

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

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Via Remote Access\*\*

- I      Safety Moment
  - II     Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2022 and June 23, 2022 meetings
  - III    Communications
    - A. Nominating Committee for Authority Member
    - B. Standing Committee Appointments
  - IV    Items for Consideration and Action
    - A. Representative Policy Board Second Quarter 2022 Compensation
  - V     Reports
    - A. Finance Committee
    - B. Land Use Committee
    - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
    - D. Authority/Management
  - VI    Adjourn
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7:00 **PUBLIC HEARING** – Customer Information System Solution Project Application

**\*\***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/2b359cuJ>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at [jslubowski@rwater.com](mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com).

**Representative Policy Board**  
Regular Meeting  
July 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**Call in (*audio only*)**

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# SAFETY MOMENT

## IMPROVE HEALTH THROUGH HYDRATION

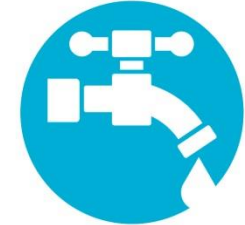
Your body depends on water to survive. Every cell, tissue, and organ in your body needs water to work properly. For example, your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste, and lubricate your joints. Water is needed for overall good health.

While RWA tap water is best for staying hydrated, other drinks and foods can help, too. Fruit and vegetable juices, milk, and herbal teas add to the amount of water you get each day. Even caffeinated drinks (for example, coffee, tea, and soda) can contribute to your daily water intake.

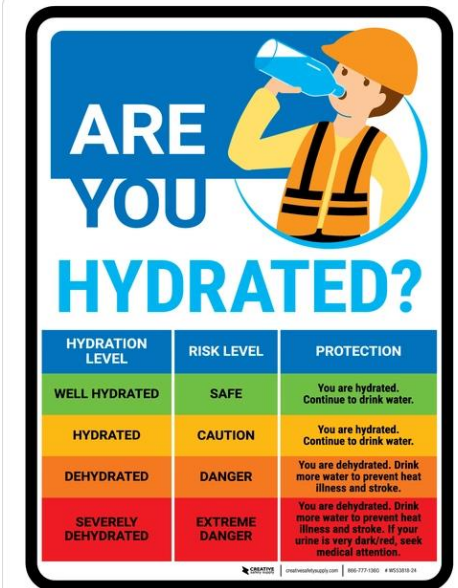
Water can also be found in fruits and vegetables (for example, watermelon, tomatoes, and lettuce), and in soup broths.

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

**Minutes of June 9, 2022 Meeting**

A special meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III (remote)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski (remote)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer (remote)
Branford	Mario Ricozzi (remote)
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda (remote)
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo (remote)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young (remote)
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander (remote)
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno (remote)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser (remote)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr. (remote)
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy (remote)
Woodbridge	Mark Levine (remote)

**Absent**

Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Milford	Richard Smith
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino

**Regional Water Authority**

David Borowy  
Kevin Curseaden  
Anthony DiSalvo  
Catherine LaMarr  
Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Jim Courchaine  
Dennis Donovan  
Orville Kelly  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Larry Marcik  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Donna Verdisco  
Tara Augur

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio

**Public Members**

Ann Altman  
Leah Glaser  
Ryan Paxton

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricozzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Ricozzi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

He mentioned that the RPB would recess the special meeting to hold a public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project – Phase 1. The public hearing would include funding for the design and the need for the project, no design plans will be displayed.

At 6:35 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to recess the meeting to hold the public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design – Phase 1, with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative

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

At 7:38 p.m., the RPB special meeting reconvened.

Chair Ricozzi thanked RPB members and members of the public for attending. He stated that the first item of action was the Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board (Findings of Fact) for the Application for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1. Chair Ricozzi reminded members that the Application was completed using the expedited process. The Findings of Fact was drafted using standard language that was previously sent to members, the OCA, and counsel for review. He stated that information from the public hearing would be inserted, and if found to be acceptable in the form and format presented then the RPB would vote to approve a resolution.

After discussion, Ms. Campbell moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), on May 16, 2022, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) for approval of the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 (“Application”); and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB Finance Committee reviewed the Application and recommended to the RPB Chairman, under the RWA’s expedited process, that it be accepted as complete and scheduled a public hearing on June 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB held a public hearing for the Application on June 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, 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, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is approved as revised and discussed at the meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB concluded that the Application and the proposed action is necessary and consistent with the policies and mission of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, is not likely to have adverse effects on the environment, and is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB hereby approves the Authority’s Application for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1, No. 22-02, filed May 16, 2022, in accordance with Section 19 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

Mr. Harvey seconded the motion and the RPB adopted the motion with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut or as obligations issued pursuant to the federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (the “Bonds”) in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the “Act”) and the Water System Revenue Bond Resolution, General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Authority and approved by the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the “RPB”) on July 31, 1980, as amended and supplemented (the “General Bond Resolution”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority’s Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Million Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$6,020,000) and further resolved;
2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution that may be adopted by the Authority for each series of Bonds, each of which shall specify the amount of the Bonds, the purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued, the date or dates, maturities, sinking fund installments if any, interest rates, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the Authority shall determine in accordance with the limits established by the General Bond Resolution and hereby and further resolved;
3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of the design of the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Improvements (the “Project”) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance and further resolved;
4. The Bonds may be sold by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank, the State of Connecticut or the United States of America.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Chair Ricozzi recognized Mr. Marcik for his participation in the public hearing.

Mr. Mongillo acknowledged Atty. Donofrio for his review and work done for the public hearing.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, thanked members of the RPB, the Authority, and Atty. Donofrio, for the expedited process.

At 7:01 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Betkoski, the meeting adjourned with 74 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative

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

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Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 Application.

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

<b>Application for Approval of the Lake</b>	<b>:</b>	
<b>Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>June 9, 2022</b>
<b>Project – Phase 1, located in Hamden, CT</b>	<b>:</b>	

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

A. The Applicant's Request

On May 16, 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 Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1, located in Hamden, Connecticut (“Application”), at a maximum project capital cost not to exceed \$5.52 million. The Application is a two-phase process. Phase 1 proposes to advance the analysis of selected alternatives to determine the best design alternative to move forward. This phase may include a trial grout program if an alternative that includes a grouted solution is selected. Phase 1 will also include community outreach to assess concerns and develop a roadmap to guide them throughout the project, to the extent feasible and prudent.

Phase 2 will include awarding the entire project to a qualified contractor for construction and will be submitted in a separate application.

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, and under the requirements of expedited process.



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 May 18, 2022, under the expedited process, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the RPB Chairman accepted the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 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 Naomi Campbell (New Haven) 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 20, 2022. A copy of this notice was filed with the Office of the Clerk

of each city and town within the District and the Connecticut Secretary of State. 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 June 9, 2022, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from Sunny Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, and Larry Marcik, the RWA's Capital Program Lead. These witnesses provided a presentation that described the background, approach, scope, project need, alternatives analysis, and project budgets and schedules.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant with respect to alternative delivery systems, as well as schedules and public involvement.

The OCA stated that the Application is necessary and appropriate and recommended approval of the Application for the reasons set forth in his memorandum to the Representative Policy Board dated June 2, 2022.

F. Analysis

After considering all of the evidence presented, the RPB believes that the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 is necessary and advances the policies and goals of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority and is included in the five-year plan of capital improvements, and are 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 Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 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 Lake** :  
**Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design** : **June 9, 2022**  
**Project – Phase 1, located in Hamden, CT** :

**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 Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1, located in Hamden, Connecticut (“Application”) on May 16, 2022.
2. The Application is a two-phase process consisting of: Phase 1) to advance the analysis of selected alternatives to determine the best design alternative to move forward, which may include a trial grout program if an alternative that includes a grouted solution is selected, and Phase 2) awarding the entire project to a qualified contractor for construction, which will be submitted in a separate application.
3. The Lake Whitney Dam, constructed in 1860, has been improved and expanded on several occasions but has had no significant structural enhancements since its construction.
4. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) Dam Safety provided regulatory oversight of the RWA’s dams.
5. The Lake Whitney Dam is categorized as a Class C, high hazard dam, as defined in the Connecticut Dam Safety Regulations. As such, failure of the Lake Whitney Dam would result in long-term destruction downstream of the dam probably loss of life.
6. The Lake Whitney Dam does not have sufficient hydraulic capacity to pass the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), the present-day design flood.
7. Stability analysis of the current configuration of the dam show that the dam does not meet regulatory requirements and recognized standards for dam safety during the PMF.

8. The Lake Whitney Dam does not have provisions to mitigate external erosion and downstream scour that would likely occur and potentially result in the failure of the dam due to overtopping during the PMF. Scour is an engineering term for the erosion of soil underwater, usually concerning sub-water structures.
9. The Lake Whitney Dam impounds a major source of water in the RWA's reservoir system and loss of service of Lake Whitney would reduce the adequacy of the RWA's water supply.
10. The Lake Whitney Dam must be improved or replaced.
11. The RWA has reviewed numerous improvement alternatives and cost mitigation measures related to the Lake Whitney Dam.
12. Recent conceptual level cost estimates have increased significantly and have caused the RWA to consider additional alternatives to ensure that the most cost effective and prudent alternative is selected as the final solution.
13. The Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project – Phase 1 is expected to be completed during FY 2024 and has a projected cost up to \$5.52 million.
14. Given the scope of the project and its historic significance, the RWA will engage the community to ensure that concerns are heard.
15. The proposed project is consistent with, and advances the RWA policies and goals and is in the public interest.
19. The OCA recommended approval of the Application.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's ("RWA") application for approval of the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1, located in Hamden, Connecticut ("Application") was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 19 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, and under the requirements of the expedited process.
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 20, 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 June 9, 2022.
4. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Representative Policy Board concludes that the RWA's application for the Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Initial Design Project – Phase 1 meets all requirements for approval.

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

**Minutes of June 23, 2022 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 23, 2022, via remote access. Chairman Ricoszi presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

Ansonia	Tom Clifford
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Mario Ricoszi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
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**Absent**

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Derby	Frank Pepe
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Milford	Richard Smith
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy

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Suzanne Sack

**Management**

Larry L. Bingaman  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Premjith Lakshman Singh  
Donna Verdisco

**Counsel**

Raquel Herrera-Soto

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Ricoszi called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He thanked members for attending the special meeting and public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Initial Design Project.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Ricoszi reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

**Minutes**

On motion made by Mr. Mongillo, seconded by Mr. Havrda, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 26, 2022 meeting, with 53 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

At 6:38 p.m., Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

### Communications

Chair Ricozzi reported that the FY 2023 RPB Weighted Vote Computation has been distributed to members. There are no changes.

He stated that members should submit their committee choice to the board office prior to the start of the July committee meetings.

Chair Ricozzi noted that there was an update included in the meeting package for a cost increase for the Derby Tank Project. RWA management met with the Finance Committee earlier in the month, questions should be addressed to Mr. Slocum, Finance Committee Chair. Not further vote was required by the RPB.

### Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

**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.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 54 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Mongillo moved for approval of the following resolutions:

**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.

Chair Riconzi stated that he thought it would be appropriate for the CIS Application to go to the Consumer Affairs Committee for review of completeness due to the direct effect on RWA's customers. Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 55 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Havrda moved for approval of the following resolution:

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

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 55 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

## Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the month and received an update of the Derby Tank Project from management and the quarterly update of RPB approved projects. Next meeting is a special meeting on July 12, 2022.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Harvey reported that the committee met earlier in the month at Maltby Lakes to receive a discussion from management regarding a brief history of the Lakes. The committee also discussed trespassing on RWA properties and monitoring. Management also provided a report on the Derby Tank Project. Next meeting is on July 13, 2022.

Discussion took place regarding protecting RWA properties. After discussion, it was noted that management would provide a future update.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

**Authority/Management** - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, congratulated the appointment of officers to the RPB for the upcoming year and thanked members for their support of the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Influent Valve Application approved earlier in the meeting.

He reported that the Authority met earlier in the day and met as the Commercial Business Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the RWA Commercial Business Committee, reported that at the committee meeting earlier in the day, the committee met in executive session to discuss a potential transactions and approved a resolution that allows management to move forward, as long as certain conditions are met. Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the day to receive an update of the FY 2022 Strategic Plan and review and adopt the FY 2023 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Verdisco, the RWA's Chief Human Resources Officer & Head of Corporate Services, 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 May 31, 2022, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2023 is 138%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund.

He also reported that reservoir levels are at 95% as of June 13, 2022 compared to the long-term average of 91%.

Discussion took place regarding remote meeting status at the RWA and status of repairs at the Prospect Dam.

Chair Riconzi acknowledged Attorney Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, had nothing to report.

Mr. Clifford commended the RWA for its current financial position in light of the market conditions.

At 7:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

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Charles Havrda, Secretary

Attachment:

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

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

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**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**

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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 LGWTP Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project located in North Branford, Connecticut, meets all requirements for approval.