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**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 December 8, 2016

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board/Authority Joint Legislative Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, December 8, 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, Joe Cermola, Tony Rescigno and Mario Ricozzi
Office of Consumer Affairs: Louis Dagostine
Management: Larry Bingaman, Beth Nesteriak, Lori Vitagliano, Jean Zanella-Dyer
RPB/RWA Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Co-Chair Borowy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1) Approval of minutes of October 6, 2016 meeting

On motion made by Ms. Breslin, seconded by Mr. Ricozzi, the minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting were approved as presented. 5-0-1.

2) Update on outreach

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reported on meetings that took place in October with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE), Rivers Alliance, regulatory agencies and legislators to review and discuss the proposed changes to the enabling legislation. He communicated that while the DPH and DEEP had no objections to the proposed changes, CFE and Rivers Alliance expressed concerns related to agricultural and energy related non-core activities that they believed could occur on Class I and II land. Mr. Bingaman and Ms. Breslin also reported on a meeting earlier in the month with environmental groups and reported on their concerns with the proposed changes to expand RWA’s ability to conduct non-core revenue activities. Mr. Bingaman stated that although RWA had no plans to conduct non-core activities on its Class I and Class II land, all comments were taken under advisement and as a result of a follow-up meeting with the CFE and Rivers Alliance, additional changes were made to prohibit non-core activities being conducted on the RWA’s watershed land. Beth Nesteriak, RWA’s Senior Advisor to the President & Director of Business Strategy, reviewed the proposed changes with counsel and key stakeholders for comment and feedback.

3) Review and discuss proposed changes to RWA’s Enabling Legislation

Mr. Bingaman and Ms. Nesteriak reviewed the proposed revised language with the committee and noted that the changes, as presented, represent input from environmental groups taken into consideration. He thanked Ms. Breslin and Ms. Nesteriak for their efforts and assistance to implement the changes.

Discussion took place regarding readability and specificity of the enabling legislation.

4) Consider and recommend to the Authority and full Representative Policy Board resolution authorizing proposed changes to Enabling Legislation

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Breslin, and unanimously approved, it was voted to recommend the following resolution to the Authority and RPB for consideration at their December meetings:

RESOLVED, that the proposed amendments to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's enabling legislation attached hereto, which 1) authorize the authority to conduct or invest in certain additional non-core business activities including agriculture and energy areas, provided that these activities are located on property other than class I or class II land owned by the authority, 2) specify financial limits for such investments or activities, 3) prohibit the authority's use of eminent domain for non-core businesses, 4) conform the duration of property liens for unpaid water bills to existing state law, 5) allow electronic submissions in the authority's procurement process in accordance with existing state procurement process, 6) impose conflict of interest and gift restrictions on subsidiaries and affiliates, and 7) allow open space conservation easements to be granted without the need for public hearing and approval by the Representative Policy Board; are deemed prudent and consistent with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's mission, and are hereby approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such proposed legislative amendments, together with any further appropriate modifications identified by management of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, provided that any such modifications do not fundamentally alter the intent of the proposal, be submitted to and promoted during the 2017 session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

5) Future meeting date, if required

Co-Chair Borowy noted that no future meeting date is required at this time. The Committee will remain dormant until the next call of management.

6) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

David J. Borowy, Co-Chair

Joseph A. Cermola, Sr., Co-Chair