

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

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm

1. Safety Moment
2. Lead & Copper Rule Revision Briefing: Jim Hill - *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210 subsection b #'s 5 B, pertaining to commercial and financial information.*
3. Ten Year Model: R. Kowalski - *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210 subsection b #'s 5 B, pertaining to commercial and financial information.*
4. Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2022 meeting
5. Report of OCA – J. Donofrio
6. Approval of OCA Invoice for October 2022 for \$2,745.00
7. Set Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Dates
8. Next regular meeting – Monday, December 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
9. Adjourn

****Members of the public may attend the meeting via remote access using the instructions at the top of the agenda. To view meeting documents, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/43bzj4dk>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email jslubowski@rwater.com.**

SAFETY MOMENT

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Your everyday environment can have a huge impact on your physical and mental health and make you feel constantly stressed and difficult to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Below are strategies for improving your environmental wellness:

1. Replace chemical cleaning products with natural alternatives such as baking soda, vinegar, lemon juice and essential oils.
2. Reduce allergens and improve air quality in your home by washing bedding regularly and opening windows when vacuuming.
3. Declutter one area at a time to avoid feeling overwhelmed.
4. Get more nature in your life by adding houseplants, going for walks, or using natural materials to decorate.
5. Limit screen time by taking breaks during the day.
6. Use eco-friendly and recycled materials such as produce bags and reduce single use plastics such as straws.
7. Create a stress free zone in your home where you can relax and de-stress in peace.



Tap Into
Safety



Regional Water Authority

Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

Safety is a core company value at the RWA. It is our goal to reduce workplace injuries to zero.

 Regional Water Authority

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Consumer Affairs Committee**

Minutes of the October 17, 2022 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, October 17, 2022, via remote access. **Committee members present:** S. Mongillo, N. Campbell, M. Levine, A. Rescigno, and R. Smith.

Committee members absent: F. Pepe

Authority: C. LaMarr

RWA: L. Bingaman, R. Kowalski, J. Hill, D. Bochan, and L. Marcik

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

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

On motion made by Ms. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its September 19, 2022 meeting, as presented.

Mr. Marcik, the RWA’s Capital Program Lead, provided a Whitney Dam update, which included:

- Historical background and purpose
- Impact area
- Project status & requirements
- Early contractor involvement (ECI) & advantages
- Anticipated preliminary schedule
- Design alternatives

The committee members discussed the ECI selection process and project status, excluding details of design or construction.

At 6:01 p.m., Mr. Marcik withdrew from the meeting.

Atty. Donofrio, OCA, reported on one consumer billing matter. An RWA customer reported a bill for 72 hours of continuous use at a vacant property. The RWA escalated the matter to the OCA on October 6, 2022. Atty. Donofrio contacted the customer to schedule a call to discuss details. He will report to the committee next month.

In response to the committee's questions related to ECI, Atty. Donofrio directed members to his memorandum issued to the Representative Policy Board related to the public hearing for the Lake Whitney Dam Design Project Phase 1 and his testimony in favor of the RWA's procurement process for ECI for the project.

On motion made by Mr. Rescigno, seconded by Mr. Levine, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the OCA's August 2022 billing of \$1,795.00.

The next regular meeting is on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Levine reported on a fire in Bethany located in an area of RWA watershed property. The town has turned to outside services, such as the Town of Woodbridge, for assistance in fighting the fire. Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, stated that the RWA is aware of the issue and is looking into applicable charges associated with private public hydrant use.

Chair Mongillo reported on a recent visit to Lake Chamberlain. He noted that the spillway level is still low post-drought.

At 6:21 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Levine, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Stephen Mongillo, Chairman

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November 9, 2022

Jennifer Slubowski, Executive Administrator
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Representative Policy Board
90 Sargent Drive
New Haven, CT 06511-5966

Re: Consumer Affairs Officer / Office of Consumer Affairs

Dear Ms. Slubowski:

Enclosed herewith is our invoice for services rendered and out-of-pocket expenses incurred through and including October 31, 2022. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey M. Donofrio

JMD:st

Enclosure

cc: Mario Ricozzi, RPB Chair
Mark Levine
Anthony P. Rescigno
Stephen A. Mongillo
Naomi Campbell
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Invoice submitted to:
South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
90 Sargent Drive
New Haven, CT 06511

November 7, 2022

In Reference To: Office of Consumer Affairs

Invoice #23985

Professional Services

| | | | <u>Hrs/Rate</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------|-----|--|-------------------|---------------|
| 10/3/2022 | JMD | Attend remote meetings of RPB's Finance Committee and Executive Committee, respectively | 1.83 250.00/hr | 457.50 |
| 10/5/2022 | LJD | Receipt and preliminary review of documents related to New Haven customer | 0.25 250.00/hr | 62.50 |
| | JMD | Attend remote meeting of RPB EXCOMM; review consumer complaint from New Haven consumer (water usage complaint) | 1.75 250.00/hr | 437.50 |
| 10/11/2022 | LJD | Draft email to customer regarding complaint (Avon Street, New Haven); prepare questions for customer | 0.33 250.00/hr | 82.50 |
| 10/17/2022 | JMD | Teleconference with Steve Mongillo; attend remote meeting of RPB CAC | 1.00 250.00/hr | 250.00 |
| 10/19/2022 | JMD | Meeting with Steve Mongillo | 1.42 250.00/hr | 355.00 |
| 10/21/2022 | JMD | Zoom meeting with Larry Bingaman, Rochelle Kowalski and Sunny L. | 1.31 250.00/hr | 327.50 |
| 10/22/2022 | JMD | Research Lead and Copper Rule Revisions by EPA | 2.00 250.00/hr | 500.00 |
| 10/27/2022 | JMD | Attend remote RPB meeting | 0.92 250.00/hr | 230.00 |
| 10/29/2022 | JMD | Correspondence from Melissa Anderson and Larry Bingaman, respectively | 0.17 250.00/hr | 42.50 |

| | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Subtotal of charges | | 2,743.34 |
| Miscellaneous Adjustments | | <u>1.66</u> |
| For professional services rendered | 10.98 | 2,745.00 |
| Previous balance | | 1,795.00 |
| 10/24/2022 Payment - thank you | | <u>(1,795.00)</u> |
| Total payments and adjustments | | (1,795.00) |
| Balance due | | <u><u>2,745.00</u></u> |

Representative Policy Board

Consumer Affairs Committee

2023 Proposed Regular Meeting Dates

Third Monday each month at 5:30 p.m.

| Consumer Affairs (5:30 p.m.) |
|-------------------------------------|
| January 23* |
| February 27** |
| March 20 |
| April 17 |
| May 15 |
| June 26*** |
| July 17 |
| August 21 |
| September 18 |
| October 16 |
| November 20 |
| December 18 |

**moved for MLK Day*

***moved for President's Day*

****moved for Juneteenth Day*