

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair George called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:06 a.m. at the Sacramento Suburban Water District's Antelope facility. Individuals in attendance are listed below:

RWA Board Members

Andy Soulé, California American Water
Ron Greenwood, 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
Kyle Ericson, City of Folsom
Spencer Short, City of Lincoln
Pauline Roccucci, City of Roseville
Dan Sherry, City of Sacramento
Ryan Saunders, 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
Sharon Wilcox, Orange Vale Water Company
Brian Martin, Placer County Water Agency
David Breninger, Placer County Water Agency
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community SD
Mary Henrici, Rio Linda/Elverta Community WD
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Water Agency
Neil Schild, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District
Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District
Shauna Lorange, San Juan Water District

RWA Associates

Arthur Starkovich, SMUD and Prabhakar Somavarapu, SRCSD.

Staff Members

John Woodling, Rob Swartz, Nancy Marrier, Linda Yager, Cecilia Partridge, Monica Garcia and Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel.

Others in Attendance:

Einar Maisch, Darrell Eck, Nick Stewart, Ed Kriz, Lisa Brown, Ellen Carlson, Kevin Thomas, Frank Bradham, Gerald Schwartz, Keith Durkin, Cheryl Buckwalter, Kurt Elvert, Paul Selsky, Chris Petersen, Michael Johnson, Trevor Joseph, Jafar Faghih, Deana Donohue, Alf Brandt, Charles Rose, Sandy Kozlen, Lisa Maddaus, Steve Brown, Todd Manley and Wade Wylie.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rose congratulated RWA on their 10 years of success.

Mr. Schwartz complimented the RWA on their many accomplishments and mentioned the Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority (RWA's predecessor).

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes from the RWA Regular Board meeting held May 5, 2011.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) Ms. Tobin moved, with a second by Mr. Schild, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The final minutes of the April 27, 2011 and draft minutes of the May 25, 2011 Executive Committee meeting were attached for information.

5. DELTA UPDATE

Mr. Woodling reported that the Delta Stewardship Council continues to meet monthly to develop a draft Delta Plan for formal public release and released the fourth draft in June. RWA has been engaged with an ACWA led Ag-Urban II group that developed an alternative for inclusion in the Delta Plan EIR. The Council has agreed to include that alternative in its entirety. Staff will release a fifth staff draft Delta Plan, which the Council will consider at its July 27-28 meeting. That meeting will be followed by release of the formal public review draft of the Delta Plan as well as the draft EIR. The Council is mandated by law to finalize a plan by January 2012.

Mr. Woodling talked about the Delta Plan, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, and state and federal Legislation. Some of the concerns with the current Delta plan include: 1) the breadth of geographic coverage; 2) it impinges on local land use authority; 3) potential impairment of water rights and supplies; 4) potential impacts on flood protection; 5) fees on upstream diverters and dischargers; 6) onerous regulatory requirements; 7) duplicative statutory policies; and 8) no clear outcome for the Delta.

Mr. Woodling and other upstream water user representatives have been meeting to discuss the concerns of upstream users and our role in the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) going forward. The upstream group met with Jerry Meral on May 26th to further discuss the issues. The group sent a letter to Dr. Meral seeking assurances for upstream water users, and received a promising response.

The Natural Resources Agency has kicked off a modified process for the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan that will include more transparency and inclusiveness. Periodic public meetings and a series of 13 working groups on specific issues will be convened.

6. RWA TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Rob Roscoe, general manager of Sacramento Suburban Water District, and John Woodling, RWA Executive Director, talked about the formation of RWA and the importance of regional planning and collaboration. They focused on the history of RWA and its decade of accomplishments. The joint powers agency was formed to take water management and conservation to a new level in Northern California. The authority provides many benefits including water efficiency, regional water management, advocacy, strategic outreach and partnerships.

There were comments from board members about the many programs that RWA is involved with and the positive outcome of this involvement and collaboration with other agencies. RWA is moving forward in a positive direction and makes a major contribution to the water community. It was noted that partnering with other agencies assists in accomplishing everyone's goals.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Government Affairs Update – Mr. Woodling reported that RWA staff is now tracking a relatively small number of bills that are still in process. Federal legislation, HR 1837 (Nunes), would limit the responsibility of the CVP and SWP in meeting requirements of the endangered species act. The bill would also preempt state water rights law, potentially undermining water rights priorities and area-of-

origin protections. A number of lawmakers, including Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Congressman Wally Herger have come out in opposition to the bill. Congressman McClintock has provided assurances that the bill will not come out of his subcommittee unless it protects water rights. While RWA does not have a formal position on this bill, it would be clearly inconsistent with our Delta policy position. Mr. Woodling expressed concerns in a letter to the editor of the Sacramento Bee.

Public Relations Program Update – Mr. Woodling reported that the first major deliverable under this subscription program, a brochure outlining the region’s water stewardship record, was distributed to members, along with a suggested strategy for dissemination of the information. Larsen Cazanis has met with a number of RWA members to identify existing relationships with key influencers in the region. In the weeks to come, RWA will develop outreach materials on Delta issues and will brief local elected officials over the course of the summer. RWA will engage SACOG support in providing an additional forum for informing local elected officials on water issues. Mr. Woodling briefed the SACOG Board on the Delta Plan and other water issues on June 16th.

Grant Funding Update – DWR has recently provided reimbursement of \$750,000 under the Prop 50 Implementation Grant for Sacramento Suburban Water District’s Verner Avenue Well Project. DWR has also recently approved the final report for the Prop 50 Toilet Rebate Grant, and it has authorized the release of retention of \$112,000 from the grant. The funds for the project were fully utilized. While all invoices have been approved by DWR, we are still awaiting payment of more than \$380,000 in outstanding reimbursement requests from DWR.

On May 16, 2011, staff submitted an application for funds through the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services State Homeland Security Grant Program for security upgrades at water supply facilities in Sacramento County. The total request was for \$799,960. Unfortunately, funds can only be used for facilities in Sacramento County and only local public agencies were eligible for funds, so we were not able to work with all member agencies on the project. Results are expected this month. If RWA is successful in securing funds, a project agreement to manage the grant will be developed.

On May 23, 2011, DWR released initial funding recommendations for the Prop 84 Implementation Grant Program. DWR is recommending a \$16.03 million award for the regional funding package submitted by RWA. Final recommendations are expected by the end of July, 2011. RWA staff will begin drafting a project agreement to manage the grant.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update – The workshop for IRWM stakeholders that RWA held on June 21st was attended by 39 stakeholders

representing a diverse group of planning interests. RWA staff and our consulting team used the workshop to obtain valuable input on a vision, guiding principles, and goals for the IRWMP update. Work will commence this month on the development of a project database and web-based IRWM interface.

Water Forum Update – Work on the modeling to define water supply impacts of the flow standard continues to be delayed. The current schedule calls for modeling results to be presented at the next Water Caucus meeting on July 13, 2011. No dates have been set for the cross caucus discussions on implementation of the flow standard and other issues that were proposed in the December 2010 stakeholder assessment completed by the Center for Collaborative Policy.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Martin talked about the severe water shortage and thanked Mr. Breninger and others that they have partnered with for getting them through the crisis.

Ms. Tobin mentioned San Juan Water District's ribbon cutting that will be held next week Wednesday. This is a \$12 million solar project. She also thanked RWA for its success.

Ms. Roccucci mentioned that the Placer Water and Flood Control Board applied for grant funds through RWA and were successful. She complimented RWA on its success as well.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting was followed by a reception to celebrate RWA's 10 years of success.

By:

Chairperson

Attest:

Nancy Marrier, Board Secretary / Treasurer