

**Representative Policy Board Consumer Affairs Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Minutes of the September 16, 2019 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District ("RPB") took place on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Regional Water Authority ("RWA") office, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Committee members present were N. Campbell, M. Levine, S. Mongillo and F. Pepe.

Also present were Suzanne Sack (Authority member), Jeffrey Donofrio (Office of Consumer Affairs), Linda Discepolo and Tom Barger (RWA).

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. He reviewed the safety moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Naomi Campbell, seconded by Frank Pepe, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its August 19, 2019 meeting, as presented.

Tom Barger, RWA's Water Quality Manager, presented information on RWA's Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) activities, which included:

- PFAS is a large group of fluorinated compounds (Approx. 4K) in wide use over many industries for decades.
- Found in firefighting foams, non-stick surfaces, repellent fabrics, food packaging, floor covering, etc.
- Used because they are stain, water and heat resistant. They are highly stable and mobile in the environment. Concern is ingestion by food and water.
- Two most worrisome are perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), developed by 3M in the 1950s, are no longer produced in the U.S. Six compounds, including these, are required for testing since 2014, but more being reviewed.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency health advisory level for PFOS and PFOA is set at 70 ppt. Regulations are in process and being developed for PFAS compounds.
- RWA tested all active raw water sources in 2019. All sources tested under 20 ppt, some lower. Testing continues to assess variables and insure accuracy.
- Next steps include assessing treatment processes for water quality improvement/

Attorney Donofrio reported that he attended the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council meeting where Linda Discepolo, RWA's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Ted Norris, RWA's Vice President of Asset Management, spoke on environmental issues. He complimented them on excellent responses to questions and concerns presented.

On motion made by Mark Levine, seconded by Frank Pepe, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA's August 2019 billing (\$1,057.50).

The next regular meeting is Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m., on motion made by Mark Levine, seconded by Naomi Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Mongillo, Chairman