

**Representative Policy Board  
Consumer Affairs Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
Via Remote Access\*\***

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

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1. Safety Moment
2. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2021 meeting
3. FY 2022 Business Continuity Work Plan – Amanda Schenkle
4. Consumer Affairs Committee report of OCA – J. Donofrio
5. Approval of OCA invoice for September 2021 for \$3,232.50
6. Next meeting of Consumer Affairs Committee – November 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

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**Topic: RPB Consumer Affairs Committee Meeting**

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# SAFETY MOMENT

## INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species are defined as a species that is not-native to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. We have heard about the impact of invasive species on the environment but what about the health impacts. Disease causing microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses and fungi of plants can spread rapidly and have significant impacts on humans across the U.S. such as:

- Psychological effects
- Phobias
- Discomfort and nuisance to allergies
- Poisoning
- Lyme Disease
- Possible death

The best protection is to educate yourself on invasives in your area, wear proper protection when in the woods and always carry gloves. Don't ever eat or collect leaves, flowers or plants that you cannot identify as safe.

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**Safety**



Regional Water Authority



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**Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RPB”) took place on Monday, September 20, 2021, via remote access. Committee members present were: N. Campbell, M. Levine, S. Mongillo, F. Pepe, R. Smith and T. Rescigno.

RPB members present: P. DeSantis, B. Eitzer, C. Havrda, M. Horbal, J. Oslander, and M. Ricozzi

RWA members present: T. Barger, L. Bingaman, R. Kowalski, P. Singh, and L. Gonzalez

FMA member present: S. Sack

Office of Consumer Affairs: Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq. (“OCA”)

RPB staff: J. Slubowski

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Mr. Barger, the RWA’s Water Quality Manager, provided an update on the Lead and Copper Rule. He stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) has expanded their definition of lead service line to include galvanized iron services, if downstream of a lead service, and are contemplating gooseneck connectors, which will impact the RWA’s replacement planning.

The RWA has partnered with a consultant to assist the RWA with completing service line inventory, develop a service line replacement plan by 2025, and review RWA’s corrosion control treatment. Mr. Barger discussed anticipated regulatory changes that may include:

- Changes to corrosion control treatment
- A return to biannual water quality monitoring schedule
- Utility responsibilities for lead testing in drinking water in schools and daycares

He reported that the RWA is identifying and developing municipal and stakeholder partnerships, seeking funding assistance opportunities, and planning for public messaging and education.

Committee members discussed lead piping concerns and risks, project intention, financial projections, sampling and evaluation techniques, existing lead lines, current replacements, initial acquisition records, future upgrades, data challenges, public education programs, assumptions and funding opportunities.

At 6:40 p.m., Messrs. Barger, Bingaman, Eitzer, Oslander and Rescigno withdrew from the meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Pepe, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its August 16, 2021 meeting, as presented.

The OCA reported no active consumer complaints. Much of the time billed reflects time spent on reviewing and preparing his memorandum for the upcoming Rate Application.

At 6:43 p.m., the OCA withdrew from the meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pepe, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA's August 2021 billing (\$2,240).

CAC member attendance at the Authority's September meetings was confirmed.

The next meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee is Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

There was no new business to report.

At 6:45 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Pepe, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

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Stephen Mongillo, Chairman