

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

Minutes of the November 17, 2022 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority took place on Thursday, November 17, 2022, via remote access. Chairman Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee – Messrs. Curseaden, Borowy, DiSalvo, LaMarr and Ms. Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo, Vitagliano, and Augur, and Messrs. Bingaman, Donovan, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, and Vitko
RPB – Mr. Oslander
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

On motion made by Ms. LaMarr, seconded by Mr. DiSalvo, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its August 25, 2022 meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Chair Curseaden stated that memorandums were provided to committee members for topics related to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Stream Flow Regulations Implementation, the RWA Reservoir Safe Yield Model, and the 2023 Legislative Session Outlook. The memorandums were intended to initiate discussions and get initial thoughts and input.

Mr. Vitko, the RWA’s Environmental Planning Manager, provided an overview of the DEEP Stream Flow Regulations and Implementation and RWA’s Reservoir Safe Yield Model, which included:

- Standards, goals, and reporting requirements that will be effective as of September 2026
- Future impact on storage and drought triggers

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, also provided information regarding the 2019 study done by Tighe & Bond related to RWA’s Reservoir Safe Yield Model. He stated that the study found the RWA has a high margin of safety as defined by the Connecticut Department of Health and an adequate water supply to meet current and future stream flow regulation release requirements.

Committee members discussed drought triggers, restrictions, enforcement, climate change, and supply to support growth, including through interconnections. After discussion, the Committee recommended that management work with legislators to advance drought related enforcement legislation, obtain information on climate change as related to drought triggers, and explore opportunities for future growth and expansion.

Ms. Vitagliano, the RWA’s Government and Public Relations Specialist, provided an update of the 2023 Legislative Session, which included key topic areas and upcoming activities. She also discussed drought advisory and enforcement issues with committee members.

At 1:19 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Sack, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman