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**AGENDA**

**Special Meeting of Friday, February 20, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.**

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1. Call to Order
  1. Safety Moment
2. AWA update: S. Lakshminarayanan and R. Kowalski - *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information.*
3. Possible consideration and action for approval to extend the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Eversource for the purchase of Aquarion Water and approval of related Bond Anticipation Notes

\*Members of the public may attend the meeting via conference call but will be asked to leave during the executive session discussion. To view meeting documents please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3u3h9n3x>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at [jslubowski@rwater.com](mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com).

## Weekly Safety Topic

February 16, 2026

## Title: Pedestrian Safety



Regional Water Authority

As winter transitions into early spring, roads can become more dangerous than many drivers expect. Even though conditions look better, several hidden hazards appear when the snow begins to melt, and temperatures fluctuate. Please take the time to go over this WST with your teams.

## Activity/Process

**1. More Pedestrians, Cyclists, and Outdoor Activity**

As the weather warms, more people come outside:

- pedestrians, joggers, and dog walkers
- cyclists and motorcycles
- children playing outside

Drivers must stay alert and reduce speeds in residential areas and near schools or parks.

**2. Overconfidence After Winter**

When the roads look clear, drivers often:

- speed up more quickly
- follow too closely
- underestimate remaining hazards

But road surfaces and conditions haven't fully recovered from winter, making this a risky time for complacency.

**3. Reduced Traction from Sand, Salt & Debris**

- Winter road treatments leave behind a mix of sand, salt, pebbles, and debris.
- These can reduce traction, especially during braking or cornering.
- They can also damage windshields when kicked up by traffic.

**4. Melting Snow Causes Standing Water**

- When temperatures rise, snowbanks melt rapidly.
- Meltwater can pool on roadways, especially near curbs and low-lying areas.
- Standing water increases the risk of hydroplaning, longer stopping distances, and hidden hazards under the water.

**Summary:** Slow down around puddles and uneven pavement. Increase following distance—conditions can change quickly. Watch for ice early in the morning and late at night. Be alert to pedestrians and cyclists. Avoid sudden braking or sharp steering. Check your tires (pressure fluctuates with temperature changes). Drive defensively, even when conditions seem safe.