

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2022 meeting
- III Communications
 - A. Fiscal Year 2023 Weighted Vote Computation
 - B. Committee Preferences 2022-2023
 - C. Update on projected costs for the Derby Tank Project
- IV Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for the Application for approval of the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut
 - B. Proposed resolution for the waiver of Rule 33-B of the RPB's Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints, approving change of Application review process for the Customer Information System (CIS) Solution Application to determine, completeness, mode and date of public hearing
 - C. RPB Nominating Committee's recommendation for RPB Officers beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023
- V Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Authority/Management
- VI Adjourn

**Members of the public may attend the meeting via remote access. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2b359cu>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
JUNE 23, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

Call in (*audio only*)

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SAFETY MOMENT

SUN EXPOSURE PREVENTION

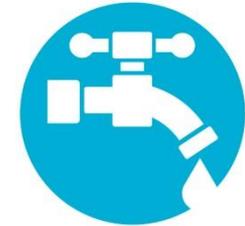
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**Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District**

Minutes of May 26, 2022 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Bethany	Brian Eitzer (remote)
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo (remote)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young (remote)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander (remote)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell (remote)
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno (remote)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser (remote)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr. (remote)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy (remote)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine (remote)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

Absent

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden
Anthony DiSalvo
Catherine LaMarr
Suzanne Sack

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Jim Courchaine
Jim Hill
Orville Kelly
Rochelle Kowalski
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Premjith Lakshman Singh

Counsel

Bruce McDermott

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Tighe & Bond

Christopher C. Bone

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence for the victims for the victims and their families in Texas.

Safety Moment

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its April 28, 2022 meeting, with 78 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Absent

Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported on a special RPB meeting scheduled for June 9, 2022 to hold the public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Phase Application. The RPB will meet, then recess for the public hearing, and reconvene after to discuss the public hearing and Application. If appropriate, the RPB will make a decision on the Application, which will also include a funding resolution.

He reminded members who are up for reappointment that they will continue to serve until reappointed by their towns. He noted that letters have been mailed to municipal CEO’s concerning this matter.

Chair Ricozzi, acknowledged Ms. Young, and her new position with the State Treasurer’s office. She will continue to represent Killingworth on the RPB.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Authority requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2022 proposed Capital and Operating Budgets (“Budgets”); and

WHEREAS, the RPB held workshops on April 19, 2021 and April 20, 2021, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budgets and responded to questions in a professional, concise and articulate way; and

WHEREAS, the RPB has a duty to review the Budgets and to comment, but has no other statutory obligations or authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB wishes to express its appreciation to management and the Authority for the professionalism of their presentation and express its overall support of the FY 2022 proposed Budgets; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA’s Budget review letter dated April 23, 2021; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budgets is that they are reasonable and supported; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB believes that the Authority’s overall financial plan provides for stable finances at unprecedented and uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic and the essential funding of capital projects and the flexibility of reduced operating expenses will support the steps necessary to address financial obstacles during the fiscal year.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 78 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Absent	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Absent
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Absent	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Absent

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month at a special meeting to review the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Application and set the public hearing date.

Land Use Committee – In Mr. Betkoski’s absence, Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month at the Waite Street Garden to receive an update from management on the pollinator gardens and community collaboration.

At 6:47 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met last week to receive an update from management on the Lead & Copper Rule. The OCA reported no pending complaints.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee met two times in May and the committee will make its recommendation for RPB officers at the June meeting of the RPB.

Authority/Management - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported that the Authority met earlier in the day and met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the RWA Audit-Risk Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day the members received a Risk Management Plan update from management.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee, reported that at the Committee meeting earlier in the day, the members received presentations from management on the Implementation of New Streamflow Regulations, Environmental Compliance update, and a Health and Safety update.

Mr. Borowy reported that the Authority also approved the Customer Information System Solution Project Application for recommendation to the RPB. RPB members can expect to receive the application in the upcoming days. Lastly, the Authority will be holding a short meeting after the public hearing to vote on the FY 2023 budget.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the status of COVID at the RWA.

Mr. Bingaman, RWA’s President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended April 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2022 is 129%.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 98% as of May 16, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 94%.

Mr. Bingaman stated that issues are resolved with the Derby Tank, but under the RPB Rules of Practice, costs that exceed 10% of the original approved price require RPB approval. Since the costs now exceed 10%, the RWA will need to advise the RPB Finance Committee who will provide their recommendations to the RPB. However, cost escalation clause is still in compliance.

He thanked Mr. Mongillo for his participation at the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design meetings that took place.

Representative Policy Board, May 26, 2022

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

At 7:01 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Charles Havrda, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sunny Lakshminarayanan
FROM: Tiffany Lufkin
CC: Hetal Shah
SUBJECT: FY 2023 Representative Policy Board Weighted Vote Count
DATE: June 8, 2022

Attached please find the calculations for the Representative Policy Board (RPB) weighted vote count for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, covering the period from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. This calculation was performed according to the method prescribed in the enabling legislation of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (Authority). The FY 2023 vote calculations reflect the best available information, and have been reviewed and confirmed by Hetal Shah, Manager of Planning and New Services.

The enabling legislation does not define the total number of votes, therefore, based on the particular spread of population and land, the total number of votes may vary from year to year. The FY 2023 total number of votes has been calculated to be 101.

Included with this memo is the following documentation associated with the vote calculation:

- Summary table of weighted votes per member Town, entitled "Computation of FY 2023 Weighted Votes for the Representative Policy Board", dated June 8, 2022.
- The Real Estate Department's report, entitled "Summary of Land by Town", dated May 31, 2022.
- Summary table of customers per member town, entitled "SAP - Number of Customers Supplied", dated June 8, 2022¹.

The individual town votes in FY 2023 compared to FY 2022 will remain the same. Therefore, the total weighted vote count remains at 101. Votes are rounded to the nearest whole number, and the Authority's enabling legislation does not require that each town have a minimum number of votes. Therefore, similar to FY 2022, Beacon Falls will have a weighted vote of zero in FY 2023. In a November 28, 2007 legal opinion, our attorneys, Murtha Cullina LLP, determined that a weighted vote of zero is a possible and allowable outcome of the weighted vote procedure outlined in the enabling legislation.

¹ The number of customers for this vote calculation was obtained by a report from the SAP system for all customers titled "Billing Analysis: Number of Active Water Accounts by Town".

COMPUTATION OF FY 2023 WEIGHTED VOTES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
June 8, 2022

TOWN	(1) VOTES FY 2022	(2) CUSTOMERS AS OF 5/31/2022	(3) QUOTIENT	(4) 2X QUOTIENT	(5) ACRES AS OF 5/31/2022	(6) QUOTIENT	(7) COLUMN 4+6	(8) COLUMN (4+6)/3	(9) COLUMN (4+6)/3 X 100	(10) VOTES FY 2023
ANSONIA	3	5,427	0.04652	0.09304	96	0.00350	0.09654	0.03218	3.21816	3
BEACON FALLS	0	0	0.00000	0.00000	22	0.00080	0.00080	0.00027	0.02676	0
BETHANY	5	6	0.00005	0.00010	3,947	0.14405	0.14415	0.04805	4.80513	5
BRANFORD	6	8,648	0.07413	0.14826	1,175	0.04288	0.19115	0.06372	6.37152	6
CHESHIRE	4	6,830	0.05855	0.11709	149	0.00544	0.12253	0.04084	4.08441	4
DERBY	2	3,240	0.02777	0.05555	2	0.00007	0.05562	0.01854	1.85400	2
EAST HAVEN	6	8,565	0.07342	0.14684	860	0.03139	0.17823	0.05941	5.94088	6
GUILFORD	4	1	0.00001	0.00002	3,294	0.12022	0.12024	0.04008	4.00787	4
HAMDEN	10	15,072	0.12920	0.25840	1,321	0.04821	0.30661	0.10220	10.22027	10
KILLINGWORTH	2	0	0.00000	0.00000	1,381	0.05040	0.05040	0.01680	1.68005	2
MADISON	6	0	0.00000	0.00000	4,716	0.17212	0.17212	0.05737	5.73723	6
MILFORD	10	18,340	0.15721	0.31442	4	0.00015	0.31457	0.10486	10.48564	10
NEW HAVEN	13	22,733	0.19487	0.38974	24	0.00088	0.39061	0.13020	13.02045	13
NO. BRANFORD	8	1,568	0.01344	0.02688	6,069	0.22150	0.24838	0.08279	8.27928	8
NO. HAVEN	5	7,928	0.06796	0.13592	54	0.00197	0.13789	0.04596	4.59632	5
ORANGE	3	4,064	0.03484	0.06967	587	0.02142	0.09110	0.03037	3.03657	3
PROSPECT	1	0	0.00000	0.00000	822	0.03000	0.03000	0.01000	1.00000	1
SEYMOUR	1	334	0.00286	0.00573	706	0.02577	0.03149	0.01050	1.04975	1
WEST HAVEN	8	13,424	0.11507	0.23014	275	0.01004	0.24018	0.08006	8.00598	8
WOODBIDGE	3	478	0.00410	0.00819	1,896	0.06920	0.07739	0.02580	2.57973	3
GOV. REP.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	101	116,658	1	2	27,400	1	3	1	100	101

**RPB Weighted Vote Calculation
SUMMARY OF LAND BY TOWN
May 31, 2022**

Town	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
ANSONIA	96	96	96	96	96
BEACON FALLS	22	22	22	22	22
BETHANY	3,946	3,944	3,945	3,945	3,947
BRANFORD	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175
CHESHIRE	149	149	149	149	149
DERBY	2	2	2	2	2
EAST HAVEN	859	859	860	860	860
GUILFORD	3,295	3,295	3,295	3,294	3,294
HAMDEN	1,301	1,303	1,322	1,322	1,321
KILLINGWORTH	1,377	1,377	1,377	1,377	1,381
MADISON	4,718	4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716
MILFORD	4	4	4	4	4
NEW HAVEN	24	24	24	24	24
NO. BRANFORD	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,069
NO. HAVEN	54	54	54	54	54
ORANGE	587	587	587	587	587
PROSPECT	822	822	822	822	822
SEYMOUR	708	708	708	706	706
WEST HAVEN	275	275	275	275	275
WOODBIDGE	1,897	1,897	1,897	1,897	1,896
Total	27,380	27,378	27,399	27,396	27,400

(1) All values in acres. Beginning with the FY17 calculation, land values are based on GIS data. This data continues to be updated as newer and better information is collected on boundaries; therefore the reported total land by town may change although no acquisitions or dispositions have necessarily been made. This data is for informational purposes only.

(2) There was one disposition of land during FY22, in Hamden. There was one acquisition of land in FY22, in Killingworth.

RPB Weighted Vote Calculation
SAP - NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED⁽¹⁾
June 8, 2022

Town	FY2019 Customers	FY2020 Customers	FY2021 Customers	FY2022 Customers	FY2023 Customers
ANSONIA	5,380	5,420	5,418	5,426	5,427
BEACON FALLS					
BETHANY	5	5	5	6	6
BRANFORD	8,586	8,605	8,622	8,631	8,648
CHESHIRE	6,735	6,759	6,776	6,803	6,830
DERBY	3,237	3,241	3,245	3,240	3,240
EAST HAVEN	8,503	8,519	8,547	8,567	8,565
GUILFORD	1	1	1	1	1
HAMDEN	15,066	15,067	15,061	15,062	15,072
KILLINGWORTH					
MADISON					
MILFORD	18,210	18,262	18,305	18,322	18,340
NEW HAVEN	22,624	22,637	22,665	22,734	22,733
NORTH BRANFORD	1,513	1,521	1,522	1,557	1,568
NORTH HAVEN	7,792	7,824	7,859	7,882	7,928
ORANGE	3,948	3,977	4,004	4,039	4,064
PROSPECT					
SEYMOUR	332	331	334	333	334
WEST HAVEN	13,434	13,436	13,432	13,427	13,424
WOODBIDGE	468	470	472	471	478
Overall Result	115,834	116,075	116,268	116,501	116,658

(1) Beginning in FY17, this calculation uses the SAP Report "Billing Analysis: Number of Active Water Accounts by Town" for the snapshot month of May. This report was chosen to improve consistency in reporting with the Annual Report.

Representative**Policy**Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

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To: RPB Members

From: Mario Ricozzi, Chairman

Date: June 17, 2022

Re: *Statutory Committee Membership Preference*

Next month the RPB chair will assign RPB members to the three statutory committees for the 2022-2023 administrative year (Finance, Land Use, and Consumer Affairs). Please email your first and second choices to Jennifer Slubowski at jslubowski@rwater.com. It would also be helpful to include suggestions for topics or other matters of interest that the RPB, or its standing committees, might consider in the upcoming months.

The newly formed standing committees will elect their chairs at their regular July meetings.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: SUNNY LAKSHMINARAYANAN/ROCHELLE KOWALSKI
SUBJECT: DERBY TANK PROJECT COST UPDATE
DATE: 6/7/2022

This memo is written to provide the Finance Committee with an update on the Derby Tank Project and budget cost escalation.

Status Summary:

Bids for this project were originally opened on March 3, 2020 with Guerrero Construction being the low bidder at \$3,250,000. As you are aware, there were many delays to moving forward with the project due to various legal challenges.

The RWA was notified in August 2021 that the lease of the tank site must be approved by CTDEEP as they felt this area was enclosed within the parcel of land that CTDEEP had funded for improvements. The City of Derby submitted initial and additional documents to CTDEEP. In March 2022, after their review of the documents/information CT DEEP issued a giving approval/clearance to move forward with the tank lease as they determined that the proposed tank site was not under the restriction granted from the City of Derby receiving State funding and was not encumbered.

During this timeframe between March 2020 and March 2022, in order to keep Guerrero's bid open RWA had extended the time of award from the 180 day specified award period till now. Guerrero agreed to three extensions over the past two years. Guerrero's agreement to extend was based on our agreement to grant two cost escalations to Guerrero, one for \$116,000 and the second for approximately \$227,000. These cost escalations were for extending their bid price validity till October 2021. The original bid also included an alternate for the construction of a parking lot that Derby required RWA to fund. Guerrero's amount for this alternate option was \$290,000. During the course of this two year period, Derby informed us that they no longer needed the parking lot; therefore, creating a credit change order.

RWA agreed to the price increases with Guerrero after our internal review and input from RWA's consulting engineers Tighe & Bond. CTDPH DWSRF also concurred with the determination and approved the two change orders. The most significant cost escalations were a result of increases in the price of steel and concrete since the bid opening. RWA received a third escalation for \$404,150 from Guerrero and was processed. This change order has also been approved by the CTDPH.

The original RPB approved amount for the project is \$5.1MM. The estimated total project cost including Guerrero's bid, with the three escalations and appropriate deductions for parking lot, RWA's internal engineering cost, consultant fees, and including contingency is now calculated to be \$5.824 MM, which is roughly approximates to 14.1% over the RPB approved amount. Per the RPB's Rules of Practice General Provisions –Scope and Construction of Rules Section 2(c) (ii) states "*if the*

application related thereto as approved includes a cost index adjustment, then the greater of 110% of the amount originally approved by the Board, or the approved amount adjusted by the cost index”.

At the time of budgeting and seeking RPB approval the construction ENR Index was used in the application for escalation. The application was submitted in 2018 and the ENR Index was 11,170 and currently for May 2022 the ENR Index is 13,004.47 which equates to an increase of 16.4%. The original RPB Authorized amount \$5.1 MM with 110% of the approved amount works out to \$5.61MM and using the cost index adjustment the amount works out to 16.4% of \$5.1 MM or \$5.937MM. The updated project cost now is \$5.824 MM, which is above the 110% but less than the 116.4% cost index adjustment allowable.

As mentioned above, we wanted to provide you this update and appreciate your continued interest and support of this important project.

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

Application for Approval of the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program - Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut : : **June 23, 2022**

**Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law
of the Representative Policy Board**

A. The Applicant’s Request

On March 31, 2022, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or the “Applicant”), through its five-member Authority, submitted an application for approval of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant (“LGWTP”) Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut (“Application”). The Application is part of a multi-year program that has been created to ensure that valves at RWA treatment plants are in good working order, providing the ability to operate plants in the most efficient manner, and to allow plant staff to perform preventative maintenance in a safe manner. The project will include sequenced isolation of the filter influent trains and subsequent replacement of 16 critical 30-inch filter influent valves with motorized open and close actuators. Valves and actuators are located at water treatment plant facilities and are critical to the operation and control of the plants. The maximum anticipated project cost is \$2.69 million and includes a 15% contingency. The project costs are based on a conceptual design prepared in February 2022. In accordance with cost-estimating principles, the project costs have been adjusted for inflation.

The Application for approval of the project was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 19 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.

B. Participants

In addition to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) and the RWA, the district’s Office of Consumer Affairs (“OCA”) participated in this proceeding. The OCA is authorized by Section 15 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, to act as the advocate for consumer interests in all matters that may affect water customers in the district.

C. Statutory Standard

Pursuant to the legislation cited in paragraph A above, the RWA is required to obtain approval from the RPB prior to commencing any project costing more than two million dollars to repair, improve, construct, reconstruct, enlarge or extend any of its properties or systems.

D. Notice and Procedures

Effective July 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1202, Section 163, permitted the RPB to hold the public hearing on the Application using electronic equipment or technology that facilitates real-time public access to meetings, including, but not limited to, telephonic, video or other conferencing platforms. Other procedural requirements were also met. On April 28, 2022, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the office of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven and via remote access. The RPB designated Peter DeSantis (North Branford) to serve as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

As required by Section 10 of Special Act. No. 77-98, as amended by Public Act No. 02-85, the RPB published in the *New Haven Register* and the *Connecticut Post* the date, time and place of the public hearing to be held by the RPB to consider the Application for approval. The date of publication was May 2, 2022. A copy of this notice was filed with the Office of the Clerk

of each city and town within the District. The notice was posted on the RWA's website, including information about electronic participation for the meeting.

E. Public Hearing

At the public hearing on May 26, 2022, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from - Orville Kelly, the RWA's Manager of Design and Construction, and Jim Hill, the RWA's Director of Operations. These witnesses provided a presentation for the project that described the background, scope, site conditions, need, alternatives analysis, budget and schedule.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant with respect to valve design, useful life, valve failure and predictions, salvage, rehabilitation, and new technology.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated May 19, 2022. He stated that Tighe & Bond recommended that the project not be included as a part of project bundling due to possible delays and the potential for increased costs. Attorney Donofrio concluded that the Application is necessary and appropriate and recommended approval of the Application for the reasons set forth in his memorandum to the RPB.

In addition to the applicants and OCA listed above, Mr. Bone from Tighe and Bond was present to answer any questions. No members of the public attended the public hearing.

F. Analysis

After considering all of the evidence presented, the RPB believes that the Application is necessary and advances the policies and goals of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, is included in the five-year plan of capital improvements, and is in the best interest of the RWA and its customers. The presentation at the public hearing reinforced the need for and importance of the project.

G. Conclusion

We therefore conclude that the Application for approval of a project for the LGWTP Project should be approved. Separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Exhibit A
Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Application for Approval of the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program - Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut :
: **June 23, 2022**
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Findings of Fact

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), through its five-member Authority, submitted an Application to the RPB for approval of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant (“LGWTP”) Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut (“Application”) on March 31, 2022.
2. The Application is part of a multi-year program that has been created to ensure that valves at RWA treatment plants are in good working order, providing the ability to operate plants in the most efficient manner, and to allow plant staff to perform preventative maintenance in a safe manner.
3. Assessing the condition of, and replacing as needed, valves that are critical to water treatment plant operations has been identified as a multi-year capital program that is key to the success of the RWA’s company-wide asset management program and its ability to deliver reliable, high quality drinking water to customers.
4. As an 80 MGD capacity facility, the LGWTP is the RWA’s largest and most critical water asset. If the facility went offline due to unexpected damage or failure, the impact to the water system and consumers could be significant.
5. Temporary provisions to isolate the filter influent flow is the most cost-effective solution to provide flow isolation required to install new valves.
6. Mechanical plugs can be reused. This will provide the RWA with the ability to temporarily isolate the filter influent flow in the future to perform repairs or inspections on the filter feed pipelines.

7. The project is included in the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Project budget. The LGWTP Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut will commence in FY 2022, with completion planned in FY 2024, at a total project cost of \$2.69 million.
8. The proposed project is consistent with, and advances the RWA policies and goals of the organization, provides public health benefits, and is in the public interest.
9. The OCA recommended approval of the Application.

Conclusions of Law

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's ("RWA") application for approval of Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant ("LGWTP") Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut ("Application") on March 31, 2022, was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 19 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.
2. Notice of the public hearing to consider the Application and to allow interested persons, including water users and property owners within the district, to be heard was properly made on May 2, 2022, pursuant to Section 10 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended.
3. Pursuant to Sections 10 and 19 of Special Act 77-98, as amended, the public hearing was held on May 26, 2022.
4. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Representative Policy Board concludes that the RWA's application for the West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project meets all requirements for approval.

THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
PROPOSED RESOLUTION

June 23, 2022

(Authority's Application for the approval of the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut)

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for the Water Treatment Plant Valve Replacement Program – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

June 23, 2022

(Waiver of Rules of Practice regarding the Authority's Application for the Customer Information System (CIS) Solution Project)

WHEREAS, the Authority voted to recommend the Application for Customer Information System (CIS) Solution ("Application") to the RPB at its May 26, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, under Section 33-B of the Representative Policy Board's ("RPB") Description of Organization, Rules of Practice and Procedures for Consumer Complaints ("Rules of Practice") state that projects costing more than two million dollars or where the original estimate was less than two million dollars but where subsequent estimates exceed two million dollars shall be for the Authority or the Authority's management to make a presentation first to the Finance Committee of the Board and subsequently to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the CIS Application project cost exceeds two million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the RPB of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority agrees that the Application is in the public interest and would benefit from a presentation by management to the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee in place of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3 of the Rules of Practice, the RPB may waive the rules where good cause appears, and the Board may permit deviation from these rules, except when such deviation is prohibited by statutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB agrees that a review of the Application by the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee is appropriate and in the best interest of the public; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB hereby approves a waiver of Section 33-B of the RPB Rules of Practice regarding a review by the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee for completeness, mode and date of public hearing and authorizes the RPB Chair to set the public hearing date and filing of the Notice as set forth in Section 10, of the RPB Rules of Practice, for the CIS Application.

THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JUNE 23, 2022

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Mario Ricozzi
Vice Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Secretary:	Charles Havrda
Treasurer:	Jasper J. Jaser