

Representative Policy Board
Executive Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Safety Moment
2. AWA RPB update: D. Borowy
3. Approve minutes – July 29, 2026 special meeting
4. CAC OCA Proposed Rate Increase update
5. Application schedule, funding, and capital projects not requiring a public hearing
6. RPB and Committee agendas and issues
7. Set calendar year 2027 regular meeting dates
8. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, January 20, 2027 at 5:00 p.m.
9. New Business
10. Adjourn

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Weekly Safety Topic

September 21, 2026

Title: Distracted Driving



Regional Water Authority

Activity/Process

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving. Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

- In 2024, 3,208 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. (NHTSA)

Action Steps to Avoid Distraction:

1. **Turn Off Temptation** - Do not text or talk on your phone while driving. Turn off your cell phone until you reach your destination. Research from the National Safety Council shows that hands-free phones are as much of a distraction as handheld phones. Place your device out of sight – in the glove box or the console -- so it's out of mind.
2. **Stop To Call or Text** - If you cannot wait to make a call or text, pull to a safe and legal place. It's illegal in some states to text and drive. Many cities have stricter laws that prevent all handheld cell phone use while on the road. While traveling, cell phones should only be used for emergency purposes.
3. **Have a Plan** - Don't wait until you are driving to plan your route. Use navigation devices with voice directions and set your destination before leaving. GPS and navigation systems can be as distracting as cell phones. Know where you are going in advance. Even with voice input, misheard words and bad routing can take your attention off the road.
4. **Pull Off the Road When Drowsy** - Drowsiness increases the crash risk by nearly four times. A study by the AAA Traffic Safety Foundation found that 37% of drivers report having fallen asleep behind the wheel. An estimated 21% of fatal crashes and 13% of crashes with severe injuries involve a drowsy driver. If you feel tired, get off the road.
5. **Limit the Number of Passengers in Your Vehicle** - Talking with passengers is a cognitive distraction, but passengers can also help alert you to dangers outside the vehicle. Suspend conversations when approaching locations with heavy traffic, road construction, or severe weather conditions. Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations with passengers.
6. **Avoid Eating, Drinking, and Smoking While Driving** - A busy day is no excuse for distracted driving. Eating and drinking while driving may seem like a time-saver, but it makes you less attentive to drivers around you. Dropping a cigarette or spilling food or a drink is a major cause of distracted driving.
7. **Keep Your Eyes Moving** - Make a full-mirror sweep with your eyes every five to six minutes to ward off a wandering mind. When possible, vary your route so routine trips like commuting to and from work don't become mundane.
8. **Keep a Safe Distance** - Driver training professionals suggest a following distance of three-to-four seconds in good weather. This gives you more time to react to what's happening in front of you, reducing the risk to you and your passengers.

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MINUTES

Special Meeting of Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Committee present – Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Naomi Campbell, Charles Havrda, Mark Levine(R), Greg Malloy, Vincent Marino(R), and Jamie Mowat Young

RPB - Stephen Mongillo(R)

Authority – David Borowy(R) and Kevin Curseaden

RWA Management – Sunny Lakshminarayanan(R) and Rochelle Kowalski

OCA - Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

RPB Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Harvey welcomed Mr. Havrda to the Committee, as RPB Secretary for the upcoming year. All other members have remained the same. He thanked Committee members for their willingness to serve.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 regular meeting.

Chair Harvey recognized Mr. Borowy, Chair of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), who reported that the formation of the Aquarion Water Authority Representative Policy Board (AWA RPB) is underway. To date, appointments representing 36 weighted votes have been made, bringing the Board close to the 51 weighted votes required for a quorum. Mr. Borowy noted that, with the recent appointments, the inaugural meeting of the AWA RPB could occur as early as September 2026.

Chair Harvey advised members that volunteers from the RWA Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) are being recruited to act as mentors to newly appointed AWA RPB members. He anticipates that one volunteer from each of the RWA RPB's three standing committees may also be asked to volunteer.

Chair Harvey stated that no ad hoc committee would be established for this effort and encouraged members to contact him if interested.

Mr. Borowy reported that new AWA RPB members would be provided with an orientation for governance structure and responsibilities of the Board, and that mentors may be called upon to respond to any follow-up questions.

After discussion, it was determined that Committee members would consider the time commitment involved and contact Chair Harvey, if interested.

Chair Harvey asked standing committee chairs if there were any issues they would like to discuss.

Ms. Campbell, the RWA RPB Consumer Affairs Committee Chair, reported that the committee would be discussing the RWA's notification system at its next meeting on August 17, 2026.

At 5:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Havrda and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the Committee voted unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Committee members, Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, Mongillo and Atty. Donofrio.

At 5:25 p.m., Messrs. Lakshminarayanan and Mongillo, and Ms. Kowalski withdrew from the meeting.

At 5:40 p.m., Messrs. Levine and Marino withdrew from the meeting.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session.

For reasons discussed in executive session, Chair Harvey reported that the RWA RPB would hold a special meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026, immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

Committee members discussed timing and logistics of the special meeting. After discussion, the Committee determined that it was necessary to go back into executive session to discuss in more detail.

At 5:57 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the Committee voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Committee members, Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, and Atty. Donofrio.

At 6:02 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session.

On motion made by Ms. Young and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the Committee voted unanimously to schedule a special meeting of the RWA RPB on Monday, August 10, 2026, for possible action to consider Candidate A for the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Aquarion Water Authority and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as recommended by the RWA for RWA RPB approval.

The next regular meeting is on Thursday, October 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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Mr. Havrda reported that his new role as Secretary of the RWA RPB requires him to initiate an RWA RPB Self-Assessment Survey. The last assessment was completed in 2016, and he stated that with the newer members and recent changes it may be appropriate to consider conducting an assessment later this year or early next year. He will work with the Board Administrator to review and update the assessment, as necessary, prior to distribution.

At 6:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED

FY 27/28 – RPB APPLICATION SCHEDULE

<u>Application</u>	<u>Application to Authority</u>	<u>Public Hearing</u>	<u>Public Hearing Required</u>
1. Lake Whitney Dam	2 Quarter FY 27	3 Quarter FY 27	Y
2. Raynham Hill Pump Station (possible)	4 Quarter FY 27	1 Quarter FY 28	Y
3. Killingworth Disposition 2 Properties to the State of CT	2 Quarter FY 28	3 Quarter FY 28	Y
4. Peat Swamp Dam Improvements	TBD		
5. Spring Street Pump Station Improvements	TBD		

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2027 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

EXCOM (5:00 p.m.)
January 20 (W)
April 21 (W) (Passover)
July 21 (W)
October 20 (W)