

**Consumer Affairs Committee
Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**
90 Sargent Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
or via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm

1. Safety Moment
2. Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2022 meeting
3. Lead and Copper Update: T. Barger
4. Report of OCA – J. Donofrio
5. Approval of OCA invoice for April 2022 for \$5,650.00
6. Volunteers to attend Authority meetings on June 23, July 28, August 25 and September 22
7. Next meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
8. Adjourn

****Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via remote access. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/43bj4dk>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or email jslubowski@rwater.com.**

Representative Policy Board

Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Call in (*audio only*)

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Phone Conference ID: 880 379 194#

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SAFETY MOMENT



PREVENT BACK INJURIES

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), back injuries account for one of every five injuries and illnesses in the workplace. Many of these injuries are associated with manual materials handling tasks. BLS further states that re-aggravation of a previous injury almost always results from a new incident which involves the employee (i.e. slip, twist, trip, extended reach). Lifting-related injuries include sprains, strains, neural related, neuromuscular related injuries and/or bone related injuries. These injuries can affect any part of the body, but the majority occurs to the lower back. The bottom line is that **YOU** bear the responsibility for preventing back

Recognize the 5 Leading Back Injury Risk Factors!

- Poor posture
- Poor physical condition
- Improper body mechanics
- Incorrect lifting
- Jobs that require high energy

Be Willing to Change Your Posture Habits!

When you assume a neutral posture, your body will find its natural balance.
Adjust your worksite to fit you before you begin the task.



Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the Regional Water Authority .
It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Joint Meeting
Consumer Affairs Committee
and
Land Use Committee**

Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) and the Land Use Committee (“LUC”) of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RPB”) took place on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access.

CAC Committee members present: S. Mongillo, N. Campbell, M. Levine, T. Rescigno, and R. Smith

LUC Committee members present: P. Betkoski, P. DeSantis, B. Eitzer, B. Harvey, M. Horbal, G. Malloy, J. Oslander

RPB members present: M. Ricozzi, RPB Chair and C. Havrda

Authority: D. Borowy, K. Curseaden, C. LaMarr, and S. Sack

RWA members present: L. Bingaman, R. Kowalski, P. Singh, J. Courchaine, D. Donovan, S. Lakshminarayanan, D. Verdisco

Office of Consumer Affairs: Atty. Donofrio (“OCA”)

RPB staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Mongillo, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He stated that the meeting is a joint meeting of the CAC and the LUC. The CAC is a regular meeting and the committee’s regular business would be conducted prior to management’s FY 2023 budget presentation.

Chair Mongillo reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Ms. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its March 21, 2022 meeting, as presented.

The OCA reported that he received one consumer complaint that he is working to resolve with management of the Regional Water Authority. He also stated that he has been reviewing the Application and related materials for the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant valve replacement project, and reviewing budget materials.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA’s March 2022 billing (\$1,832.50).

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the FY 2023 capital budget outline and summarized the key points of the capital budget history. He reviewed assumptions used to develop the proposed budget. Mr. Bingaman noted that the FY 2023 capital budget includes funding of 79 projects and programs in four categories: Natural Resources, Treatment, Transmission & Pumping, and General Plant. He reported that the total proposed budget for capital projects is \$47.1 million and is within the recommended range of GHD’s capital expenditure review. . He also noted that the amount proposed excludes projects that would be discussed in executive session.

At 5:54 p.m., Mr. Levine entered the meeting.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, discussed the prioritization methodology and provided a breakdown of the projects and highlights, related to:

- Natural Resources
- Treatment
- Transmission & Pumping
- General Plant
- Five Year Plan Capital Improvements Plan

Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer & Vice President of Customer Care, also presented certain projects within General Plant.

Committee members discussed contingencies, federal funding, and the prioritization matrix.

At 6:25 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Ricoszi, seconded by Mr. Malloy, and unanimously carried, the committees voted to go into executive session to discuss strategy and negotiations, and real estate matters. Present in executive session were CAC and LUC members, OCA, Mss. Kowalski, LaMarr, Sack, Slubowski and Verdisco, and Messrs. Bingaman, Courchaine, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Donovan entered the meeting.

At 7:55 p.m., the committees came out of executive session.

Chair Mongillo reported that the executive session also included the commercial business enterprise update and no votes were taken.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, introduced the FY 2023 operating budget, and provided a recap of reserve fund balances and operating budget highlights. He stated that the operating budget reports no shortfall for FY 2023. Mr. Bingaman discussed declining trends with committee members.

Ms. Kowalski, RWA's Vice President of Financial Reporting & Analysis, provided the Authority with the FY 2023 Operating Budget, which included FY 2022 projections. Her report also included a review of:

- Revenue trends and assumptions
- Expense trends and assumptions
- Other key assumptions
- Maintenance Test
- Opportunities and vulnerabilities
- Summary

Chairs Betkoski and Mongillo thanked management for their FY 2023 budget review presentation.

Mr. Mongillo reported that the next Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m., and the Consumer Affairs Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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Joint Meeting Consumer Affairs and Land Use Committees
April 18, 2022

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

At 8:29 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Stephen Mongillo, Chair
Consumer Affairs Committee

Peter Betkoski, Chair
Land Use Committee