

Representative Policy Board  
**Finance Committee**

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut

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**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

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1. Safety Moment
2. Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2026 meeting
3. Consider and act on Note Resolutions
4. Quarterly Report on RPB approved projects: R. Kowalski
5. Notification of Committee Chair election in July
6. New Business
7. Next meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid
8. Adjourn

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# SAFETY MOMENT

## SUSTAINABLE GASTRONOMY DAY

June 18<sup>th</sup> has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as Sustainable Gastronomy Day.

What is Sustainable Gastronomy?

Gastronomy is sometimes called the art of food. It can also refer to a style of cooking from a particular region. In other words, gastronomy often refers to local food and cuisine. Sustainability is the idea that something (e.g. agriculture, fishing or even preparation of food) is done in a way that is not wasteful of our natural resources and can be continued into the future without being detrimental to our environment or health.

Sustainable gastronomy, therefore, means cuisine that takes into account where the ingredients are from, how the food is grown and how it gets to our markets and eventually to our plates.

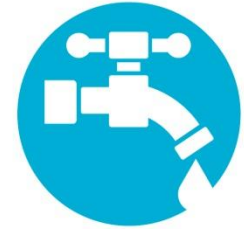
What can we do?

- Help reduce malnutrition in all its forms, cut food waste and improve nutrition
- Make *#NotWasting* food a personal resolution
- Promote green culture diets
- Promote clean energy for local restaurants
- Raise public awareness



Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Tap Into  
Safety



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Representative Policy Board  
**Finance Committee**  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut  
and  
Via Remote Access

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Vincent M. Marino, Jamie Mowat Young(R), Thomas P. Clifford III, James X. DiCarlo, Stephen Iacuone, Jasper J. Jaser, Carolyn Mancini(R), and M. Verderame(R)

**RPB:** Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Naomi Campbell(R), Charles Havrda(R), Mark Levine(R), and Greg Malloy(R)

**Authority:** David Borowy(R), Todd Cort(R), and Catherine LaMarr(R)

**RWA:** Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Rochelle Kowalski, Victor Benni, and Charles DelVecchio

**OCA:** Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

**Staff:** Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Marino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He welcomed Mr. Iacuone, the Representative Policy Board's Derby representative, to the Finance Committee, expressing his appreciation for his willingness to serve as a committee member.

Chair Marino reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of its April 13, 2026 regular meeting, as presented.

Chair Marino stated that it would be appropriate to discuss the FY 2027 Budget presented to the Committee last month. He offered members and management the opportunity to comment and ask questions. No discussion ensued.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Ms. Young, the Committee moved for approval of the following resolutions for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB"):

**WHEREAS** the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("Authority") requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2027 proposed Capital, Operating and Commercial Budgets ("Budget"); and

**WHEREAS** the RPB held workshops on April 13, 2026, and April 16, 2026, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budget and responded to questions from RPB members; and

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**WHEREAS** the RPB Finance Committee met on May 11, 2026 to discuss management's presentation of the Budget and commented that the Budget was well presented, well-fortified, and reasonable, and voted unanimously in favor of recommending the Budget to the RPB for its support; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB has a duty to review the Budget and to comment, but no other statutory obligations or authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB wishes to express its appreciation to management and the Authority for the professionalism of their presentation and express its overall support of the Budget; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA's Budget review letter dated April 22, 2026; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budget is that it is reasonable and supported; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB believes that the Authority's overall financial plan and execution of its long-term plan provide for financial health required to achieve its overall mission of providing high quality water, products, and services to consumers at reasonable prices.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Head of Corporate Development, requested approval by the Committee to recommend reissuance of the 2020 private placement drawdown note. She stated that the bonds are taxable this year at no additional cost to the RWA.

Use of funds would require Board approval and be limited to emergency projects and potential Blue Drop expenses, if the transaction does not proceed. The bonds would not be included in Blue Drop's future operating budget if the transaction moves forward.

After discussion, Mr. Jaser moved for approval to recommend the following resolution to the RPB:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue its Bonds (the "Bonds") which may be on a parity with or subordinate to 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:**

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1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority's Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).
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, whether taxable or tax-exempt, 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 to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority as set forth in the Authority's capital improvement plan (the "Projects"), to fund operating expenses and 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, if applicable, and to pay costs of issuance.
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. DiCarlo seconded the motion, and the resolution was unanimously approved for recommendation to the RPB.

Chair Marino reported on an upcoming Authority meeting assignment on May 28, 2026.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

Chair Marino asked Committee members thoughts on revisiting Authority compensation, noting the last increase occurred in January 2025, followed by a stipend in June 2025.

After discussion, the committee reached a consensus to postpone the item for possible consideration in July, if deemed necessary. The committee will revisit and discuss this further at the June meeting under new business.

At 5:11 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Ms. Mancini, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Vincent M. Marino, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.

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**TO:** Vincent M. Marino  
Marino, Zabel & Schellenberg, PLLC  
657 Orange Center Road  
Orange, CT 06477

**DATE:** June 3, 2026

**RE:** Quarterly Update of RPB  
Approved Projects

**ATTN:** \_\_\_\_\_

We are sending you  Enclosed  Under Separate Cover via  E-Mail  Hand Delivery the following items:

- Prints       Shop Drawings       Data Sheets       RPB Report  
 Sketches       Specifications       Brochures       \_\_\_\_\_

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1		March - May 2026	Quarterly Report

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- As Requested       For Your Information       \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Remarks:** Enclosed please find the fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2026 status report of all RPB-approved projects.

Very truly yours,

Regional Water Authority



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 Sunny Lakshminarayanan, P.E.  
 VP – Eng. & Env. Services/Interim CEO

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**STATUS OF RPB-APPROVED PROJECTS  
FOURTH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026 REPORT  
MARCH - MAY 2026**

Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant HVAC and Electrical Improvements

Date Approved by the RPB: March 2022  
Amount Approved by the RPB: \$6,130,800  
Amount Expended to Date: \$5,339,418  
Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$6,130,800  
Scheduled Completion: May 2024  
\*Anticipated Completion: July 2026

During the quarter, coordination between JLY Contractors and RWA continued in support of the ongoing project implementation. Within the mechanical scope, installation of all HVAC components has been completed, including ductwork, boilers, and air handling units (AHUs). Remaining activities include final programming of the Building Management System (BMS) and overall system Testing and Balancing (TAB). Installation of the new drop ceiling and new light fixtures have also been completed. Commissioning activities progressed in collaboration with RWA's commissioning consultant with active participation from the general contractor and relevant subcontractors.

Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements Phase I – Initial Design Project

Date Approved by the RPB: June 2022  
Amount Approved by the RPB: Not to exceed \$5,520,000  
Amount Expended to Date: \$3,574,900  
Estimated Final Cost of Initial Design: \$3,500,000  
Scheduled Completion: September 2023  
\*Anticipated Completion: February 2027

During the quarter, the design team continued development of the final contract document package, coordinating closely with the associated funding sources. RWA staff worked with CT DPH staff to facilitate their review of contract documents for approval. Design will be completed upon receipt of any comments and approval of the documents. Comments are expected from CT DPH early in the first quarter of FY 2027.

Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Improvements

Date Approved by the RPB: May 2024  
Amount Approved by the RPB: \$3,100,000  
Amount Expended to Date: \$2,173,969  
Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$3,100,000  
Scheduled Completion: October 2025  
\*Anticipated Completion: December 2026

During the quarter, coordination between Kovacs Construction and RWA continued in support of the ongoing project implementation. Kovacs Construction completed installation of the sodium hypochlorite system, which is operational and continued installation of the caustic system.

Throughout this period, RWA treatment staff successfully maintained operation of the temporary caustic feed system to ensure uninterrupted plant operations.

Lake Gaillard and Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plants Electrical Upgrades

Date Approved by the RPB: July 2025  
Amount Approved by the RPB: \$14,000,000  
Amount Expended to Date: \$1,818,390  
Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$14,000,000  
Scheduled Completion: April 2028  
\*Anticipated Completion: May 2028

During the quarter, the bid process was completed and the recommendation for award approved by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and acknowledged by the Environmental Protection Agency. The contract was awarded to the low responsible bidder C.H. Nickerson & Company, Inc, with a notice to proceed issued on April 13. A preconstruction meeting was held, and preconstruction photographs were collected. Mobilization efforts have occurred, and initial submittals have been provided by the Contractor. Electrical components continue to have a long lead time, but efforts associated with site work are anticipated to start this summer.

North Branford Tank Replacement

Date Approved by the RPB: November 2025  
Amount Approved by the RPB: \$10,200,000  
Amount Expended to Date: \$509,088  
Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$10,200,000  
Scheduled Completion: July 2027  
\*Anticipated Completion: To Be Determined

During the quarter, RWA completed land clearing removal. This was due to Fish and Wildlife Services permit restrictions limiting land clearing to between November 1 and April 14 to avoid adverse impacts related to habitat destruction, affecting northern long-eared bats, tri-colored bats, and Indiana bats. Final design is being prepared by our consultant. Bid documents are currently under DWSRF review and we are awaiting approval to advertise for bid.

Route 80 Control Valve Replacement

Date Approved by the RPB: February 2026  
Amount Approved by the RPB: \$9,900,000  
Amount Expended to Date: \$1,597,130  
Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$9,900,000  
Scheduled Completion: March 2028  
Anticipated Completion: March 2028

During the quarter, work has continued to progress the design to a biddable package. RWA submitted the pre-bid construction documents to the Department of Public Health (DPH) on December 24, 2025, and in May coordinated minor comments from the DPH. Pre-Bid Contract Approval was received from DPH on May 18, 2026. Coordination with the CTDOT and the City of New Haven Traffic Department continues. Additional traffic studies were required, and this information was subsequently provided to

the CTDOT and the City of New Haven Traffic Department. RWA staff is awaiting a response from the City.

*\* Actual completion dates may vary significantly from scheduled completion dates due to delays incurred because of extended material delivery and supply chain issues, and extended review periods taken by Connecticut Department of Public Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency due to DWSRF and CDS funding. Delays also occurred due to the need to obtain project waivers for the Buy America, Build America Act, which went into effect after these projects were designed but prior to bidding.*