

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Consumer Affairs Committee

December 15, 2025

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Campbell presided.

Members present: S. Mongillo(R), N. Campbell, C. Havrda, M. Levine(R), G. Malloy, and B. Nesteriak(R),

Members absent: R. Smith

RPB: R. Harvey(R), D. Allard(R), T. Clifford(R), J. DiCarlo(R), and C. Mancini(R)

Authority: S. Sack(R)

RWA: S. Lakshminarayanan, R. Kowalski(R), P. Singh, and V. Benni

Office of Consumer Affairs: Attorney Donofrio (“OCA”)(R)

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Campbell offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Havrda and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of its November 17, 2025 meeting, as presented.

Mr. Benni, the RWA’s Director of Engineering, provided an update on the Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (“LCRR”) and the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (“LCRI”). He stated the LCRR required an initial service line inventory by the deadline of October 2024, which the RWA provided. LCRI mandates include a new lower lead action level and more rigorous sampling protocols starting in January 2028 and includes the full replacement of Lead Service Lines (“LSLs”) and Galvanized Requiring Replacement (“GRR”) by November 2037. The replacement of lead goosenecks under 36 inches will be included, although not required by the LCRI.

Mr. Benni reported on the status of the Milford Pilot Project, which identified four LSLs for replacement. He reviewed the pilot project budget, including Drinking Water State Revolving Funding (“DWSRF”). Construction is expected to begin in March 2026, pending Connecticut Department of Public Health (“DPH”) approval.

The RWA continues refining its inventory and replacing lead connectors during municipal projects and repairs. Coordination across departments ensures consistent protocols, with plans to prioritize replacements in disadvantaged communities and use trenchless technologies to minimize disruption.

Next steps include meeting LCRI mandates by completing the 10-year replacement program by November 2037. Immediate priorities include securing DPH approval for the Milford pilot and starting construction in early 2026. Financial planning focuses on managing the budget and securing DWSRF.

Committee members discussed costs and inventory, PipeSafe program inclusions, and utility and customer responsibility.

After discussion, Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, reported that LSLs identified by the RWA as part of the PipeSafe program are covered. In addition, the RWA has committed to covering both utility and customer costs for the LSL replacements project.

At 6:03 p.m., Mr. Benni withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Campbell reviewed the FY 2027 budget schedule review dates for a special joint meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend a special joint meeting with the Land Use Committee to review the FY 2027 budget on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Atty. Donofrio commented that there is a Frequently Asked Questions page related to the LCRR, which can be found at CT.gov, for committee members or members of the public wishing to find more information.

He also reported no escalated consumer complaints. Atty. Donofrio is currently reviewing the application for the Route 80 Control Valve Replacement Project Application in preparation for a possible upcoming public hearing in January. He has also been attending meetings of the RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee, which is currently nearing completion of its assignment.

Committee members discussed the recent water failure in Waterbury, Connecticut, capital planning, aging infrastructure, the importance of consumer education and awareness, and community impact.

On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Havrda, the Committee voted to approve the OCA's November 2025 billing for \$3,696.00.

There was no new business to report.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:09 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Havrda, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Naomi Campbell, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.