

**Representative Policy Board
Finance Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: **Finance Committee Members:** Tom Clifford, Charles Havrda, Jay Jaser, Vincent Marino, Jamie Mowat Young (via teleconference), Tim Slocum and Michelle Verderame

RPB Members: Mario Ricozzi

FMA Members: Kevin Curseaden

Management: Larry Bingaman, Linda Discepolo, Rochelle Kowalski, and Beth Silvia-Aramendi

OCA: Atty. Louis Dagostine

1. Safety Moment – Chair Slocum reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.
2. Approval of Minutes On motion made by Tom Clifford, seconded by Charles Havrda, and unanimously carried, the committee approved the minutes of its July 8, 2019 meeting.
3. Ten Year Financial Model Potential Scenarios – Ms. Kowalski, RWA’s Vice President of Finance and Controller, presented Modeling scenarios for discussion with the finance committee. The discussion was delivered with a goal of seeking input from the committee. The focus areas presented were based on prior modeling that was done. The focus list included Depreciation, Coverage, Pension, OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits), Non-Core revenues, Water Revenue decline and Reserve Fund Balances.

The modeling scenarios discussed included those used in 2018, 2017 & 2016. To further the discussion members asked some specifics on modeling process. She addressed the potential for a worst case/best case example of an investment in a non-core acquisition that would cost \$20 million and its potential impacts financing and projected income.

Members raised a number of questions regarding modeling rate forecasting, projecting capital cost impacts of a treatment plant construction project and its impact on ratepayers and also asked about modeling for big surprises such as the Lake Gaillard emergency project.

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After a review of the next steps to be taken, executive staff outlined the upcoming procedure and approval process by the 5 member Authority in November 2019. RPB chairman Mario Ricoszi opined that he would think it appropriate to present the models to the Finance committee prior to final acceptance of the Authority. Committee members expressed concurrence with the idea. Staff said the timing would work and that subject to the Authority okay staff could present 2020 modeling for discussion purposes at the Finance Committee meeting of October 21.

4. There was no new business to report.
5. At 5:38 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Timothy Slocum, Chairman

Note: As a reminder, the next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.