

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

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

- I Moment of Silence for Joseph A. Oslander
  - II Safety Moment
  - III Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
  - IV Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2026 meeting
  - V Communications
    - A. Notify members of expired terms ending July 1st
      - a. Peter Betkoski, Brian Eitzer, Jamie Mowat Young, Naomi Campbell, and Jay Jaser
      - b. Past due expirations – Peter DeSantis, Vincent Marino, Richard Smith, and Michelle Verderame
    - B. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report
  - VI Items for Consideration and Action
    - A. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision for Representative Policy Board's approval of the 2027 Rate Application and Issuance of proposed bonds
    - B. Representative Policy Board first quarter 2026 compensation
  - VII Reports
    - A. Finance Committee
    - B. Land Use Committee
    - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
    - D. Executive Committee
    - E. Authority/Management
  - VIII Adjourn
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7:00 p.m. – PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT

\*Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5b4v562e>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at [jslubowski@rwater.com](mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com).

# SAFETY MOMENT

## Importance of Stretching

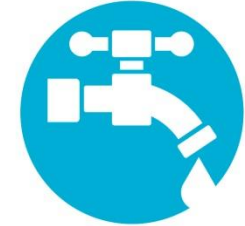
“Make sure you stretch!” is something we often hear before or after we participate in any sort of exercise. But is stretching that good for you? What exactly are the benefits of having a regular stretching routine? Let's explore the benefits of stretching below:

1. **Increased Flexibility to Prevent Injury** – reduces risk of muscle imbalance
2. **Reduced Inflammation** – increases range of motion
3. **Improved Strength** – increases muscle control
4. **Freedom of Movement** – increases independence as we age
5. **Relaxation and Relieve** – provides mental wellness

Stretching is an important aspect of any fitness routine, whether you're an elite-level athlete or starting an exercise program for the first time. Increased flexibility has various health benefits that will improve quality of life and increase overall fitness and performance.



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## Representative Policy Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

March 26, 2026

### Minutes

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 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
Derby	Stephen Iacuone(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

#### **Absent**

Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith

#### **Regional Water Authority**

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

#### **Management**

Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Elizabeth Calo(R)  
Jim Hill  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Victor Benni(R)  
Ed Carboni  
Charles DelVecchio  
Robert J. Olejarczyk  
Andrew Marotti  
Kevin Watsey

#### **Counsel**

Bruce McDermott, Esq.

#### **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. He 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. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its February 26, 2026 meeting as distributed, with 84 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)	Absent
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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

### Communications

Chair Harvey noted the upcoming FY 2027 Budget review meetings:

- Finance Committee – Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm, via hybrid; and
- Land Use Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee special joint meeting –Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm., via hybrid.

RPB members may join either or both meetings.

### Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Levine moved for approval of the following resolution:

**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.

At 6:34 p.m., Ms. Nesteriak entered the meeting.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolution, with 85 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

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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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Ms. Mancini moved for approval of the following 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.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB approved the resolution, with 85 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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with RWA’s external auditors, CliftonLarsonAllen, to review the FY 2026 audit plan for the year ending May 31, 2026. The Committee also received an update of RPB approved projects.

The next meeting is Monday, April 13, 2026, via hybrid, and will include a review of the FY 2027 budget. All RPB members are invited to attend.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the RPB Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management at the Whitney Water Center and received an update on the RWA’s education program and received an update on RWA owned properties.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, via hybrid.

The Committee is also meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid, at a special joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee to review the FY 2027 budget with management. All RPB members are invited to attend.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management to receive an overview of RWA’s customer care site and discuss the site tour that took place earlier in the month. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported no customer escalations.

The Committee's next meeting is on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid, at a joint special meeting with the Land Use Committee to review the FY 2027 budget with management. All RPB members are invited to attend.

The Committee's next regular meeting is on Monday, April 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

**Bylaws & Rules Review Committee** – Ms. Mancini, chair of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month with RPB members to address questions related to proposed changes to the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice. No additional modifications were required. She also stated that a copy of the enabling legislation, last updated July 2024, was distributed to all RPB members.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority met as the sole member of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund and approved three new directors, which makes the total number of board directors now 14. Mr. Borowy also reported that earlier in the day, the Authority met as the Environmental Health and Safety Committee and the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Ricoszi, Chair of the Authority's Environmental Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee reviewed four memorandums: Business Continuity Planning and Safety updates, Security Upgrades, Recreation Program update, and the annual Deer Hunt update. He stated that details of the Deer Hunt update will be provided at the next Land Use Committee meeting on April 8, 2026.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Authority's Commercial Business Committee reported on the meeting earlier in the day. Committee members received a presentation from management on commercial enterprise strategy and the associated FY 2026 action plans. The Committee also met in executive session to review FY 2026 year-to-date results.

Chair Harvey highlighted that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority approved the Aquarion Water Authority transaction on March 25, 2026. Discussion ensued regarding HB 5249.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ending February 28, 2026, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 130%, with no shortfall. The favorable variance is due to a higher interest rate environment, the timing of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund financing, catch up timing of cash receipts from FY 2025, and higher than budgeted year to date billings.

He also reported that raw water storage to date is 81%, compared to the long-term average of 87%. Rainfall totaled 21.84 inches, which is 14.20 inches lower than the long-term average.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

The next RPB meeting is on Thursday, April 23, 2026. Chair Harvey encouraged in person participation at board and committee meetings.

At 7:01 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Mongillo, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 85 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

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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)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Representative Policy Board Bylaws
2. Representative Policy Board Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints

(R) = Attended remotely.

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Dashboard Metric - 3Q FY26

Metrics	Quarter ended 2/28/25 (3Q, FY 2025)	Quarter ended 08/31/25 (1Q, FY 2026)	Quarter ended 11/30/25 (2Q, FY 2026)	Quarter ended 2/28/26 (3Q, FY 2026)
<b>Financial Metrics</b>				
Coverage	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw
	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw	Projected: 1.25 w/o draw	Projected: 1.30 w/o draw
Draw Requirement	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million
	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million
Capital Expenditures to Budget (Note 1)	Budget: \$53.653 million	Budget: \$61.700 million*	Budget: \$61.700 million*	Budget: \$56.090 million
	Result: \$35.352 million/65.9% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$11.007 million/17.8% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$21.071 million/34.2% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$29.465 million/52.3% of total fiscal year budget
Aged Account Receivables - Total Water (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551
	Feb. 2025 : \$5,135,012 (-22.9%)	Aug 2025 : \$5,413,163 (-18.7%)	Nov 2025 : \$5,260,174 (-21.0%)	Feb 2026 : \$5,147,871 (-22.7%)
Aged Account Receivables - Residential (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160
	Feb. 2025 : \$4,807,653 (-17.6%)	Aug 2025 : \$4,950,885 (-15.1%)	Nov 2025 : \$4,819,456 (-17.4%)	Feb 2026 : \$4,654,858 (-20.2%)
Pension Market Values (Note 3)	Feb 2025 Mkt. Value \$79,178,742	Aug 2025 Mkt. Value \$83,369,359	Nov 2025 Mkt. Value \$85,705,769	Feb 2026 Mkt. Value \$88,523,055
	Dec 2024 Mkt. Value \$78,130,380	June 2025 Mkt. Value \$81,486,887	Sept 2025 Mkt. Value \$84,627,946	Dec 2025 Mkt. Value \$85,553,973
	Dec Return: 10.13% Cal/5.22% Fiscal	June Return: 6.82% Cal / 9.15% Fiscal	Sept Return: 12.00% Cal/8.00% Fiscal	Dec Return: 14.44% Cal/10.32% Fiscal
	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%
<b>System Metrics</b>				
Average Daily Production (Draft) to Budget (MGD)/Prior Year (MGD)	Prior Year: 43.255 MGD	Prior Year: 50.477 MGD	Prior Year: 48.131 MGD	Prior Year: 45.342 MGD
	Result: 45.342 MGD	Result: 56.856 MGD	Result: 52.101 MGD	Result: 48.671 MGD
Disinfection By-products	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%
	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%	Result: 100%	Result: 100%
	* As of Dec, 2024, updated	* As of June 30, 2025, updated	* As of Sept 30, 2025, updated	* As of Dec, 2025, updated
Net Unaccounted For Water (annualized)	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%
	Result: 13.05% net for the annualized period of Dec 2023 to Nov 2024	Result: 10.62% net for the annualized** period of June 2024 to May 2025	Result: 10.46% net for the annualized** period of September 2024 to August 2025	Result: 10.66% net for the annualized** period of Dec 2024 to Nov 2025
<b>Service Disruptions (Notes 4 and 5): Due to Main Breaks</b>				
Number of Disruptions	Result : 44	Result : 5	Result : 7	Result : 42
Number of Customers Impacted	Result : 791	Result : 63	Result : 162	Result : 483
Avg. Period Customers are w/o Water (hrs.)	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6
	Result: 2.98	Result: 5.5	Result: 3.71	Result: 5.3
<b>Water Quality (Note 5):</b>				
<b>Discolored Water - System/Hydraulics</b>				
Number of Complaints	Result : 71	Result : 348	Result : 169	Result : 124

Notes:  
 Note 1: Excludes State and Redevelopment, Growth Fund, and contingency/reserve. Percentage is of fiscal year budget  
 Note 2: Reflects aged receivables over 90 days - total water and total residential. Comparison is to pre-pandemic level  
 Note 3: Fiscal year-end based on audited financials. Other quarters based on latest available reports and net returns  
 Note 4: This metric may be later expanded to other types of service disruptions with the same statistics  
 Note 5: This metric may be later expanded to include time to resolve and time to respond w/associated targets  
 \* Amendments pending approval  
 \*\* Under review and subject to change

## Representative Policy Board

### South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Issuance Test Rate Application : April 23, 2026

#### Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board

##### A. The Applicant's Request

On January 27, 2026, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA" or the "Applicant") submitted an application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for an increase in its water rates and charges sufficient to generate an additional \$4.989 million in annual revenues over base period revenues (the "Application"). This is an increase of 3.4% over water and non-water revenues collected during the historic period of the twelve months specified in Section 619A(1) of the Applicant's General Bond Resolution. The effect of this Application on the water bill of the RWA's typical residential customer would be an increase of approximately \$1.70 per month or \$0.06 per day, or approximately 3.5%. The Application was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 14 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, ("Section 14").

##### B. Participants

The following parties participated in the proceedings:

- RWA
- The district's Office of Consumer Affairs ("OCA"). 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 district.

##### C. Statutory Standard

Pursuant to the legislation cited in paragraph A above, the RWA is charged with establishing just and equitable rates and charges for use of the water supply system. The RWA is authorized to change such rates or charges from time to time, with the approval of the RPB. The legislation requires that these rates or charges be established so as to provide sufficient funds in each year, with other water

supply related revenues, if any, to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the water supply system, to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding water supply bonds, to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing or securing such bonds, to make payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) to constituent municipalities, to provide for the maintenance, conservation, and recreational use of RWA land, and to pay all other reasonable and necessary expenses of the RWA and the RPB allocable to the water supply system. For purposes of analyzing the present Application, the key criterion is meeting the requirements of the General Bond Resolution, in particular the “issuance test.”

D. Notice and Procedures

In accordance with Section 1-225a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the RPB was permitted to hold the hearing on the Application in person, and via remote access, and procedural requirements were met. On February 26, 2026, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing for Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The RPB designated James X. DiCarlo (North Haven Representative) to serve as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

As required by Section 10 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended (“Section 10”), the RPB published in the *New Haven Register* and the *Connecticut Post* the date, time, and place of the public hearing to be held by the RPB to consider the Application. The notice was published on February 28, 2026. A notice of the hearing was also filed in the Office of the Clerk of each city and town within the district and with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut. The notice was posted on the RWA website. The Applicant filed, as supplementary material, responses to written pre-hearing questions submitted by the OCA.

E. Public Hearing

At the public hearing, the applicant provided sworn testimony from the following witnesses: Rochelle Kowalski, RWA’s Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, and Charles DeVecchio, the RWA’s Controller. These witnesses testified regarding the financial and operating condition of the RWA, actions taken to mitigate the requested rate increase, and

that an annual average of approximately \$53.7 million dollars, during the 18-month period covered by the rate application, excluding monies to be held in reserve at the end of fiscal year 2027, would be dedicated to the capital program. A few of the larger projects requiring funding during the 18-month period covered by the Application include the Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements, North Branford Tank, Route 80 Control Valve, and Lake Gaillard and Lake Saltonstall Electrical improvements. The Applicant also summarized actions taken to implement efficiencies in capital and operating expenditures since 1999, including the following efficiencies achieved subsequent to the July 2024 Rate Application: lower interest expense associated with the March 2025 refinancing reducing debt service by approximately \$326,000, the use of approximately \$42.2 million dollars of internally generated funds reducing debt service by \$2.4 million, and Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“CT DWSRF”) and Congressional Directed Spending grants reducing debt service by approximately \$457,000, resulting in an overall debt service reduction of approximately \$3.2 million.

Representative Policy Board members asked questions regarding the Authority’s customer assistance program, non-water sales trends and revenue, Build America Bonds, debt service, and cost of living impact.

The OCA testified, including a summary of his memorandum dated March 16, 2026. He stated that the proposed rate increase to generate \$4.989 million in annual revenue, equating to \$1.70/month for a typical residential customer, effective July 2026, is necessary to meet the issuance test under the Authority’s General Bond Resolution and to issue up to \$35 million in Bonds to fund its capital improvement program (CIP) for the period ending December 31, 2027.

The OCA noted his support of the Authority’s selection of the historic period (July 2025–June 2026) for revenue calculations and agreed with the decision not to use the Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) to offset the rate increase, citing the importance of maintaining liquidity and avoiding adverse impacts on the Authority’s credit rating. The memo highlighted the Authority’s efforts to improve financial performance, reduce reliance on debt, and optimize its CIP, which has resulted in significant

cost savings over the past 15 years. The OCA also discussed the marked improvement in the Authority's financial performance and conditions over the past 15+ years, citing and comparing several specific key performance indicators.

The OCA concluded that the proposed rate increase is reasonable, necessary, and consistent with the Authority's long-term strategic plan to ensure financial stability and provide high-quality water services at reasonable costs. For these reasons and others provided in the OCA's memorandum to the RPB dated March 16, 2026, as well as the OCA's testimony, the OCA was in support of the Application.

No members of the public were present at the public hearing.

The following exhibits were entered into the record for the Application:

**Exhibit A** - Application to RPB dated January 27, 2026 ("Application").

**Exhibit B** - Raftelis Rate Memorandum, dated January 20, 2026.

**Exhibit C** - OCA's First Set of Interrogatories, dated February 4, 2026.

**Exhibit D** - Management's responses, dated February 13, 2026, to the OCA's First Set of Interrogatories.

**Exhibit E** - Notice of Public Hearing published on February 28, 2026 in the *Connecticut Post* and the *New Haven Register*

**Exhibit F** - OCA's memorandum to the RPB, dated March 16, 2026.

**Exhibit G** - Management's responses, dated March 19, 2026 to OCA's First Set of Interrogatories, question #1.

**Exhibit H** - Application presentation dated March 26, 2026.

These exhibits are more completely listed in Exhibit B. The RWA's Application, Raftelis memorandum, OCA interrogatories and RWA responses to interrogatories, Notice of Public Hearing, sworn testimony provided by the representatives of the RWA at the public hearing, and the presentation handout comprise the "Application."

F. Analysis

The RWA continues to face significant financial challenges, including a declining trend in draft of approximately 1.0% annually since 1999. The RWA has worked continuously over the past 17 years to implement efficiencies in both capital and operating expenditures. In addition, the RPB recognizes that the Application: (1) incorporates the lower interest expense associated with the March 2025 refinancing reducing debt service by approximately \$326,000 in the maximum debt year in this Application; (2) incorporates the use of approximately \$42.2 million of internally generated funds, lowering the debt service by approximately \$2.4 million, and (3) includes both CT DWSRF and Congressional Directed Spending grants and projected grants, and other savings resulting in lower debt service of approximately \$457,000, for a total debt service savings of approximately \$3.2 million. The Application continues the 114% coverage requirement and includes a \$1.20 million increase in depreciation expense to continue to improve internal generation of funds, Through the internal generation of funds, about 55% of the capital program in the Application is funded without having to issue debt, thereby reducing the RWA's leverage and debt service.

At the same time, the RPB is mindful of the impact the proposed rate increase will have on RWA customers who are experiencing financial hardship, increased taxes, and other economic pressures.

After considering all the evidence presented, the RPB agrees that the requested increase is required if the RWA is to issue the additional bonds necessary to maintain its capital improvement program, reduce debt leverage, and continue essential maintenance programs to provide the RWA's level of service from July 2026 to December 2027.

The issuance test of the General Bond Resolution requires the Applicant to demonstrate that it will have sufficient net revenue after operating expenses to pay the projected debt service on any bonds outstanding in the current year and in any future year, as well as on its bonds currently proposed. The revenue requirement was calculated using the most historically conservative income projection the

RWA is authorized to utilize. Additional detail concerning the Application of this financial test to the Applicant's current and future financial circumstances is set forth in the Application.

Applying the issuance test to the facts before the RPB, and mindful of its statutory charge to maintain the fiscal soundness of the RWA, and to ensure a safe and effective public water supply system, we conclude that the proposed Application should be approved. Separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law are attached hereto as Exhibit A.



8. The cost allocation and rate design incorporated into this Application is based on the cost allocation and rate design study performed by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. in January 2026. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the cost of operations and physical characteristics of the system and customers' requirements for water. Rates were then designed, which could generate revenue from each class of customer in accordance with the estimated cost of serving each class of customer. There are no rate design changes being proposed in this Application. The rate design continues to reflect a volumetric charge on a per ccf basis applicable to each meter size. The service charges also vary by meter size.
10. The Application for a rate increase is in conjunction with the RWA's issuance of its Water System Revenue Bonds proposed to be issued on or about July 2026 and to cover the debt service on new Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("CT DWSRF"), is an "Issuance Test Rate Application," defined in the RPB Rules of Practice as a rate application "where all or a portion of the rate increase is based upon revenues needed for debt service of a new bond issue and CT DWSRF for capital expenditures."
11. The issuance test requires that the RWA's historical revenues plus any necessary increase are sufficient to cover pro forma revenue requirements, including 114% of costs associated with debt service, including principal and interest payments on the bonds, and DWSRF project loan obligations.
12. In the Application, the RWA uses July 2026 through June 2027 to compute pro forma expenses.
13. In the Application, the RWA chose a 12-month period from July 2025 through June 2026 (the "historic period"), which had \$137,308,000 in net water sales collections, \$9,528,000 in non-water sales, \$4,343,000 in interest income, and \$618,000 in Build America Bonds subsidy, for a total of \$151,797,000 in estimated collections. The total of the water and non-water revenues for the historical period is \$146,836,000. The Applicant selected the historic period representing the lowest cash collections (at the time of the Application) in the 18 months preceding the issuance of the bonds and demonstrates a lower historical revenue than if the RWA selected a 12-month period with higher cash collections.
14. The RWA's total projected revenue requirements for the pro forma year are \$156,786,000 as set forth below:

- (a) The RWA projects \$76,354,000 as the total operating and maintenance expense for the pro forma year as more particularly described in the Issuance Test tab of the Application.
  - (b) The RWA projects \$9,960,000 as the total Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) expense for the pro forma year as set forth in the Issuance Test tab of the Application. The estimated PILOT expense is based upon estimated Grand Lists and mill rates as of October 1, 2025.
  - (c) The RWA used \$56,377,000 in pro forma expenses related to debt service on its bonds and DWSRF project loan obligations outstanding. This total is based on the total of \$49,453,000 in maximum aggregate debt service in fiscal year 2029, multiplied by the 114% coverage requirement under the issuance test.
  - (d) The RWA used \$2,145,000 in pro forma expense related to principal and interest payments on the proposed bonds and project loan obligations. This total is based on the total of \$1,882,000 in payments on the Bonds in 2029, multiplied by the 114% coverage requirement under the issuance test. These debt service amounts are estimated, assuming a yield (cost) of 4.5% and a principal amount approximately \$15.7 million, excluding approximately \$1.3 million premium. This Application also includes approximately \$15.9 million in financing through CT DWSRF.
  - (e) The RWA used \$11,950,000 related to depreciation in compliance with the General Bond Resolution.
15. The RWA reduced its \$156,786,000 in revenues by \$618,000 to reflect the Build America Bonds subsidy in the 12-month historical period and \$4,343,000 to reflect the interest income in the 12-month historical period for a total minimum amount of \$151,825,000 to be raised from water and non-water revenues in the pro forma year under the issuance test.
16. The difference between the minimum amount to be raised from water and non-water revenues (\$151,825,000) and the historical period total for water and non-water revenues (\$146,836,000) is \$4,989,000, which represents the minimum additional revenue requirement needed under the issuance test for the pro forma year.
17. The issuance test in the Application does not include an allocation from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

18. The RWA was able to begin replenishing the Rate Stabilization Fund in fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013, bringing the balance to the established target of \$10 million.
19. The Application reflects a capital improvement program of an annual average of approximately \$53.7 million.
20. This Application incorporates the lower interest expense associated with the March 2025 refinancing reducing debt service by approximately \$326,000 in the maximum debt year. Prior refinancing also favorably impacts this Application.
21. This Application also incorporates the use of approximately \$42.2 million of internally generated funds. This lowers debt service by approximately \$2.4 million.
22. Savings include CT DWSRF and Congressional Directed Spending grants and projected grants, and other savings resulting in lower debt service of approximately \$457,000.
23. The Application includes a \$1.20 million increase in depreciation expense to further improve internal generation of funds, provide a portion of the capital program, and reduce debt leverage.
24. In this Application, the Authority proposes to issue approximately \$16.9 million (including an anticipate premium) of the new RWA water system bonds to fund its program of capital improvements for approximately eighteen months, from July 2026 to December 2027. The RWA is also proposing to finance approximately \$15.9 million through the CT DWSRF to take advantage of favorable interest rates, expected to close within the eighteen-month period covered by the Application.
25. OCA's memorandum dated March 16, 2026, provided its opinion that the Applicant acted reasonably in the selection of the historic period and projection of the revenue needs of the RWA. The OCA recognizes the Application as a necessary tool for the successful execution of the RWA's long-term plan and recommended approval of the Application.
26. The water and related charges established by the RWA are just and equitable rates and charges, which together with other available funds, will provide the RWA with funds in amounts sufficient for the purposes set forth in Section 14 of the RWA's enabling legislation, but not in excess of such amounts.
27. The RWA continues to face significant financial challenges: a declining trend in draft of approximately 1.0% annually since 1999, the RWA has worked continuously over the past 17

years to implement efficiencies in both capital and operating expenditures. This Application includes the following efficiencies achieved subsequent to the July 2024 rate application: (1) incorporates the lower interest expense associated with the March 2025 refinancing reducing debt service by approximately \$326,000 in the maximum debt year in the Application and prior refinancing also favorably affects the Application; (2) financing requirement in the Application incorporates the use of approximately \$42.2 million of internally generated funds. This lowers debt service by approximately \$2.4 million; and (3) savings also include both CT DWSRF and Congressional Directed Spending grants and projected grants, and other savings resulting in lower debt service of approximately \$457,000. Together these actions result in debt service savings of approximately \$3.2 million.

28. About 55% of the capital program in the Application is funded without having to issue debt, thereby helping to reduce leverage.
29. RWA has taken steps to implement efficiencies in both capital and operating expenditures to mitigate rate increases and continues to pursue expanding commercial revenue sources and pursue alternative financing and grants.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The RWA's Application for an increase in its water rates and charges was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 14 of RWA's enabling legislation.
2. Notice of the public hearing to consider the Application for an increase in water rates and charges and to allow interested persons, including water users and property owners within the district, to be heard was properly made pursuant to Section 10 of the RWA's enabling legislation.
3. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the RPB concludes that the RWA's proposed Application meets all requirements for approval, including the requirements of the issuance test and applicable law.

Exhibit B

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

2026 Rate Application

Exhibit List

<b>Exhibit Number/Letter</b>	<b>Exhibit Name</b>
A	Application to the RPB for approval of the pending 2026 Rate Application, dated January 27, 2026 (“Application”)
B	Raftelis Rate Memorandum, dated January 20, 2026
C	OCA’s First Set of Interrogatories, dated February 4, 2026, regarding the pending 2026 Rate Application
D	Management responses, dated February 13, 2026, to OCA’s First Set of Interrogatories, dated February 4, 2026 (excluding question #1)
E	Notice of Public Hearing, published February 28, 2026, in the CT Post and New Haven Register.
F	OCA’s memorandum to the RPB, dated March 16, 2026, recommending approval of the Application
G	Management supplemental responses, dated March 19, 2026, to OCA’s First Set of Interrogatories question #1, dated February 4, 2026
H	Authority’s Application presentation dated March 26, 2026.

**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD  
OF THE  
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

APRIL 23, 2026

*(2026 Rate Application)*

**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 2026 Rate Application (“Application”), dated January 27, 2026, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

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REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD  
OF THE  
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT  
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION #1: WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

**RESOLUTION #2: THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

**Resolution #1: Resolution Approving Water Rates and Charges**

**RESOLVED**, that the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) hereby approves the water rates and related charges set forth in the 2026 issuance test rate application (the “2026 Rate Application”), filed by the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) with the RPB on January 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the water rates and related charges set forth in the 2026 Rate Application and attached hereto shall become effective upon the delivery of all or a portion of the Authority’s Water System Revenue Bonds, a portion of which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are currently expected to be delivered on or about July 2026. The water rates and related charges affected by this resolution will be adjusted at the time of the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the table on page 30 of the 2026 Rate Application to reflect the interest rate on the Bonds and resulting debt service; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the water and related charges established by the Authority, and approved herein, are hereby found to be just and equitable rates and charges which, together with other available funds, will provide the Authority with funds in amounts sufficient for the purposes set forth in Section 14 of the Authority’s enabling legislation, Special Act 77-98, as amended, but not in excess of such amounts.

**Resolution #2: Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds**

**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 RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority’s Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty -five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000).
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.

The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority (the “Projects”) from approximately July, 2026 through December, 2027 in accordance with a certain capital improvement plan (the “Plan”) adopted by the Authority on June 26, 2025, as may be amended from time to time, or in accordance with resolutions approved by the Authority for additional water system projects, (the “Resolutions”), to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance.

3. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or 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.

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