### Representative Policy Board Finance Committee

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

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#### **AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Safety Moment
- 2. Approval of Minutes November 10, 2025 meeting
- 3. Consider and act on recommendation to the Representative Policy Board regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for approval of the Route 80 Throttling Valve Replacement Project ("Application")
- 4. Consider and act on recommendation to the Representative Policy Board regarding Route 80 Throttling Valve Replacement Project associated financing resolution
- Consider and act on DWSRF Resolutions for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board: York Hill Painting & Stairs, Lake Saltonstall WTP Gravity Thickener, and Lake Whitney WTP Chemical Feed
- 6. Review FY 2027 Budget schedule
  - a. Confirm date of meeting to review FY 2027 Budget
- 7. Quarterly Report on RPB Approved Projects
- 8. New Business
- 9. Next meeting is on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Adjourn

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#### **Weekly Safety Topic**

#### **December 1, 2025**

#### **Title: Winter Season and Snow Storm Preparedness**



The New England region is prone to winter storms that bring extreme cold, freezing rain, sleet, heavy snowfall, ice, and high winds. At the RWA, we need to be prepared for these storms and understand the impact they may have on our day-to-day operations. RWA will continue to encourage work from home activities for those employees with the ability to do so when impending storms are forecasted and will monitor storm predications and State of Connecticut guidance on closures and delays.

#### **Activity/Process**

Be Prepared for the weather – Dress properly for the weather, including dressing in layers. Wear warm and sturdy shoes to avoid slip and falls on ice and snow. Carry extra supplies in your bag and vehicle such as blankets, hats/gloves, socks, food etc.

Stay Connected – Emergency Alerts will come from multiple communications tools. RWA will communicate via email and automatic call regarding any office closures or delayed openings. Automatic calls will go to company assigned cellphones and personal telephone numbers as saved in Dayforce. Please take a minute to make sure your contact information in your Dayforce profile is up to date.

The RWA also maintains an Emergency Hotline number as well. You can call 1-888-373-0007 for an update on office status. We will endeavor to provide all decisions on closings or delays by 5am.

Give Yourself Extra Time – If you need to travel to an RWA facility during inclement weather, give yourself extra time for your commute. Drive slowly and avoid abrupt stops and turns. If you become stranded, call for help, set your vehicle's hazard lights to flashing, and remain with your vehicle.

**Summary** - Being prepared for winter storms can save you in an emergency, take the time to prepare both at home and at work to provide peace of mind when winter weather hits. Make sure your information is up to date and look for important updates from RWA.

## Representative Policy Board Finance Committee South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and Via Remote Access

#### **MINUTES**

#### Regular Meeting of Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Vincent M. Marino(R), James X. DiCarlo(R), Carolyn Mancini(R), Michelle Verderame(R), and Jamie Mowat Young(R)

Committee Members Absent: Thomas P. Clifford III and Jasper J. Jaser

**RPB:** Robert E. Harvey, Jr., Naomi Campbell(R), Charles Havrda(R), Peter DeSantis(R), Greg Malloy, Stephen Mongillo(R), and Beth Nesteriak(R)

**FMA:** Kevin Curseaden(R) and Todd Cort(R)

**Management:** Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Rochelle Kowalski, Prem Singh(R), and Charles DelVecchio

OCA: Jeffrey Donofrio(R)

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

Chair Marino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Chair Marino acknowledged Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Head of Corporate Development, and Mr. DelVecchio, the RWA's Controller, who provided an update on the Ten Year Model ("Model"), which included:

- An overview of underlying assumptions, other considerations and steps followed as related to the modified base case, target Model, and process.
- Key takeaways of debt insight of existing bonds and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, debt balance, and principal reduction

At 5:13 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Young seconded by Mr. DiCarlo, the committee voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss commercial business projections covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Committee members, Atty. Donofrio, Messrs. Harvey, Cort, Curseaden, DelVecchio, Havrda, DeSantis, Lakshminarayanan, Malloy, Mongillo, and Mss. Kowalski, Campbell, Nesteriak, and Slubowski.

At 5:23 p.m., the committee came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

Ms. Kowalski continued her review of the Ten Year Model including:

• Review of the target Model, noting a .01 increase in price per gallon for typical customer

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- Target Model capital planning key takeaways
- Debt to capital ratio trends
- Opportunities and vulnerabilities
- Summary of various models considered

Recommendations and next steps included adopting tailored approaches to enhance credit ratings by reviewing and adjusting strategies with actual and projected conditions, and aligning the Model with the Rate Application, along with the FY 2026 results, and FY 2027 budgets, and maintaining communication with stakeholders.

At 5:56 p.m., on motion made by Mr. DiCarlo and seconded by Ms. Young, the committee voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss an Aquarion Water Authority ("AWA") sensitive capital matter covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. Present in executive session were Committee members, Atty. Donofrio, Messrs. Harvey, Cort, Curseaden, DelVecchio, Havrda, DeSantis, Lakshminarayanan, Malloy, Mongillo, and Mss. Kowalski, Campbell, Nesteriak, and Slubowski.

At 6:04 p.m., the committee came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

The Committee noted that the resolution is for initial AWA capital and will only be issued, and acted upon, if PURA approves the transaction.

Ms. Young moved for approval of the following resolution for recommendation to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB"):

WHEREAS, the Aquarion Water Authority, (the "AWA") proposes to issue its bonds, notes or other obligations (the "Bonds") in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the AWA to issue its Bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water District (the "AWD RPB"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of the Act provides that the representative policy board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (the "RWA RPB") shall have the authority to act on behalf of the AWD RPB until such time as the members of the AWD RPB are appointed: and

**WHEREAS,** in order to prepare for the contemplated transaction certain time sensitive activities need to progress while the final decision from the Connecticut Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) on Docket 25-04-03 is still pending; and

**WHEREAS,** the debt issuance under this resolution will occur only if the change of control Docket 25-04-03 is approved by the Connecticut PURA and under no other circumstance will such debt issuance occur.

## NOW THEREFORE, THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE AWD RPB APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Bonds par value shall not exceed \$350,000,000.
- 2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series on parity or subordinate to bonds issued by the AWA pursuant to a resolution to be adopted by the AWA for each series of Bonds, which resolution may provide that the Bonds are combined in one or more series with other bonds of the AWA to be issued for a different purpose. Each of such resolutions 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, whether bonds are taxable or tax exempt, series, denominations, form, redemption prices, security provisions and such other details of the Bonds as the AWA shall determine in accordance with the limits established by this resolution.
- 3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be to finance or refinance the cost of (i) capital improvements of the water system of the Aquarion Water Company (the "Company") prior to the acquisition of the Company by the AWA in accordance with that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement by and among the seller, the AWA and the RWA, dated as of January 27, 2025; (ii) capital improvements of the water system of AWA made after the acquisition of the Company by the AWA; (iii) funds for deposit to reserve funds, as necessary in accordance with the AWA general bond resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (iv) costs of issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project").
- 4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the resolution adopted on September 5, 2024 by the RWA RPB acting on behalf of the AWD RPB be amended to replace the first sentence of item 2 in its entirety as set forth below.

" 2. The issuance of the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount that shall not exceed the amount as set forth in the Application with information provided on August 22, 2024 and August 27, 2024 during executive sessions of the public hearings held by the RWA RPB acting on behalf of the AWD RPB is hereby approved."

Ms. Mancini seconded the motion, the chair called for the vote and Committee voted unanimously to approve the resolution for recommendation to the RPB.

On motion made by Ms. Young and seconded by Ms. Mancini, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on October 6, 2025.

Committee members reviewed the proposed 2026 calendar year regular meeting dates. After discussion, on motion made by Mr. DiCarlo and seconded by Ms. Mancini, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed calendar year 2026 regular meeting dates, as presented.

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There was no new business to report.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

At 6:09 p.m., the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Vincent M. Marino, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.

# UNAPPROVED

#### REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### PROPOSED RESOLTUIONS

**DECEMBER 8, 2025** 

(Application for approval of a project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements)

**WHEREAS** the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on November 21, 2025, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval of a Project to Construct Route 80 Control Valve Improvements (the "Application"); and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the RPB accepts the Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds**

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 (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.

- 1. The Bonds shall not exceed ten million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$10,700,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
- 2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to 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.
- 3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the Route 80 Control Valve project which may include a new valve vault with control valve and associated utilities, paved access driveway, 36-inch ductile iron interconnecting piping and valving, relocation/replacement of an existing cast iron 12-inch distribution main, as well as other site improvements necessary for the construction of the valve vault.; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
- 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 or the State of Connecticut.

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

- 1. The Bonds shall not exceed two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
- 2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to 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.
- 3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of the interior/exterior painting and the installation of stairs on York Hill Tank No. 1, the replacement of the roof vent and the installation of mixers; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
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WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

- 1. The Bonds shall not exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
- 2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to 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.
- 3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of improvements to various gravity thickener components at the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant as well as the replacement of platform beams, walkway grating and handrails; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
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WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Authority to issue its bonds from time to time but subject to the approval of the RPB.

- 1. The Bonds shall not exceed three million three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$ 3,325,000) in aggregate principal amount or so much as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds available for the Project (as hereinafter defined).
- 2. The Bonds may be issued as obligations in one or more series pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and a supplemental resolution to 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.
- 3. The purposes of the Bonds shall be (I) to finance or refinance the cost of replacement of the potassium permanganate and sodium hydroxide systems at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant; (II) to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund and the Debt Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and (III) to pay costs of issuance (the "Project").
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		MARY SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES						
	2025-2026	JECTIONS AND FISCAL 2027 BUDGET REQUESTS						
	Oct 7, 2025	Management begins capital budgetary process by requesting project managers to complete capital budget input forms						
	Dec 5, 2025	Management begins O&M budgetary process by requesting projections for FY26 payroll through May 31, 2026						
	Dec 2025 to Feb 2026	Finance requests budget managers to project FY26 and FY27 O&M expenses and revenue						
	Mar 16, 2026	Management-approved FY27 capital and operating budgets are <i>electronically sent</i> to the Authority						
A	Mar 30, 2026 (or later in the week)	Management discusses FY27 capital budget with the Authority, anticipating that the Authority will approve distribution of preliminary capital budget to the RPB. (special meeting)						
A	Mar 30, 2026 (or later in the week)	Management discusses FY27 operating budget with the Authority, anticipating that the Authority will approve distribution of preliminary operating budget to the RPB. (special meeting)						
	Apr 1, 2026 (subject to above)	Management <i>electronically sends</i> the Authority's preliminary budgets to the RPB and Office of Consumer Affairs						
	Apr 13 to Apr 17, 2026	Meet with OCA to discuss budgets – if requested						
R	Apr 13 to Apr 17, 2026	RPB Finance Committee meets with management (potential special meeting)						
R	Apr 13 to Apr 17, 2026	Land Use Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee meet with management (potential special meeting)						
R	***	Prior to Finance Committee meeting on 5/11/26 (regular meeting), the chairs of the Land Use Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee convey their comments to the Finance Committee						
R	May 11, 2026	RPB Finance Committee (regular meeting) meets to comment on the budget (other RPB members are invited to attend)						
A & R	May 28, 2026	Regular full RPB meeting with Authority in attendance Finance Committee makes its recommendation regarding the FY27 budgets to the full RPB						
A	May 28, 2026	Authority reviews and votes on operating and capital budgets. (meet after RPB Board meeting)						
	May 29, 2026	Management sends approved budgets to Trustee by 5/29/2026 (or late on 5/28/2026)						
R	RPB / RPB Committee meetings							
A	Authority meetings							

<u>Note:</u> Good Friday is April 3, 2026, Easter is April 5, 2026, Passover is from Wed. (evening) April 1, 2026 through Thur. (last day) April 9, 2026.

Other holidays include Monday, January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King Day and Monday, May 25, 2026 Memorial Day



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<b>Remarks:</b> Enclosed please find the second quarter Fiscal Year 2026 status report of all RPB-approved projects.												
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#### STATUS OF RPB-APPROVED PROJECTS FIRST QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2026 REPORT SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2026

#### Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifier, Recycle Pump Station, & Concrete Restoration

Date Approved by the RPB: March 2022 Amount Approved by the RPB: \$8,659,500 Amount Expended to Date: \$4,639,262

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$4,800,000

Scheduled Completion: November 2023 \*Actual Completion: September 2025

During the quarter, the contractor, Kovacs Construction, addressed minor punch list items and final change order efforts. Final payment was issued to the contractor in September. Record as-built drawings have been received and review by RWA staff is expected to complete in December.

#### Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant HVAC and Electrical Improvements

Date Approved by the RPB: March 2022 Amount Approved by the RPB: \$6,130,800 Amount Expended to Date: \$4,321,225

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$6,130,800

Scheduled Completion: May 2024 \*Anticipated Completion: May 2026

During the quarter, coordination between JLY Contractors and RWA continued in support of ongoing project implementation. Within the mechanical scope, installation of several HVAC components has been completed, including most of the ductwork, boilers, and air handling units (AHUs). Additionally, demolition of the existing drop ceiling has been completed, and reinstallation of the new drop ceiling has begun. Work also continued with RWA's commissioning agent, with active participation from the general contractor and relevant subcontractors.

#### Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements Phase I – Initial Design Project

Date Approved by the RPB: June 2022

Amount Approved by the RPB: Not to exceed \$5,520,000

Amount Expended to Date: \$3,376,372

Estimated Final Cost of Initial Design: \$3,500,000

Scheduled Completion: September 2023 \*Anticipated Completion: February 2026

During the quarter the design team continued work on the design of the dam with the upstream option. The design work continues to progress toward 100% completion. Submission of documentation for the required Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and US Army Corps of Engineers permits are expected to occur early in the third quarter of FY 26.

#### Derby Wellfield Facility Chemical Improvements

Date Approved by the RPB: August 2023 Amount Approved by the RPB: \$3,300,000 Amount Expended to Date: \$2,799,374

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$2,900,000

Scheduled Completion: April 2025 \*Actual Completion: October 2025

During the quarter, the contractor, Kovacs Construction, continued to address minor punch list items and small change order efforts to progress the project to completion. Construction is fully complete, with paperwork items remaining to be resolved. All chemical systems, HVAC and electrical upgrades are in in full use. The Derby Wellfield has been put back online and is in service. Final payment, less 2% retainage to be held for the period of one year, was issued to the contractor in November.

#### Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Improvements

Date Approved by the RPB: May 2024 Amount Approved by the RPB: \$3,100,000

Amount Expended to Date: \$711,144

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$3,100,000

Scheduled Completion: October 2025 Anticipated Completion: June 2026

Kovacs Construction continued additional site mobilization, advanced demolition of the caustic and sodium hypochlorite systems, and began construction of the new hypochlorite system, including installation of two new bulk and one day tanks. During this time RWA treatment staff maintained operation of the temporary caustic feed system

#### <u>Lake Gaillard and Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plants Electrical Upgrades</u>

Date Approved by the RPB: July 2025

Amount Approved by the RPB: \$14,000,000

Amount Expended to Date: \$900,684

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$14,000,000

Scheduled Completion: April 2028 Anticipated Completion: April 2028

During the quarter, the 90% design progressed. On September 8, the project was submitted to Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review in accordance with DWSRF and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requirements. At the end of November, comments were received from DPH and EPA and are currently being reviewed by RWA's team.

#### North Branford Tank Replacement

Date Approved by the RPB: November 2025 Amount Approved by the RPB: \$10,200,000

Amount Expended to Date: \$416,050

Estimated Final Cost of the Project: \$10,200,000

Scheduled Completion: July 2027 Anticipated Completion: July 2027

This project includes construction of a new 1.76 million gallon (MG) prestressed concrete water storage tank, paved access driveway, below-grade valve vault containing piping, valving and appurtenances necessary to connect the new tank to the existing water main on site, as well as stormwater site improvements required for compliance with existing regulations. Following construction of the new tank, and its placement into service, the existing tank will be removed from service and demolished.

The RPB conducted a public hearing on October 23. Project approval was granted by the RPB at their meeting on November 20. The final design is being prepared by our consultant, and we also await DWSRF review and approval to advertise for bid.

<sup>\*</sup> Actual completion dates vary significantly from scheduled completion dates due to delays incurred because of extended material delivery and supply chain issues, and extended review periods taken by Connecticut Department of Public Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency due to DWSRF and CDS funding. Delays also occurred due to the need to obtain project waivers for the Buy America, Build America Act, which went into effect after these projects were designed but prior to bidding.