

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

**October 15, 2020
Meeting Transcription**

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 15, 2020, via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony P. Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Mike Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

North Branford	Peter DeSantis
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Regional Water Authority

Anthony DiSalvo
Joe Cermola
Kevin Curseaden
David Borowz
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Beth Nesteriak
Edward O. Norris III
Jeanine Reckdenwald
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Paul McCary

Office of Consumer Affairs

Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Mario:

All right. It is 6:30. This meeting, this is the regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board for Thursday October 15. The meeting is being recorded. First item on the agenda is the safety moment. The safety culture and trying to develop the safety culture and keep it for all the people around you because it does you no good to be safe if everyone around you is not being safe. So please pay attention to that and ask Jennifer if you have any questions. She puts them together.

Tony:

Good job Jennifer.

Mario:

She does a great job with that. The next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of September 17. If there's a moment to approve?

Frank:

I second it.

Mario:

I got a second, and Greg I believe was a motion and Mark was a second. Any discussion, corrections, amendments to the minutes? Hearing none. All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Mario:

Opposed? And are there any abstentions? I think we were all here last month. Okay, thank you very much. Communications. The RPB Dashboard quarterly report was in your packet. I think Consumer Affairs is still going to look at that. I don't think they have yet and just look at possible adjustments to that Rochelle. So when they set that up on the agenda, if you wouldn't mind attending and being part of that discussion because they may want to add a little tweak to it to have a little more consumer information as opposed to just the financial, or the predominantly financial.

Mario:

Items for consideration and action, moving along. The third quarter Representative Policy Board compensation, it's two parts. One is the completeness or substantially correct of the list that was provided to us and hopefully you've talked to Jennifer if you found you attended a meeting not listed. The second piece is the adjustment that was to start taking place in January 2020. Tim, if you are there, if you wouldn't mind reporting on the Finance Committee's discussion on that?

Tim:

I wouldn't mind at all. We agreed as a group that we would defer that at least until another visit under the current circumstances.

Mario:

So that's the recommendation of the Finance Committee?

Tim:

That was the recommendation. No formal motion, but indeed the general sense of the conversation and I would say it was unanimous.

Mario:

And do you want to make a motion to approve a substantially correct with holding still on the adjustment?

Tim:

I will make that motion Mr. Chairman.

Mario:

Is there a second.

Frank:

Second, Frank.

Mario:

Frank, okay. Thank you Frank. Any discussion on that? Okay. Hearing non, all in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Mario:

Opposed? And abstaining. Okay. Thank you very much. That brings us to reports. Finance Committee, Tim.

Tim:

The Finance Committee had a rousing meeting and with it, we started it off with audit, which is always incredibly exciting. The report delivered was a clean report, which is of course the most important thing about a report. We had a good presentation. We thanked them and they left. Then we moved on to the first quarterly results, which I don't know if Rochelle, you're giving that report at this meeting, but I suppose you may be in terms of the, I don't know if you're giving a report, but the bottom line is, we're doing pretty well despite the circumstances that we've been living through and the experience is that we're better than expected. Maybe that's a fair way to put it, but since we're not really out of the woods, it's unfair to say that we're better than ever. It's just one of those things. It's a yet unknown, but the first quarter is a little better than expected.

Tim:

We reviewed the dashboard, which again is something for more conversation at the next meeting, but we had nothing further to add to the dashboard report. Rochelle may want to amplify on that, unless Mr. Chairman, you want to hold off until Consumer Affairs has had their opportunity and that would be subject to another meeting.

Mario:

No, I think unless Rochelle had something she wanted to highlight specifically, everyone's received the report.

Tim:

Okay, fine.

Rochelle:

Just let me know if there's any questions.

Tim:

Okay. Then I think that was the essence of the meeting. And that concludes my report.

Mario:

Any questions for Tim? Okay.

Tim:

Thank you.

Mario:

Move on to the Land Use Committee. Peter you out there?

Peter:

Yeah, I'm out here Mario, good evening everyone. How's everyone?

Group:

Good.

Peter:

We had our annual pizza party that Mark started and unfortunately Mark couldn't be there. We were out at Lake Saltonstall, it was a beautiful day. I want to thank Jennifer and Bob Harvey for helping me put that together and I'm sure all of you have been out there, but Mark always pushes to have it out there at this time of year because the foliage and everything was beautiful. Of course we had our meeting. We went through our safety moment, approval of minutes. One of our big topics was the economic resource projects. We voted to move forward with that. I'm sure, Mario, that will be coming up in the future on the renewable energy, right?

Mario:

Correct. The land use amendment?

Peter:

Yes, the land use amendment. Correct.

Mario:

You agreed it was minor, correct?

Peter:

Yes. Yep.

Mario:

Okay.

Peter:

Yep. We're okay with that. So, and then John Triano as usual gave a great report on the history of the lake and gave us an update on all of our other reports as far as reservoir levels, historic average is 68%, last year was 81% and this year 68. I was nervous, but from what they're telling me we're not in any drought situation. I don't know if anyone else from land use wants to speak up if I'm missing something. All our trails are pretty much open, except Bethany. They're still cleaning up from the last hurricane. Our next meeting is November 18. Any questions, I'll be gladly to take them.

Mario:

Any questions for Peter? Okay, thank you Peter. Hearing none. Consumer Affairs Committee, Steve and Joe L.

Stephen:

Thanks Mario. Good evening everybody. We met on September 21 and Prem Singh was there to give us an update on the pipe safe marketing efforts. Currently, we have 58000 customers who participate in pipe safe, 44000 customers for the sewer pipe protection, 4000 customers for plumbing repairs and 890 customers for septic repairs. The participation in pipe safe, I think is particularly good at 58000. There is significant competition in that area and if you think about it, people are moving all the time, sometimes out of the district, so we are continually reselling. I think there's some customers who may not be able to afford it. So the fact that we've been able to maintain approximately 60000 customers would indicate to me that our customers recognize the value of the program and the value of having RWA be the one to help them with that.

Stephen:

The marketing efforts are designed to increase brand awareness and it includes some TV, radio spots, outside panels, website information, direct mail, bill insert, social media, lawn sides and three billboards. So Prem and his group have obviously put a lot of thought into this. I'd like to note that they are doing all of this with the same budget and hopefully all of their efforts... It's a lot of work and hopefully their efforts will produce what they're looking for. They have identified a target audience. They know what they want to do. The advertising campaign will be deployed in two ways, both for impact and cost efficacy.

Stephen:

One of their goals is to increase the plumbing repair customers from 4000 to 18000 customers since that area seems to be the one that has the most potential. Good luck to them with that. We appreciated the

presentation. It was a good chance to have a robust discussion on it. We got a better understanding of the program. Had a chance to ask a lot of questions.

Stephen:

We will meet again on Monday and Rochelle will be there to talk about the 10 year financial model. I understand Jennifer was going issue an invitation to other RPB members, but anybody that is interested, certainly welcome to attend on Monday for that. That was our meeting on September 21. Oh, hold on one second. Jeff's report. Happy to report no other active complaints. So we're doing well in that are. That's it for us.

Mario:

Excellent. Thank you Steve. Questions.

Tim:

I had a question Mario. I have a question if I may. When you address Steve, the 400 so many customers for the services, is that a relatively new part of the program? I know I do subscribe personally and I didn't understand that aspect of it. Is that in addition to the program or something I just missed?

Stephen:

I think that was the last thing to be added to the program. [Cross talk 00:12:37] but it is fairly new.

Tim:

It is fairly new, okay. I just don't remember that element of it. But that's fine. That's a question for another day then, thanks.

Stephen:

Yeah. I think Tim, you attended the meeting right?

Tim:

I did and I guess I just must have nodded off for that section. Or maybe the seriousness of the numbers, because it's only a few so I assumed it's relatively new.

Stephen:

Yeah. That's not insignificant number either.

Tim:

Not at all.

Stephen:

Participate in that kind of thing. It's quite different then the other programs. And it's a commitment from customers.

Tim:

Exactly. I assume at a higher dollar amount, that I couldn't recall either, so thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you for reminding me I was at the meeting. I'm only kidding. I couldn't miss the opportunity [inaudible 00:13:37] myself.

Mario:

Do we need to go back to the compensation report Tim and adjust your attendance.

Tim:

I was attentive. I appreciated the invitation. Thank you. Adjust it if you wish. That's your caveat not mine.

Mario:

The ads on TV look very good. Keep up the good work. Any other questions for Steve and Consumer Affairs?

Frank:

Steve Frank Pepe.

Stephen:

There you go.

Frank:

The new program, what does that consider of the insides to the house?

Stephen:

Good question. I really am not prepared to answer that.

Prim:

Is the question Frank about what's considered inside the house, that's the home plumbing repair. So we have different parts of the program. We have pipe save water, we have home plumbing repair. So what's inside the house is pretty much the home plumbing repair.

Frank:

How far are you going Prim, with the inside plumbing repair? What does it consist of?

Prim:

So basically if you think from the curb to the house, basically that's the pipe save water so from the house, inside the house, everything pretty much inside the house is considered to be home plumbing repair, related to plumbing. So, that's what's considered.

Frank:

Are you talking kitchen faucets, toilet bowl, showers? Or are you just talking the pipes in the house?

Prim:

That's basically the pipes in the house, you're right. I think when we get a call based on what the customer is telling us. Let's say you signed up for the whole pipe save complete, they got the whole package. So when we go in there, it's basically covering all the pipes inside the house, faucets. But when we go in there, based on the situation, we take care of the issue. So if it's changing a faucet or something, that's on the customer. We don't change faucets. We just take care of the pipes, yeah.

Frank:

Are you talking hot water heaters too with your plumbing?

Prim:

No, no. There's no water heater and stuff, no. Just the pipes.

Frank:

Just the pipes. Okay. Thank you Prim. Thank you.

Prim:

Yep, you're welcome.

Stephen:

Prim, this is Steve. I have a follow up question to that. If a pipe breaks in a wall and they have to take a wall apart to get at it, does the cover the repair of the wall as well?

Prim:

Basically it's inclusive of everything that's, same thing is similar if you dig to get the pipe. Same thing. So we cover everything, but there's a cap Steve. So we have a cap of \$5000. We cover up to 5000. Anything more than that is from customer's pocket.

Stephen:

Okay, thank you.

Prim:

Yep.

Peter:

I have a question too Mario or Steve, I was going to reach out to Frank and he beat me to it, because this program, I can understand the water end of it. We're taking care of the water from the curb inside and the plumbing, but then you're talking about sewer and septic, do we sub that out to a private contractor? How does that work?

Prim:

Maybe I'll talk it if you're okay Tim, so, we do have a contractor Mister Ruler so we have actually a five year contract, it's up for renewal next year. Anything to do with sewer and plumbing, we actually work

with the Mister Ruler. Anything that's related to pipe save water, it's basically internal resources, our field force. So we do have that partnership today. We actually build out for every five years.

Peter:

Thank you.

Frank:

One more, what does the regional water do besides the water service coming from the curb box to the house? Are they going to do the inside plumbing too, regional?

Prim:

Yes. I think when you say inside plumbing it really depends. If you're talking about inside the house that is covered as part of the home plumbing repair, that's the whole package that we have as the pipe save complete. In terms of if you think about who is doing the work, the outside from the curb to the house is what we do as regional water, versus inside the house is basically Mister Ruler. We have actually built out a contract and we work with them. Similarly, the same thing applies for sewer as well.

Frank:

I'm saying to the basement, after the wall valve. So you got your meter, your wall valve. All the pipes are covered even if they freeze under this program?

Prim:

I think the answer is yes. Maybe Beth, I don't know if you have anything else to add there.

Beth:

No, the home plumbing doesn't... There's a lot of terms and conditions on the home plumbing. So it doesn't cover frozen pipes Frank if that was your question.

Frank:

I didn't know when he said inside services, what are you covering for the plumbing inside?

Beth:

It's the internal pipe after the valve basically. Like Prim said, it doesn't cover fixtures.

Frank:

That's what I was looking for, thank you. It doesn't cover fixtures, hot water. Okay. So just the pipe, not the fixtures. Thank you. All right.

Beth:

But you get great service and it's reasonably priced Frank.

Mario:

Okay, very good. Nominating committee, Greg do you have to add a report.

Greg:

Yes. Mario, thank you.

Mario:

Thank you.

Greg:

The committee met on September 22 and at first we discussed the criteria to be utilized in recommending appointment of a candidate. We just added two small things. The candidate should have experience in capital and operating budgets. That's the only change we made. We then discussed the possibility of in person interviews at the RWA, if the mayor submits other names other than Joe Cermola. That portion of the meeting we ended. Then we brought Joe on. We interviewed Joe. We had a good discussion with him. The members had a lot of questions and asked Joe. He fielded the questions very nicely.

Greg:

Then Joe left and we had another little discussion about trying to, as of right now the mayor of New Haven has not submitted any names. So Tony [inaudible 00:20:40] was going to reach out to Scott Jackson to see if he could light a fire under the mayor. Tony do you have anything to add to that?

Tony:

Yeah, it was a day or so after the meeting that I was able to speak with Scott Jackson, who is I guess, the Mayor's Chief of Staff. He told me he was going to get on it immediately. So, I'm sort of surprised that we haven't heard anything. Go ahead Joe.

Joe:

Last week, I had a meeting with the Mayor via Zoom, so it was a remote meeting, not in person, and we spent a good 20 minutes or more discussing the water authority and my actions on the water authority and whatever. They asked many questions about the water authority. So it was a good meeting and the mayor said that they'd be sending names to you in the near future.

Tony:

That's terrific Joe. Did you get a call from the mayor's office, or is that something they initiated?

Joe:

They called and set up the meeting. So that may be as a result of you talking to Scott Jackson.

Tony:

Terrific.

Greg:

Joe, did the mayor say he was going to submit names or just your name?

Joe:

Just said he's going to make a decision. He didn't say.

Greg:

Okay.

Joe:

But he has to submit names anyway. He's required to submit three names in the agreement.

Greg:

Stefano didn't.

Joe:

I think he did, but he recommended me. But I think he sent three names. Each time it's been with three names. I think they've been pretty strict about that because that keeps you in the loop rather than being an appointment.

Greg:

I know one year he submitted other than your name, two people who weren't even qualified.

Joe:

Yeah. That's possible, right.

Greg:

Okay. That's all I have to report Mario.

Mario:

Okay. So when we get some names Greg, then we'll take it to the next meeting.

Greg:

That's right.

Mario:

All right. Thank you very much. Appreciate the committee's work. The RPB bylaws and rules review committee, we met again October 7 with Ted Norris and Heddle, who is new to the staff and we reviewed the process for capital project approval and we're going to meet again, I believe the beginning of November, after election day because it's a little too crazy between now and then for some people. We will continue our discussion on that and look at refining some of the steps there. We're also going to look at other portions of the rules and go through and make sure everything is current and everything is as efficient as we think it should be. I believe Rochelle wanted to suggest some changes, so that will be one evening we may discuss the process that they go through for rate applications. Stay tuned. We may not get a recommendation until some time in the spring. Hopefully we'll get through this like we're

supposed to every five years. Any questions that are related to the topic? Okay, hearing none. Mr. Sermola.

Joe:

Yes. The authority met this afternoon and one of the first items was to adjourn the authority and meet as the Pension and Benefit Committee, chaired by Suzanne Sach, who will give a report.

Suzanne:

Hi everybody. Hope everybody is doing well. We met and got our quarterly update on performance for our various portfolios for our various plans. Morgan Stanley reviewed the quarterly performance of pension and [inaudible 00:25:15] plans and the return for the quarter ending in September 30 for the pension and [inaudible 00:25:20] plans were reported to be approximately 5.09%, which is 3.34% higher than the actual expected return by the actuarial of 1.75%. So it was a good recovery quarter. Net returns for the calendar year for September 30th were reported at 1.74%, or 3.51% lower than the nine month actuarial return of 5.25%. As a comparison, in the recovery period March 23, 2020 to September 20, 2020 at 6.84% or 4.51% higher than the four month actuarial return.

Suzanne:

So just a couple of different slices of how the returns look and the current actuarial return is still expected at 7%. As part of the discussion, we talked about commentary on the market and asset allocations. On note, on October 8 we actually had a special meeting with Morgan Stanley of the Pension Committee and we talked a lot about prospective outlook for various returns and various asset classes and discussed the impact to considerations related to the policy statement, expected returns and costs of managing the portfolio. That is about it Joe, back to you. Unless there are any questions from anybody in the group.

Joe:

Hearing none. Move on. We had a presentation about the 10 year model by Rochelle and I don't know if I should report or Larry on the status of the reservoirs for Mark. But I'll let Larry do that. Larry Turner, over to you.

Larry:

All right, thanks Joe. One other thing that we did out of the finance agenda was to act on a resolution for the issuance of the \$5 million bond anticipation notes, which you'll recall that we had approached you on in order to give us additional flexibility for any capital program emergencies. So, we just took care of some final paper work for that today. Before I go into my financial report, I'll have Beth talk about the COVID-19 status at the RWA and give you an update on where that stands.

Beth:

Sure. So thanks Larry, good evening everyone. Just a quick update on our work on our COVID and our return to work committee. As you might recall, I've been reporting monthly on how we're doing from an internal health metrics perspective. Early on when this pandemic first started, we had two employees test positive in the March time frame, and unfortunately, this week we had our third case of employee testing positive for COVID. So, Larry had notified all staff yesterday, along with the board. And obviously

health and safety of our employees is first and foremost. I'm happy to report that employee is doing well.

Beth:

One of the things we have been focusing on as we prepare to enter flu season and watch the metrics with the state and around the country, is really work on procedures of how we are trying to limit the spread within RWA. Specifically, our procedure when there is either a suspected case or a confirmed case. I just want to highlight that as we enter this new season. So our standard process is that if anyone is exhibiting the signs or symptoms of COVID, we immediately take action by disinfecting that specific work area, doing some swipe testing that we can do, as well as start to create a list of those that might be in contact with that person.

Beth:

We have in-house staff that is able to utilize the Clorox 360 treatment, which is basically an aerosol version of Clorox that we can spray down the areas. So those are all the steps that we've been taking when we do have either, like I said, a suspected case or a confirmed. Overall, it's something that we're continuing to improve as we go forward, unfortunately, dealing with these things, and if you remember, I previously reported that we do ask employees to self-certify every day so we have a nice way to track what's going on inside the building.

Beth:

The other thing, obviously, we continue to do is, to minimize spread, is continuing with social distancing, wearing our masks, limiting in person large groups and the like. We're consistently doing some of the things we've been doing all summer in terms of remote work site reporting as much as we can, having staff that can work from home if at all possible. Overall, we're doing well. But staying vigilant as we respond to this pandemic. With that, I will take any questions if anyone has any.

Stephen:

Beth, this is Steve. When you say self-certify, you have a list of a questions like, do you have a cough? Do you have a fever? That kind of thing.

Beth:

Yeah. Every morning employees are asked before they report to work to answer a standard list of questions through an app and it's exactly that. Are you experiencing any symptoms, temperature? Have you traveled? Things like that.

Stephen:

Okay, RWA isn't testing people correct?

Beth:

Correct.

Stephen:

So, you're dependent on them telling you they have the illness.

Beth:

Yes. That's correct.

Stephen:

Okay.

Tim:

Question.

Beth:

Yeah, Tim.

Tim:

In connection with that, do you report to the health official in New Haven or is that not necessary?

Beth:

No. Right we ask the employee to follow up with their primary health care physician, who then I believe has... That's how that reporting works. I don't know Jeanine if you had any more specifics.

Jeanine:

No. I think Tim might be referring to the at the very beginning of this they wanted people to individually report, but that go unyeildy real quick, so it doesn't happen from that avenue any more.

Tim:

The only reason I brought it up, I know that in a much smaller town of Cheshire, our health department does do follow ups. Part of the contact tracing. So, basically in the large municipalities it's being handled by the businesses within those municipalities as far as that goes. That's just the large. That's really the answer to my question. Thanks a lot.

Jeanine:

Welcome.

Beth:

Okay, I'll turn it back over to Larry.

Frank:

I plan to say one word to Beth, I was down the other day and your operation is pretty good. I was out back and you meet the people in the parking lot and stuff. I think you're doing a great job with the COVID down there, Beth.

Beth:

Great. Great Frank, glad you were able to get an appointment.

Frank:

Okay, thank you.

Larry:

Thank you. Another item that we covered under updates is Laura Gonzales, our Director of Customer Service, Linda Valentine who is our Manager of our Field Service department, they presented a presentation on the benefits of AMI and they will be presenting that presentation to the committees of the RPB going forward. So, Prim can help coordinate that as well.

Larry:

On the financial front, after four months of actual results through September 30, operating revenues are over budget by about \$3.7 million or some 8%, due to our total water revenues being over budget by about 3.1 million. That's due to the higher consumption that we have been experiencing and other revenues, which is our miscellaneous charges and our non-core revenues are over budget by about \$618000. Operating and maintenance expenses are about 1.1 million under our budget and right now we're looking at most of that as being a matter of timing. So, we'll continue to watch that and how much that will become permanent as we go through the fiscal year.

Larry:

But when you take all of that into consideration, we are currently projecting a shortfall of about \$3.3 million to meet coverage of about 114%. And while that's still significant, projected shortfall was about \$8.8 million better than the original budgeted shortfall of \$12 million. So to date, the anticipated impacts of COVID-19 on cash receipts have not been as severe as forecasted. Billings have been higher than anticipated in both water and other none core revenues are higher than budget. Debt service is also slightly lower, primarily due to the timing of DWSRF financing. We've had lower pilot payments that budgeted and all of those favorable variances are offset by some lower projected interest earnings.

Larry:

I just want to point out, there's still considerable uncertainty regarding the financial impact of the pandemic and it's important to note that we budgeted returning to normal in January of 2021. So we'll continue to watch that very closely. To answer Mark's monthly question, as of Monday, October 13, wild water storage was at 65% compared to a long term average of 67% at this time of year.

Larry:

So, with that, that concludes management's report, unless there are any questions.

Mark:

Did you go out and have pizza this year?

Larry:

No, unfortunately I was not able to make it. I had a sick spouse that I had to take care of. I had to call in sick, man believe me, I miss it Mark. I miss you.

Mark:

I missed it too. Thanks. I hope she gets better.

Larry:

Thank you.

Tim:

Question for Larry, this is Tim. Larry, with respect to the increased revenues because of higher consumption, bottom line, is that split spread equally among consumers and industry or is it largely or has it largely fallen in the hands of the general residential user? Do you know that level of detail?

Larry:

Our customer base is made up largely of the residential customers.

Tim:

Right.

Larry:

So from the residential. Although our commercial accounts were also using more water than normal. But the bulk of the increase is from the residential side.

Tim:

Okay. Thank you.

Larry:

I think 85% of our customer base, I think that's about right, is residential.

Tim:

Got you. Thank you.

Larry:

Any other questions.

Mario:

Hearing none, Joe anything else?

Joe:

That's pretty much it. Back to you.

Mario:

Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Donofrio, any word of wisdom to add. Hearing none.

Lou:

I'm here for Jeff, nothing to add. Thank you.

Mario:

Okay. Thank you. If there's no other business.

Stephen:

Mario, this is Steve.

Mario:

Yes Steve

Stephen:

Talking about the OCA, although there were no new issues this past month, we did resolve on the older one that we had long-standing. It was very complicated. I just want to give Jeff credit for doing that. Everybody doesn't see it, but when it gets to him, they're usually pretty tough and difficult to resolve and he's very patient and he does a great job at eventually bringing them to conclusion.

Mario:

Excellent. Very good thank you. Was that Tony who I heard making a motion?

Tony:

No, not me.

Peter:

Mr. Chairman, Peter [inaudible 00:38:50] can I speak?

Mario:

Go ahead.

Peter:

Larry and Ted and the whole regional water company they're very humbling because no one mentioned the award that they received, I believe it was last month Larry?

Larry:

Here is the award here.

Peter:

Anyway, I just think we should all just praise them and thank you all of you because I know it's a group effort, for doing such a good job.

Larry:

Kudos to Ted and Prim for leading the effort and putting the application together. But they had a small team that they worked with that did an outstanding job putting together that application to the [inaudible 00:39:41], that actually resulted in us winning the award. Thank you.

Peter:

Thank you.

Greg:

Congratulations.

Stephen:

Also, Mario won an award. Mario, you could talk about that a little bit.

Mario:

That's fine Steve. I'm more humble than Larry.

Peter:

You didn't bring it with you.

Mario:

I didn't bring it with me.

Speaker 21:

I think Larry, you're going to need a bigger shelf for all these awards you keep getting.

Larry:

I certainly don't want to fall on it.

Speaker 22:

I think the Representative Policy Board should document and put in their minutes about the regional water authority receiving the national award, because I believe that's a big deal. I want the management to know how proud I am to see of their accomplishments and to encourage them to keep doing that.

Mario:

So noted.

Jay:

Mr. Chairman if that's a motion, I'll second it.

Mario:

Okay.

Speaker 22:

Thank you.

Mario:

The minutes will reflect the congratulations on the award.

Mark:

Make a motion to.

Mario:

Mark makes a motion to adjourn?

Mark:

Adjourn. That's what I'm trying to say.

Mario:

Okay.

Mark:

Great job everyone.

Tim:

I'll second it.

Jay:

I'm going to say good-night before someone starts talking again.

Mario:

Okay. All in favor.

Group:

Good night.

Mario:

Take care. Thank you Steve.