

Representative Policy Board
Representative Policy Board/Authority Joint Legislative Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511
Gaillard Meeting Room

Minutes of August 1, 2016

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board/Authority Joint Legislative Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Monday, August 1, 2016, at the office of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Co-Chairs Borowy and Cermola presided:

Present: Committee Members: Richard Albrecht, David Borowy, Sandy Breslin (via teleconference), Joe Cermola, Tony Rescigno and Mario Ricozzi
RPB: Thomas P. Clifford III
Office of Consumer Affairs: Jeffrey M. Donofrio
Management: President - Larry Bingaman, Senior Advisor - Beth Nesteriak, Government and Public Relations Specialist - Lori Vitagliano and VP - Jean Zanella-Dyer
RPB/RWA Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by Mr. Borowy.

- 1) Approval of minutes of July 12, 2016 meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Ricozzi, seconded by Mr. Albrecht, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting were approved as presented, with Messrs. Albrecht, Cermola and Rescigno abstaining.

- 2) Review and discuss changes to RWA’s Enabling Legislation, as proposed

Mr. Bingaman provided an update on the meeting that he and Ms. Breslin, Bethany’s representative on the Representative Policy Board, hosted last week for environmental and land trust organizations. He reported that 14 members attended the meeting and he received valuable feedback regarding the proposed changes to the enabling legislation. Highlights of the meeting also included discussions of RWA’s land disposition process, the state of the water industry, RWA’s economic development initiatives and its non-core revenue activities. He stated that during the meeting RWA stated it would not actively recruit water bottlers to the region, but could bottle its own water, and to assign RWA’s sustainability team to review the Stream Gages for the Mill River located in Hamden.

Mr. Bingaman noted that suggestions he received from the meeting could result in further revisions to the proposed changes to the enabling legislation, specifically related to: non-core activities, environmental issues, agriculture and the use of Class I and Class II lands. Mr. Bingaman will contact RWA’s counsel to discuss revising the language. Discussion took place regarding the

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potential savings related to using solar array panels and virtual net metering.

The Committee then reviewed the following initial proposed changes to RWA's enabling legislation, as presented prior to the meeting with environmental and land trust organizations:

1) eliminate the list of non-core related areas RWA can be involved in and insert a new defined term "non-core business" and define the non-core businesses in which RWA can invest in or own, 2) narrow the type of energy projects in which the RWA can be involved, 3) define "affiliated business entity" to address non-core business structures, 4) address RPB indexed compensation adjustments in the future, 5) correct a citation in Section 11, 6) extend the duration of liens for unpaid water bills from 10 to 15 years, 7) allow for bids to be submitted electronically to the RWA, 8) allow for conservation easements to bypass the required RPB full approval process in certain instances, and 9) ensure Section 19 mirrors Section 1, related to non-core scope, which requires RPB approval for non-core investments over \$1 million dollars.

It was the consensus of the Committee to delete the revision to Item 4, regarding the RPB indexed compensation can only increase.

3) Recommended changes to Enabling Legislation, as proposed, to the Authority and full RPB for review and comment

It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward and submit a report for the remaining eight proposed changes to the enabling legislation, as listed above, for recommendation to the Authority and RPB, in August, with the understanding that counsel will redraft the language of the proposed changes to address the concerns of the environmental and land trust organizations.

4) Future Meeting Date

The Committee will schedule a meeting after the revisions to the enabling legislation have been completed and input from all parties received.

5) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

David J. Borowy, Co-Chair

Joseph A. Cermola, Sr., Co-Chair