of water user groups from throughout the state, and provided input to policy positions of that group. Fourteen of 19 RWA members have approved RWA adoption of the PWCC policy position paper. Staff attended the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the state's Delta Vision Committee and presented the adopted RWA policy principles, focusing primarily on our concerns over water rights and area of origin laws, as well as prescriptive water conservation requirements.

The Legislature has entered the fray as well. Assemblymember Huffman introduced AB 39, to implement the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, and AB 49, a spot bill to implement the goal of a 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020. Assemblymember Salas introduced AB 13, to create a Delta Conservancy. Senator Simitian introduced SB 12, a vehicle for a water bond to finance Delta related actions. Senate President pro Tem Steinberg called for passage of a water infrastructure bond to be put on the 2010 ballot in the first 120 days of the session.

There was discussion regarding the most effectively way to make RWA's position heard. It was suggested that working with a lobbyist may be useful in getting our story told.

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

- **2008 Holiday Social** – Mr. Woodling reported that the 2008 RWA Holiday Social was a great success. The Water Statesperson of the Year Award was given to Shauna Lorance, San Juan Water District General Manager and the Distinguished Service Award was given to Ed Tiedemann, a senior attorney with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard for his 50 years of service in the local water community.
- **Strategic Planning Workshop** – The RWA Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for January 20, 2009. Mr. Woodling said that the online survey is still available for completion and would be beneficial for members to look at prior to the meeting.
- **Water Forum Update** – At the December 2008 plenary meeting a scope of work was adopted to complete environmental work for the flow standard. That decision was made after extensive work and the inability to come to agreement with the Bureau. It was decided to move forward unilaterally, keeping the Bureau informed, with an attempt to get them back on board at a later date.

- **Federal Economic Stimulus Package** – Mr. Woodling suggested that agencies that need funding for shovel ready projects get the information to RWA as soon as possible, so it can be compiled and transmitted to the Corps of Engineers. We need to make certain that these projects get recognized when and if funds become available through the stimulus package.
- **Legislation (AB 28)** – A letter regarding AB 28 (Jeffries) was circulated last week. The bill deals with prohibiting air quality control management districts from restricting the use of natural gas powered pumping equipment for backup systems. Mr. Soule' provided comments that suggested a bill that would prohibit restrictions on any fossil fuel powered equipment for emergency uses. Mr. Woodling asked if there was sufficient member interest for RWA to take a position on this bill. It was agreed that Mr. Woodling would draft a letter to send to the RWA Board for unanimous consent.
- **Water Conservation Policy Update** – Mr. Woodling reported that ACWA has hired consultants to work on an alternative approach to 20 X 2020. Ms. Lorance is on the Drought and Water Conservation Task Force and Mr. Woodling is on the Technical Advisory Committee. Ms. Lorance and Mr. Woodling will both be attending the Water Conservation Policy meeting. Mr. Woodling will continue to provide updates to the board on this issue.

## 9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Dion thanked the RWA Executive Committee for their support the past year.

### Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Dion adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

By:

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer