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South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
 - II Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
 - III Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2026 meeting
 - IV Communications
 - A. FY 2027 Budget review meetings:
 - 1. Finance Committee on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm, hybrid (regular meeting)
 - 2. Land Use Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm, hybrid (special joint meeting)
 - V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Land Use Committee recommendation regarding completeness, mode and date of public hearing for the Authority's Land Use Plan Amendment Application
 - B. Bylaws and Rules Review Committee's recommendation regarding proposed changes to the RPB Bylaws and RPB Rules of Practice
 - VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Bylaws and Rules Review Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
 - VII Adjourn
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7:00 p.m. – **PUBLIC HEARING** – 2026 Rate Application

*Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ywka6jda>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

Weekly Safety Topic

February 9, 2026

Title: First Aid Kit Reminder

Tap Into
Safety

Regional Water Authority

Activity/Process

A well-stocked first-aid kit can help you respond effectively to common injuries and emergencies. Keep at least one first-aid kit in your home and one in your car. Store your kits somewhere easy to get to and out of the reach of young children. Ensure children old enough to understand the purpose of the kits know where they're stored. You may want to tailor your kit based on your activities and needs.

3 Simple Tips to Help Stock Your First-Aid Kit

1. **Customize your kit** - There are plenty of recommendations on what to keep in a basic first-aid kit, and you can even buy them already assembled. However, what makes it truly useful is when you customize your emergency kit based on your personal needs and those of your family. Some ideas include medications (epinephrine injection, insulin), emergency phone numbers, and important health information. Or a bike repair kit if you like to ride. Oh, and if your kids are of the furry type, add some extra supplies for them too. Pets need emergency kits too!
2. **Keep it handy** - Your first aid kit doesn't do you any good if it's not easily accessible, so think about the best place to keep it. It could be in your home, car, or work — or you can have several that you keep in different places. You may want a small one for your purse, diaper bag, or your bike, and a larger one for your home or car.
3. **Keep it up to date** - This seems impossible — until you put a reminder in your phone. Do it right now! Set a reminder to check your first aid kit regularly — maybe twice a year, or at the beginning of each season, since your supplies may change. Make sure to replace anything that's expired, check the batteries on flashlights or other electronics, and add anything that's seasonally appropriate (like sunscreen and mosquito repellent for summer, or hand warmers and extra socks for the winter).

Summary - First aid in the workplace is not complete medical care. It is intended to help preserve life, prevent further injury, and stabilize a person through basic first-aid measures until professional medical care can be provided. When an accident occurs in the workplace, the goal of first aid is to keep the injured person alive and safe until professional help arrives. It is important to know your role. You should only offer aid in the form that you understand and are potentially trained in. If you are trained in CPR or the use of an AED, you can provide these services when necessary. Otherwise, stick to what you know and are comfortable providing to keep the person stable and safe.

Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

February 26, 2026

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Branford	Carolyn Mancini
Cheshire	Deena Allard
Deby	Steve Iacuone(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser(R)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy(R)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Todd Cort
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack(R)

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Prem Singh(R)
Victor Benni(R)
Andrew Marotti

Harris Beach Murtha

Bruce McDermott, Esq.
Dan Canavan, Esq.

Absent

Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its January 22, 2026 meeting as distributed, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey reported that members received the Conflict of Interest Compliance memorandum for the period ended November 30, 2025.

Items for consideration and action

Mr. Havrda motioned for approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) application for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project (“Application”), which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to take any and all actions to complete the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in North Branford, Connecticut.

Ms. Young seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

After the vote, Chair Harvey reported that an error was discovered in the resolution, the last paragraph noted the incorrect project. After discussion, Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following corrected resolutions:

RESOLVED that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) application for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project (“Application”), which corrected copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to take any and all actions to complete the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project.

Ms. Young seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, as corrected, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bonds shall not exceed ten million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$10,700,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby.
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the Route 80 Control Valve project which may include a new valve vault with control valve and associated utilities, paved access driveway, 36-inch ductile iron interconnecting piping and valving, relocation/replacement of an existing cast iron 12-inch distribution main, as well as other site improvements necessary for the construction of the valve vault.; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the “Project”).

4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Marino seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolution, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Marino motioned for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on January 27, 2026, filed an application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the 2026 Rate Application, including the associated RPB Resolutions (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee’s recommendation to consider the Authority’s Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Mr. Clifford seconded the motion, and the RPB approved the approved the resolutions, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Ms. Mancini, Chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported that the proposed modifications to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice have been deferred and will be returned to the Committee for further review. The Committee will schedule a special meeting to reconsider the edits. RPB members are encouraged to bring any concerns to the Committee prior to its next meeting.

Reports:

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management in executive session to receive a Cyber/Tech/Resiliency update. No action was taken in or as a result of executive session. The Committee also reviewed the 2026 Rate Application and found it to be complete and recommended a public hearing date for RPB consideration.

The next meeting is on March 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm, hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee received an update on RWA’s Water Chestnut Management Program and received land updates on RWA owned properties.

The next meeting is on March 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Allard reported on the Committee meeting last month. In addition to the regular business, the Committee met with management to receive an update on the RWA’s Assistance Program, and the Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”) discussed the OCA’s FY 2027 projected budget.

Ms. Allard also reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. In addition to the regular business, the Committee met with management in executive session to receive a Cyber/Tech/Resiliency update. No action was taken in or as a result of executive session. The OCA reported no customer escalations or complaints.

The next meeting is Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

Bylaws and Rules Review Committee – Chair Mancini, Chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported that the Committee met last month to review further changes to the Bylaws and Rules of Practice and voted to recommend the changes to the RPB. Redlined copies of the documents with the changes were distributed to members. The Committee is scheduled to meet again to discuss questions from RPB members.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Borowy stated that the Authority updated the Committee chair assignments. Dr. Cort is now chair of the Authority’s Audit-Risk Committee.

Dr. Cort, Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with Auditors to review the FY 2026 Audit plan and process. There was nothing further to report.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee met with management to review and discuss the RWA’s draft Strategic Plan for FY 2027. Next steps include refining the plan, final review with the board, and communication of the approved plan in June.

He also reported that the Authority approved forwarding a Land Use Plan Amendment Application, which will be sent to RPB members. The amendment, which is reviewed every 10 years, was deemed substantial; a public hearing is required and will require final RPB approval.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- “60 with Sunny” Employee Engagement Meetings: The “60 with Sunny” meetings continue to support employee engagement, with two sessions held in January.
- Grant Funding and Land Acquisition: The RWA recently secured a grant of \$188,500 through Connecticut’s Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program, representing 64% of the acquisition cost for 78 acres of land located off Mountain Road in Cheshire. The RWA now holds full ownership of the property, which will strengthen public water supply protection and provide enhanced recreational opportunities for local residents.
- Local Union Negotiations: Negotiations with the local union have commenced. The RWA has proposed guiding principles regarding open communication, negotiation timeliness, and overall process efficiency. A second negotiation session is scheduled for February 27.
- FY 2027 Strategic Plan: Management presented the initial draft of the FY 2027 Strategic Plan, developed in alignment with the FY 2027 budgeting process. The plan is designed to promote flexibility, improve responsiveness, prevent operational obsolescence, enhance cost, and time efficiency, and strengthen accountability. Once finalized, the plan will be shared with the RPB. Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended January 31, 2026. He stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 128%, with no shortfall. The favorable outcome is due to higher interest environment, timing of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing, catch-up timing for cash receipts, and higher year-to-date billings.

He also reported that raw water storage levels as of February 23, 2026, were at 65%, compared to the long-term average of 80%. Rainfall was at 19.87 inches, compared to the long-term average of 33.24 inches.

Mr. Borowy and Mr. Lakshminarayanan provided an update on the legislative session earlier in the week. It was attended by Messrs. Borowy and Lakshminarayanan, Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, Ms. Young, the RPB’s Killingworth representative, and Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who offered testimony on the transaction. A draft decision on the Aquarion Water Authority (AWA) transaction is expected from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority on March 6, 2026, with the final decision expected on March 25, 2026.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Attorney Donofrio from the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), who is currently engaged in the interrogatory and response phase of the 2026 Rate Application. Attorney Donofrio provided an update on his recent participation in a legislative session, noting that the discussion placed significant focus on the OCA. He reiterated ongoing concerns that have been expressed by others regarding the OCA’s resource availability and clarified that these resources are accessible at all times.

Attorney Donofrio stated that he has not been contacted by the legislature, the Office of Consumer Counsel, or members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to discuss these concerns. He reaffirmed his commitment to the mission of the OCA, emphasizing both the stability and reliability of the office. He also expressed his appreciation for the professionalism demonstrated by the RWA, in contrast to water utilities in West Virginia, Waterbury, and Richmond that recently experienced water shortage challenges.

The next RPB meeting is on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm., followed by the public hearing for the 2026 Rate Application at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Harvey encouraged RPB members to attend board and committee meetings in-person.

At 7:25 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Marino, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 75 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Representative Policy Board
February 26, 2026

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Absent	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Aye	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Absent	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.

Attachments:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project

UNAPPROVED

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Application for Approval of a Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements in New Haven, Connecticut : : **February 26, 2026**

**Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law
of the Representative Policy Board**

A. The Applicant’s Request

On November 21, 2025, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or the “Applicant”), through its Authority board, submitted an application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB) for approval of a Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements, located in New Haven, Connecticut (“Application” or “Project”).

The existing Route 80 Control Valve, also known as the Route 80 Throttling Valve (“Route 80 TV”), is located within Foxon Boulevard, in proximity to the intersection of Quinnipiac Avenue. The Route 80 TV is a direct buried 36-inch gate valve, installed on a reduced diameter section of the 48-inch prestressed concrete cylinder pipe transmission main. The Route 80 TV works in parallel with the Essex Street Pressure Reducing Valve, providing a reduced hydraulic grade line for a portion of the New Haven Service Area, while sustaining the upstream grade line. The vault that houses the gate valve operator is located beneath one of the westbound lanes of Route 80, which requires traffic control for access and appropriate equipment to safely enter the confined space. Additionally, there is a 6-inch bypass pipe with an inline gate valve that provides for limited flow around the TV but does not allow for isolation of the TV for replacement or maintenance.

Furthermore, the existing TV is a gate valve, which is not ideal for controlling water flow and pressure. Gate valves can be challenging for throttling and pressure control applications, and this type of use can affect the proper operation of the valve. The existing valve is over 60 years old, and the risk of failure will continue to increase over time. For this reason, it is recommended that the Route 80 TV be replaced with a new control valve within a vault, in a safer and more accessible location outside of the Route 80 travel way.

The project will include a new valve vault with control valve and associated utilities, paved access driveway, 36-inch ductile iron interconnecting piping and valving, relocation/replacement of an existing cast iron 12-in distribution main, as well as other site improvements necessary for the construction of the valve vault. The new valve will be located on the Woodward School site, with an easement obtained by the RWA, and will remain live throughout construction. At the end of construction, the existing Route 80 valve will be utilized as an isolation valve to re-route flow into the new 36-inch main on Barnes Avenue.

The proposed Project cost is approximately \$9.9 million and includes a 10% construction contingency.

The Application for approval of the Project was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 19 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

B. Participants

In addition to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) and the RWA, the Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”) participated in this proceeding. The OCA is authorized by Section 15 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, to act as the advocate for consumer interests in all matters that may affect water customers in the RWA’s District (“District”).

C. Statutory Standard

Pursuant to the legislation cited in paragraph A above, the RWA is required to obtain approval from the RPB prior to commencing any Project costing more than \$3.5 million dollars to repair, improve, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, or extend any of its properties or systems.

D. Notice and Procedures

Effective July 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1202, Section 163, permitted the RPB to hold the public hearing on the Application using electronic equipment or technology that facilitates real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to, telephonic, video, or other conferencing platforms. Other procedural requirements were also met. On December 18, 2025, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the office of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, and via remote access. The RPB designated Charles Havrda (Guilford) to serve as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

As required by Section 10 of Special Act. No. 77-98, as amended by Public Act No. 02-85, the RPB published in the *Connecticut Post* and the *New Haven Register* the date, time, and place of the public hearing to be held by the RPB to consider the Application for approval. The date of publication was December 22, 2025. A copy of this notice was filed with the Office of the Clerk of each city and town within the district. The notice was posted on the RWA's website, including information about electronic participation for the meeting.

The Application also contained confidential information subject to protection under C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), for matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(19)(i)(ii), pertaining to safety risk.

E. Public Hearing

At the public hearing on January 22, 2026, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from Victor Benni, the RWA's Director of Engineering, and Orville Kelly, the RWA's Manager of

Design and Construction. Messrs. Benni and Kelly provided a presentation that addressed the project background, location, approach, scope, need, alternatives analysis, project schedule, and costs.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated January 15, 2026. Attorney Donofrio stated that after a review of the Application and confidential appendices, the alternative chosen was the best alternative, as the Business Case Evaluation illustrates that the cost is lowest for the chosen alternative. Increasing reliability with the new throttling valve is the best interest of the RWA's customers, as well as the risk reduction and safety of its employees. The project will provide operators with the ability to increase flows. For these reasons and the reasons stated in his memorandum to the RPB, the OCA approves the application.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant regarding location, disruption, easements, valve occurrence and pressure control, maintenance, useful life, and cost comparisons.

F. Analysis

After considering all the evidence presented, the RPB believes that the Application is necessary and advances the policies and goals of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, is included in the five-year plan of capital improvements, and is in the best interest of the RWA and its customers. The presentation at the public hearing reinforced the need for and importance of the Project.

G. Conclusion

We therefore conclude that the Application should be approved. Separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Exhibit A
Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Application for Approval of a Project to :
Construct Route 80 Control Valve : **February 26, 2026**
Improvements in New Haven, Connecticut :

Findings of Fact

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), through its Authority board submitted an Application to the RPB for the Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements (“Application” or “Project”) on November 21, 2025.
2. The Project is included in the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Project budget. The Project is located in New Haven, Connecticut, and will commence in FY 2027, with completion planned in FY 2028, at a total Project cost of approximately \$9.9 million.
3. The Project provides operational flexibility, reliability, and capacity to accurately control the flow and pressure to the New Haven Service Area.
4. The proposed project mitigates a serious risk to RWA personnel and the public by eliminating access to critical infrastructure within a busy, traffic-filled state road.
5. The project also provides a significantly safer and more efficient means of operating and maintaining the Route 80 control valve, by eliminating the confined space.
6. The proposed Project is consistent with and advances the policies and goals of the RWA and is in the public interest.
7. The OCA recommended approval of the Application.

Conclusions of Law

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's ("RWA") application for approval of the Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements ("Application") on November 21, 2025, was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 19 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.
2. Notice of the public hearing to consider the Application and to allow interested persons, including water users and property owners, within the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority District, to be heard was properly made on December 22, 2025, pursuant to Section 10 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.
3. Pursuant to Sections 10 and 19 of Special Act 77-98, as amended, the public hearing was held on January 22, 2026.
4. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Representative Policy Board concludes that the RWA's Application meets all requirements for approval.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARCH 26, 2026

(2026 Land Use Plan Amendment Application)

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on February 27, 2026, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval to amend the Land Use Plan in its entirety (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and found it to be complete and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB; and

WHEREAS the Land Use Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS the Land Use Committee proposed a public hearing date of April 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Land Use Committee’s recommendation to consider the Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on April 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

MARCH 26, 2026

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED that at the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, the RPB hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Bylaws, as presented at the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that at the recommendation of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, the RPB hereby adopts the proposed changes to its Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, as presented at the meeting, and set forth on the pages attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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February 17, 2026

TO: The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”)
FROM: Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC
RE: Summary of the Proposed Amendments to the RWA Representative Policy Board Bylaws and Rules of Practice

In 2024, the Connecticut legislature approved two amendments to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) Enabling Legislation (the “Enabling Legislation”) - Special Act 24-7 and June Special Session Public Act 24-1. In light of these recent amendments and in accordance with Article X of the RPB Bylaws, which directs the Representative Policy Board (the “RPB”) Bylaws and Rules Review Committee (the “Committee”) to conduct a review of the RPB Bylaws and RPB Rules of Practice every five years, the Committee has undertaken the task of reviewing and amending these documents to be consistent with the latest version of the Enabling Legislation and to incorporate other relevant recent regulatory and statutory changes.

Below is a summary of the Committee’s proposed amendments.

RPB Bylaws

1. To distinguish between the RWA (previously referred to as the “Authority”), the RWA Authority Board (the “Authority Board”) and the RWA RPB (also referred to as the “Board”), these terms have been explicitly defined and the corresponding abbreviations used throughout the document. [*Throughout the document*]
2. Consistent with the latest Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) requirements (e.g., the ability to use electronic equipment for notification purposes) and the RWA’s internal procedures, the requirements for the notification of meetings (e.g., regular, special) including the adjournment of the same, as well as the publication of the schedule of meetings of the Board and meeting minutes (including voting records) have been amended accordingly. [*Sections 1.1 through 1.8, 1.11, 9.5 and Article II*]
3. For consistency and clarification purposes, where applicable, the responsibilities of the “Secretary of the Board” have been clearly outlined. [*Throughout the document*]
4. The requirements for calling a special meeting of the Board have been amended to clarify the other set of circumstances under which a special meeting may be called upon. [*Section 1.3*]

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5. The voting and quorum requirements have been revised to be consistent with the Enabling Legislation. [*Sections 1.9, 3.1, 3.3, 3.8, 4.1, 6.2 and 9.4*]
6. Consistent with the current RWA operating practices, the competitive bids requirements have been deleted. Further, because the RPB has neither custody nor control of funds of the Board, the Board is not subject to the fidelity bonds requirements previously listed in the Bylaws. As such, these requirements have also been deleted. [*Sections 6.1 and 6.3*]
7. The Conflicts of Interest provisions have been revised to clarify what constitutes a “conflict” and related terms, and to reflect the RWA’s current practices. [*Section 6.4*]
8. The Limitations of Liability and Indemnification provisions, specifically subpart (c), have been revised to incorporate the latest statutory changes. [*Section 6.5(c)*]
9. Consistent with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities’ latest guidelines, the Nondiscrimination provisions have been amended accordingly. [*Article VII*]
10. The election process and term requirements for the appointment of members of the Authority Board have been simplified to only reference the Enabling Legislation. [*Sections 9.1 and 9.6*]
11. The Nominating Committee appointment process has been modified to provide more flexibility and accommodate off-cycle Member appointments. [*Sections 9.2 and 9.3*]

RPB Rules of Practice

1. The Board’s powers, specifically the cost thresholds for projects/noncore business acquisitions that the Board has power to approve have been revised to be consistent with the Enabling Legislation. [*Description of Organization - Section 2; Article II, Part 3, Sections 32, 33-B, 33-D*]
2. Certain definitions, including but not limited to those of the “Act” and “Authorized Expenditures” have been revised to be consistent with the Enabling Legislation. Additionally, definitions of new terms referenced in the document, such as “electronic equipment” have been added. [*Article I, Part 1, Section 2*]
3. Consistent with the latest FOIA requirements, including the ability to use electronic equipment to conduct meetings, and the RWA’s internal procedures, the notice, public hearing and filing requirements have been amended accordingly. [*Article I, Part 1, Sections 8 through 11; Article I, Part 3, Sections 13 and 19; Article II, Part 1, Sections 24 and 27*]

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4. Other minor edits, including those for consistency purposes (e.g., the replacement of “waste water” with “wastewater”) have been made. [*Throughout the document*]