

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Consumer Affairs Committee**

Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Meeting

A meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RPB”) took place on Monday, June 21, 2021, via remote access. Committee members present were: N. Campbell, M. Levine, S. Mongillo, F. Pepe and R. Smith.

RPB members present: M. Ricozzi, RPB Chair, C. Havrda, B. Eitzer, G. Malloy, J. Oslander, and J. Mowat Young

RWA members present: L. Bingaman, L. Gonzalez, R. Kowalski and P. Singh

FMA members present: A. DiSalvo and C. LaMarr

Alliance for Water Efficiency: M. Dickinson

Office of Consumer Affairs: Jeff Donofrio, Esq. (“OCA”)

RPB staff: J. Slubowski

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Mr. Pepe, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its May 17, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Dickinson, Technical Advisor for the Alliance for Water Efficiency (“AFWE”), provided a presentation on the AFWE’s water conservation program, developed to assist utilities experiencing increasing costs as a result of declining demand, which included:

- Revenue stability
- Consumer Price Index trends
- Water flow and flow of economic logic
- Conservation tracking tool
- Key concepts and problems
- Financing
- Building an efficiency-oriented rate structure
- Rate Model for forecasting sales
- Affordability and drought pricing
- Communications
- Public engagement

Discussion took place regarding average rate increase for similar utilities, supply and demand, state drivers, affordability, customer growth, assessment fees, and penalties.

The OCA stated the importance of conservation and RWA’s interest compared to other water utilities and processes designed to mitigate rate increases.

At 6:35 p.m., Mss. Dickinson, Gonzalez, Young and Messrs. Bingaman, Eitzer, Malloy, and Oslander withdrew from the meeting.

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Atty. Donofrio reported no pending complaints. He also noted that he attended the public hearing for the disposition of Ives Street in Hamden last week.

On motion made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ricoszi, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA's May 2021 billing (\$1,165.00).

Chair Mongillo stated that next month's CAC meeting will include the election of Committee Chair. Interested candidates should contact him to discuss.

CAC member attendance at the Authority's September meeting was made. The assignment for August will be discussed at the committee's next meeting.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:38 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Ricoszi, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Stephen Mongillo, Chairman