

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
- III Approval of Minutes - May 22, 2025 meeting
- IV Communications
 - A. Fiscal Year 2026 Weighted Vote Computation
 - B. Committee Preferences 2025-2026
 - C. Status of RPB member term expirations – June 30, 2025
- V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. RPB Nominating Committee's recommendation for RPB officers beginning July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026
 - B. RPB Finance Committee's recommendation regarding Authority member stipend
- VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee (RPB Officers)
 - E. Nominating Committee (Authority member)
 - F. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 P.M. – *Application for approval to conduct electrical improvements at Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant.*

<p>**Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit https://tinyurl.com/2ppnjbyr. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.</p>
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Weekly Safety Topic

June 2, 2025

Title: Wildlife Safety



Regional Water Authority

Whether working in construction, forestry, utilities, or any outdoor environment, encountering wildlife can pose serious safety risks. From snakes and insects to larger animals like bears or coyotes, it's important to know how to stay safe. Wildlife can be unpredictable and dangerous. Bites, stings, or attacks can lead to serious injuries, allergic reactions, or even fatalities.

Activity/Process

1. Be Aware of Your Surroundings

- Scan the area before starting work.
- Look for signs of wildlife such as tracks, droppings, or nests.
- Avoid tall grass, brush, or piles of debris where animals may hide.

2. Wear Appropriate Gear

- Wear boots and long pants to protect against bites and stings.
- Use gloves when handling materials that may conceal animals.

3. Don't Feed or Approach Wildlife

- Feeding animals encourages them to return and become aggressive.
- Maintain a safe distance and never try to touch or capture wildlife.

4. Keep Work Areas Clean

- Secure food and trash in sealed containers.
- Clean up spills and dispose of waste properly to avoid attracting animals.

5. Know Emergency Procedures

- Report sightings of dangerous animals to your supervisor immediately.
- Know the location of first aid kits and how to respond to bites or stings.
- Have emergency contact numbers readily available.

Summary:

Preventing encounters protects both workers and animals. Respect wildlife and their habitats. Your safety depends on awareness, preparation, and responsible behavior.

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of May 22, 2025 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III(R)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Branford	Timothy Slocum
Cheshire	Carolyn Mancini(R)
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith(R)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino(R)

Absent

Derby	Frank Pepe
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Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Catherine LaMarr(R)
Mario Ricozzi

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Victor Benni(R)
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto(R)

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Safety Moment

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB approved the minutes of its April 24, 2025 meeting, with 89 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye

Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:33 p.m., Mr. Smith entered the meeting.

Communications

Chair Harvey stated that RPB member term expirations are up on June 30, 2025. He noted that towns have been responsive to the reappointment request letters that were mailed earlier in the month.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 24, 2025, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval to construct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of June 26, 2025, at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson is directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Marino moved for approval of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("Authority") requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2026 proposed Capital, Operating

and Commercial Budgets (“Budget”); and

WHEREAS the RPB held workshops on April 7, 2025, and April 17, 2025, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budget and responded to questions from RPB members; and

WHEREAS the RPB Finance Committee met on May 12, 2025, 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, 2025; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budgets is that they are 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.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee reported on the meeting held earlier in the month. The Committee met on May 12, 2025, via hybrid, to discuss whether or not to pursue an updated compensation study. The Committee also discussed the FY 2026 Budget and the budget recommendation to the RPB.

The next meeting is on June 9, 2025, at 5:00 pm, via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met on May 14, 2025, via hybrid, and received a historical perspective associated with the last RWA rental property located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden.

The next meeting is on June 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm, in Madison to discuss the Witch Hazel harvest.

Committee members inquired about the zoning for Skiff Street. Mr. Levine indicated that the issue would be addressed in the upcoming Land Use Committee meeting, contingent upon the availability of relevant information prior to the application process.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met on May 19, 2025, to discuss the RWA’s Recreation Program summer activities, staffing, and communications. The OCA reported on April 2025 activities, which included a review of the FY 2026 Budget and ongoing consumer issues, and the Committee also received an update on the customer information system.

The next meeting is on June 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm, via hybrid.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, thanked the RPB for its support of the FY 2026 Budget.

He stated that Authority met earlier in the day as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA’s Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. She stated that the Committee reviewed a Risk Management Update Memorandum and approved as part of the consent agenda an AI policy. The Committee also reviewed its FY 2026 work plan.

Mr. Ricozzi, Chair of the RWA’s Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee received a presentation from management on Emerging Issues in the Water Industry, which included Regulatory updates, PFAS update, Quality & Quantity, and Climate Change. The Committee also reviewed a memorandum on the Legislative Session.

Mr. Borowy acknowledged Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, who reported:

- That the RWA has achieved the highest ranking in overall customer satisfaction among midsize water utilities in the northeastern U.S., as reported in the J.D. Power 2025 Water Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study. This recognition was based on eight factors: information provided, level of trust, quality and reliability, ease of doing business, total monthly costs, personnel, problem resolution, and digital channels. The RWA expressed its gratitude for the positive feedback from customers that contributed to this award. You can
- On an Arbor Day event held on April 25th, where he and approximately 20 employee volunteers participated in the event by planting native trees at locations in East Haven and North Haven.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President and Chief Executive Officer reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended April 30, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 120%, with no shortfall.

He also reported that raw water storage levels were at 99%, compared to the long-term average of 94%. As of May 18, 2025, rainfall was at 41.59 inches, or 3.37% lower than the long-term average.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who had nothing to report.

He communicated that the Nominating Committees (“NC”) for Authority member and RPB Officers have been put together and include:

- NC for FMA – Ms. Campbell (Chair), Messrs. Clifford, Jaser, Levine, Malloy, and Mongillo; and
- NC for RPB Officers – Messrs. Malloy (Chair), Eitzer, Havrda, Smith, and Ms. Young.

At 7:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 99 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended Remotely.

UNAPPROVED

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sunny Lakshminarayanan
FROM: Tiffany Lufkin
CC: Victor Benni
SUBJECT: FY 2026 Representative Policy Board Weighted Vote Count
DATE: June 20, 2025

Attached please find the calculations for the Representative Policy Board (RPB) weighted vote count for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, covering the period from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. This calculation was performed according to the method prescribed in the enabling legislation of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (Authority). The FY 2026 vote calculations reflect the best available information.

The enabling legislation does not define the total number of votes, therefore, based on the particular spread of population and land, the total number of votes may vary from year to year. The FY 2026 total number of votes has been calculated to be 101.

Included with this memo is the following documentation associated with the vote calculation:

- Summary table of weighted votes per member Town, entitled "Computation of FY 2026 Weighted Votes for the Representative Policy Board", dated June 20, 2025.
- The Real Estate Department's report, entitled "Summary of Land by Town", dated May 31, 2025.
- Summary table of customers per member town, entitled "UMAX - Number of Customers Supplied", dated June 1, 2025¹.

The individual town votes in FY 2026 compared to FY 2025 will remain the same. Therefore, the total weighted vote count remains at 101. Votes are rounded to the nearest whole number, and the Authority's enabling legislation does not require that each town have a minimum number of votes. Therefore, similar to FY 2025, Beacon Falls will have a weighted vote of zero in FY 2026. In a November 28, 2007 legal opinion, our attorneys, Murtha Cullina LLP, determined that a weighted vote of zero is a possible and allowable outcome of the weighted vote procedure outlined in the enabling legislation.

¹ The number of customers for this vote calculation was obtained by a report from PowerBI from the UMAX system for all customers, titled "ENG- Active Water Accounts". This represents a change in reporting systems from FY 2025 due to the Customer Information System upgrade.

COMPUTATION OF FY 2026 WEIGHTED VOTES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
June 20, 2025

TOWN	(1) VOTES FY 2025	(2) CUSTOMERS AS OF 5/31/2025	(3) QUOTIENT	(4) 2X QUOTIENT	(5) ACRES AS OF 5/31/2025	(6) QUOTIENT	(7) COLUMN 4+6	(8) COLUMN (4+6)/3	(9) COLUMN (4+6)/3 X 100	(10) VOTES FY 2026
ANSONIA	3	5,404	0.04635	0.09269	96	0.00349	0.09619	0.03206	3.20626	3
BEACON FALLS	0	0	0.00000	0.00000	22	0.00080	0.00080	0.00027	0.02668	0
BETHANY	5	6	0.00005	0.00010	3,941	0.14340	0.14351	0.04784	4.78353	5
BRANFORD	6	8,635	0.07406	0.14812	1,178	0.04286	0.19098	0.06366	6.36601	6
CHESHIRE	4	7,058	0.06053	0.12107	227	0.00826	0.12933	0.04311	4.31085	4
DERBY	2	2,904	0.02491	0.04981	2	0.00007	0.04988	0.01663	1.66283	2
EAST HAVEN	6	8,513	0.07301	0.14602	860	0.03129	0.17732	0.05911	5.91054	6
GUILFORD	4	1	0.00001	0.00002	3,295	0.11990	0.11991	0.03997	3.99713	4
HAMDEN	10	15,058	0.12914	0.25829	1,329	0.04836	0.30665	0.10222	10.22160	10
KILLINGWORTH	2	0	0.00000	0.00000	1,381	0.05025	0.05025	0.01675	1.67504	2
MADISON	6	0	0.00000	0.00000	4,715	0.17157	0.17157	0.05719	5.71889	6
MILFORD	10	18,279	0.15677	0.31354	4	0.00015	0.31368	0.10456	10.45615	10
NEW HAVEN	13	22,798	0.19553	0.39105	24	0.00087	0.39193	0.13064	13.06421	13
NO. BRANFORD	8	1,551	0.01330	0.02660	6,032	0.21949	0.24609	0.08203	8.20311	8
NO. HAVEN	5	8,042	0.06897	0.13794	54	0.00196	0.13991	0.04664	4.66363	5
ORANGE	3	4,054	0.03477	0.06954	580	0.02110	0.09064	0.03021	3.02143	3
PROSPECT	1	0	0.00000	0.00000	866	0.03151	0.03151	0.01050	1.05038	1
SEYMOUR	1	319	0.00274	0.00547	706	0.02569	0.03116	0.01039	1.03871	1
WEST HAVEN	8	13,451	0.11536	0.23072	275	0.01001	0.24073	0.08024	8.02436	8
WOODBIDGE	3	525	0.00450	0.00901	1,895	0.06895	0.07796	0.02599	2.59865	3
GOV. REP.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	101	116,598	1	2	27,482	1	3	1	100	101

**RPB Weighted Vote Calculation
SUMMARY OF LAND BY TOWN
May 31, 2025**

Town	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
ANSONIA	96	96	96	96	96
BEACON FALLS	22	22	22	22	22
BETHANY	3,945	3,947	3,947	3,947	3,941
BRANFORD	1,175	1,175	1,174	1,178	1,178
CHESHIRE	149	149	149	149	227
DERBY	2	2	2	2	2
EAST HAVEN	860	860	860	860	860
GUILFORD	3,294	3,294	3,295	3,295	3,295
HAMDEN	1,322	1,321	1,321	1,333	1,329
KILLINGWORTH	1,377	1,381	1,381	1,381	1,381
MADISON	4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716	4,715
MILFORD	4	4	4	4	4
NEW HAVEN	24	24	24	24	24
NO. BRANFORD	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,032
NO. HAVEN	54	54	54	54	54
ORANGE	587	587	584	580	580
PROSPECT	822	822	866	866	866
SEYMOUR	706	706	706	706	706
WEST HAVEN	275	275	275	275	275
WOODBIDGE	1,897	1,896	1,896	1,895	1,895
Total	27,396	27,400	27,441	27,452	27,482

(1) All values in acres. Beginning with the FY17 calculation, land values are based on GIS data. This data continues to be updated as newer and better information is collected on boundaries; therefore the reported total land by town may change although no acquisitions or dispositions have necessarily been made. This data is for informational purposes only.

(2) There was one acquisition of land in FY25, in Cheshire. There were two dispositions, in North Branford.

RPB Weighted Vote Calculation
UMAX - NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED⁽¹⁾
June 1, 2025

Town	FY2022 Customers	FY2023 Customers	FY2024 Customers	FY2025 Customers	FY2026 Customers
ANSONIA	5,426	5,427	5,439	5,459	5,404
BEACON FALLS					
BETHANY	6	6	6	6	6
BRANFORD	8,631	8,648	8,669	8,701	8,635
CHESHIRE	6,803	6,830	6,870	6,974	7,058
DERBY	3,240	3,240	3,249	3,259	2,904
EAST HAVEN	8,567	8,565	8,569	8,573	8,513
GUILFORD	1	1	1	1	1
HAMDEN	15,062	15,072	15,078	15,111	15,058
KILLINGWORTH					
MADISON					
MILFORD	18,322	18,340	18,363	18,387	18,279
NEW HAVEN	22,734	22,733	22,716	22,825	22,798
NORTH BRANFORD	1,557	1,568	1,564	1,569	1,551
NORTH HAVEN	7,882	7,928	7,981	8,017	8,042
ORANGE	4,039	4,064	4,072	4,083	4,054
PROSPECT					
SEYMOUR	333	334	333	334	319
WEST HAVEN	13,427	13,424	13,429	13,460	13,451
WOODBIDGE	471	478	479	504	525
Overall Result	116,501	116,658	116,818	117,263	116,598

(1) Beginning in FY26, this calculation uses the PowerBI Report from UMAX "ENG- Active Water Accounts" for accounts active prior to June 1. This report change was necessary to utilize the current CIS reporting system.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

JUNE 26, 2025

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Vice Chairperson:	Stephen Mongillo
Secretary:	Jamie Mowat Young
Treasurer:	Timothy Slocum

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REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

JUNE 26, 2025

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

(FY 2025 FMA Stipend)

RESOLVED that the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee recommended to the Representative Policy Board a stipend of \$1,500.00 to each member of the Five Member Authority for work performed in FY 2025; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the stipend for members of the Five Member Authority be distributed immediately as part of the FY 2025 budget.