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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- II Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
- III Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2025 meeting
- IV Communications
 - A. Regional Water Authority Ethics and Gift/Profit Disclosure Report for the Period ending November 30, 2025
- V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Nominating Committee's possible recommendation regarding the reappointment of Authority member, Catherine E. LaMarr, for the term beginning January 1, 2026
 - B. Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the resolutions associated with AWA – *Upon 2/3 vote convene in possible executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information.*
 - C. Final Decision – North Branford Water Storage Replacement Tank Project Application and associated financing resolution
 - D. Adopt Calendar Year 2026 RPB Regular Meeting Dates
- VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee
 - E. RPB Bylaws and Rules Review Committee
 - F. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

** Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit https://tinyurl.com/2ppnjbyr. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.
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SAFETY MOMENT

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Regional Water Authority

Thanksgiving Fire Prevention

Did you know? Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, and the day before Thanksgiving.

Be fire safe:

- Don't leave food cooking unattended.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Make and practice a fire escape plan.
- Keep anything that can catch fire (oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging) away from the stovetop.

Sources: National Fire Protection Association: www.nfpa.org
and U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.ready.gov



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

 Regional Water Authority

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

October 23, 2025

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford III
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski(R)
Bethany	Brian Eitzer(R)
Branford	Carolyn Mancini(R)
Cheshire	Deena Allard
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	James X. DiCarlo(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser(R)
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Beth Nesteriak
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent M. Marino

Absent

Derby	Vacant
Milford	Richard Smith

Regional Water Authority

David Borowy
Kevin Curseaden(R)
Mario Ricozzi
Suzanne Sack(R)

Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Rochelle Kowalski
Prem Singh(R)
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Jim Hill(R)
Victor Benni(R)
Orville Kelly(R)

Harris Beach Murtha Cullina

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey M. Donofrio, Esq.

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

Chair Harvey reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Public Comment

Chair Harvey offered the opportunity for members of the public to comment. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the RPB approved the minutes of its September 25, 2025 meeting as distributed, with 85 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Absent	Hamden (10)	Aye	Orange (3)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Communications

Chair Harvey reported that Criteria to be Utilized in Recommending a Member to the Authority (“Criteria”) was distributed by the RPB Nominating Committee to RPB members for review and comment. Members should direct any comments to Mr. Havrda, the Nominating Committee Chair, or the board office.

Chair Harvey stated that the presentation of the 10-Year Model would take place at the Finance Committee on November 10, 2025, at 5:00 pm and the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend either or both meetings.

Chair Harvey reported that the Quarterly Dashboard Report was distributed to members.

At 6:34 p.m., Mr. Betkoski entered the meeting.

Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, read the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that Todd Cort, be and hereby is, appointed as a member of the Authority of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective for the term beginning November 1, 2025, with an initial term to extend until January 1, 2028, or until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Malloy, the resolution was approved with 85 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Mongillo commented on the high level of candidates that applied for the Authority member position.

Ms. Campbell introduced Mr. Cort, the new Authority member, effective November 1, 2025, who entered the meeting. RPB members congratulated Mr. Cort on his appointment.

Mr. Mongillo moved for adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional

Water Authority's ("RWA") application for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street, Hamden, Connecticut ("Application"), which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to execute all necessary documents to finalize the transaction.

Ms. Young seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 85 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

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

On motion made by Mr. Clifford and seconded by Mr. Mongillo, the RPB approved its third quarter 2025 member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Nay	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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met on October 6, 2025, with the RWA's external auditor to receive a fiscal year-end review of the audited financial statements. The committee also met with management for a review the first quarter fiscal year 2026 quarterly financial statements and the dashboard metrics.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 10, 2025, via hybrid.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. He stated that the Committee met at Lake Saltonstall in Branford for its annual pizza dinner. The committee received updates from the Police Captain on improvements at RWA's facilities and recreation areas.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., via hybrid.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Mr. Mongillo reported on the Committee meeting that took place earlier in the week. The Committee met with management to review and revise the Committee Charter. A copy of the finalized charter was distributed to RPB members for review. The Committee also received a report of the OCA regarding two consumer issues.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. via hybrid.

Executive Committee – Mr. Harvey, Chair of the Executive Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met with management in executive session for an AWA update and reviewed the FY 2026 application schedule. The Committee also met with Authority chair, David Borowy, to review the details of the Larry L. Bingaman Foundation.

He also reported on a special meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in executive session with the Authority's Strategic Planning Consultant to discuss the board level strategic plan.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Havrda, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met on October 16, 2025, to discuss the process and reappointment of the Authority's New Haven representative. He stated that details can be found in the minutes. He also noted that the Committee reviewed the criteria and made no changes since it was revised on August 6, 2025. A copy was distributed to the RPB members for review and comment.

The next meeting is on Thursday, November 6, 2025, to discuss the candidate for recommendation to the RPB in November.

Authority/Management – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day.

Mr. Borowy stated that the Authority met as the Pension & Benefit Committee. He reported that the Pension & Benefit Committee met with representatives from Morgan Stanley to review the RWA's quarterly investment performance for the pension plans and Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) plan and discussed market commentary as well as performance of the plans over time. He also reported that the Authority met with management to review the 10-Year Model and various scenarios, which will be presented to the RPB Finance Committee and Consumer Affairs Committee at the November meetings.

Mr. Borowy stated that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority also met as the Compensation Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Compensation Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee met in executive session to evaluate the CEO's FY 2025 performance. The Committee's consensus was that Mr. Lakshminarayanan is performing well and they thanked him for his leadership.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for the period ending September 30, 2025, and stated that the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 121%, with no draw from the Rate Stabilization Fund. This is primarily due to the high interest rate environment, timing of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Financing, and the catch-up in payments (e.g., in autopay), previously disrupted by the CIS transition, is positively influencing FY 2026.

He reported that storage levels are at 65%, compared to the long-term average of 67%. Rainfall is at 8.17 inches, 9.49 lower than the long-term average of 17.66 inches.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, OCA, who stated his appreciation to the RPB Nominating Committee for its diligence in the Authority member interview and selection process. He appreciates the hard work completed by the Committee.

Mr. Harvey reminded RPB members that the meetings in November and December are one week earlier due to the holidays. The meetings will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025, and December 18, 2025.

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He also stated that RPB mileage for the third quarter 2025 is due and should be submitted to the board office by Monday, October 27, 2025.

At 6:59 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Mongillo and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 88 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Nay	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 (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Vacant	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachment:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Decision for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street, Hamden, Connecticut

(R) = Attended remotely.

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Application for the disposition of 0.32 acres	:	
located at 233 Skiff Street, Hamden,	:	September 25, 2025
Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A	:	

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

A. The Applicant's Request

On June 26, 2025, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA" or "Applicant"), through its Authority, submitted an application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval of the disposition of 0.32 acres of improved Class I and II land located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A ("Application" or the "Property"), conforming to any and all approvals that may be granted by the regulatory agencies of the Town of Hamden. The Property will be subject to restrictive covenants placed upon it as noted in Special Act 03-12. The purchase price shall not be less than \$20,000.

The Property contains a 1-1/2 story house of 1,055 square feet with a detached garage. The house was constructed in the mid-1800's and located on the New Haven Water Company's ("NHWC") property on the west side of the Mill River. Approximately 1959, the house was moved to the current site when the NHWC constructed a new office building at 205 Skiff Street. The house was renovated multiple times throughout the years. The Authority will retain an easement for access to the retained acreage of land unit HA 9A.

The Property is designated as Non-water System Land and is not needed for water supply purposes. Therefore, the RWA proposes to dispose of the Property in a manner that will meet the following objectives:

1. To generate income to be used to further protect the Authority's public water supply through the purchase of additional water supply watershed lands or conservation easements within the Authority's public water supply watersheds.
2. To benefit Authority ratepayers by minimizing future water rate increases that are, in part, attributed to future borrowing needed to complete the purchase of additional water supply watershed lands or conservation easements.
3. To protect and preserve any outstanding historical resources.
4. To reduce PILOT payments and maintenance costs.
5. To reduce the exposure to the liabilities of owning a vacant house.

B. Participants

In addition to the RWA, the district's Office of Consumer Affairs ("OCA") also participated in this proceeding. The OCA is authorized by Section 15 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended ("Special Act"), 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 of a majority of the weighted votes of all of the members of the RPB, excluding vacancies, to sell or otherwise transfer a parcel of real property of twenty acres or less, except in certain circumstances not relevant to this application. Section 18(c) of the Special Act stipulates that the RPB shall not approve such a sale unless it determines, following a public hearing, that the proposed action: (1) conforms to the established standards and policies of the RWA, (2) is not likely to affect the environment adversely, particularly with respect to the purity and adequacy of both present and future water supply, and (3) is in the public interest, giving due consideration, among other factors, to the financial impact of the proposed action on the customers of the RWA and on the municipality in which the real property is located.

D. Notice and Procedures

In accordance with Section 1-225a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the RPB was permitted to hold the hearing on the Application in person, and via remote access, and procedural requirements were met. On July 24, 2025, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing for Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant, 900 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, and via remote access. The RPB designated Stephen Mongillo (Hamden Representative) to serve as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

As required by Section 10 of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended ("Section 10"), 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. The notice was published on August 28, 2025. A notice of the hearing was also filed in the Office of the Clerk of each city and town within the district, the Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut and posted on the RWA's website.

As required by Section 18(f) of the Special Act, the RPB submitted the Application, with attached Preliminary Assessment, to various state and local agencies for comment and review.

E. Public Hearing

At the public hearing on September 25, 2025, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from RWA employee, John Triana, the RWA's Real Estate Manager, who provided a presentation of the proposed

disposition. Mr. Triana highlighted various aspects of the Application including relevant provisions of the RWA's Special Act 77-98, as amended, background and Property details, legal framework and requirements, alternatives, disposition objectives, and RWA's policies enumerated in the 2007 initiative, *"The Land We Need for the Water We Use."*

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant with respect to planning and zoning laws, non-sale options, unusual circumstances, sale price flexibility, and deed restrictions.

As stated in his memorandum dated September 18, 2025, the OCA noted that the Property is a liability in its current state and the alternative of demolition and abatement costs would far exceed the property's value. He stated that the Property is located on non-watershed land and is not needed for water supply purposes. The Property no longer has a significant value for RWA's use and is appropriate for disposition. Further, the OCA found the proposed transaction described in the Application to be consistent with the Land Use Plan and in the public's interest. For those reasons, the OCA recommended approval of the Application.

Approximately three (3) members of the public attended the public hearing. Mr. Danehy, Mr. Howes, and Mr. Rice all from The ACES School in Hamden.

F. Analysis

After considering all of the evidence presented, the RPB believes that the proposed disposition of the Subject Land is in accordance with the RWA's Land Use Plan, would financially benefit the RWA, is in accordance with established standards and policies of the RWA, is not likely to affect the environment adversely and is in the public interest. Further, the RWA stated that the Property is not required for water supply purposes. Finally, the proposed disposition satisfies the legal requirements of Section 18(c) of the Special Act.

G. Conclusion

We, therefore, conclude that the Application for approval of the disposition of 0.32 acres of improved Class I and II land located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A 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 the disposition of 0.32 acres	:	
located at 233 Skiff Street, Hamden,	:	September 25, 2025
Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A	:	

Findings of Fact

1. The RWA, through its Authority, submitted an application on June 26, 2025, to the RPB for approval of the disposition of 0.32 acres of improved Class I and II land located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A (“Application” or “the Property”).
2. The sale of the Property will have no adverse impact upon the public water supply. The Property’s current use as a single-family residence will continue.
3. The Property will be subject to restrictive covenants placed upon it as noted in Special Act 03-12.
4. Under the proposed action, the Property would be sold through a public bidding process for not less than \$20,000.
5. Net proceeds of the sale will be used to finance the Authority’s long-range plan to acquire and protect watershed property, thereby augmenting the protection of the public water supply.
6. The proposed action is consistent with the RWA policies enumerated in the 2007 initiative “*The Land We Need for the Water We Use.*”
7. The OCA recommended approval of the Application.

Conclusions of Law

1. The RWA's application, dated June 26, 2025, for approval of the disposition of 0.32 acres of improved Class I and II land located at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A ("Application"), was filed pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in Section 18 of the Special Act.
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 pursuant to Section 10 of the Special Act.
3. The Application, with attached Preliminary Assessment, was submitted to state and local agencies for comment and review and made available for public inspection pursuant to Section 18(e) of the Special Act.
4. The public hearing took place on September 25, 2025, at the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant, 900 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut, and via remote access, in accordance with Section 10 of the Special Act, and in accordance with Section 1-225a of the Connecticut General Statutes.
5. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the RPB concludes that the RWA's Application for approval of the disposition of 0.32 acres of improved Class I and II land at 233 Skiff Street in Hamden, Connecticut that is part of Land Unit HA 9A, meets all requirements for approval.

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<http://www.rwater.com>

To: Representative Policy Board

From: Charles Havrda, Chair
Nominating Committee for Authority Member

Date: November 10, 2025

Re: Nominating Committee Recommendation for Regional Water Authority Member
for the term beginning January 1, 2026

At its meeting on November 6, 2025, the Nominating Committee ("Committee") voted unanimously to recommend Catherine E. LaMarr for reappointment to the Authority of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District ("Authority"), commencing on January 1, 2026, and serving until January 1, 2031. A copy of Ms. LaMarr's resume is attached.

The Committee adopted the selection guidelines at its meeting on November 6, 2025, which it submitted for comment to the Representative Policy Board at its meeting on October 23, 2025.

Ms. LaMarr has served as a member of the Authority since April 16, 2021, and currently serves as Chair of the Audit-Risk Committee and the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr currently acts as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of New Haven. Previously, she was employed at the State of Connecticut in the Office of the Treasurer. She currently acts as Treasurer and member of the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology and is a director of the Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund. Past affiliations include the National Association of Public Pension Attorney's, George W. Crawford Bar Association, and the Urban League of Greater Hartford.

After careful consideration and discussion, the Committee agreed that Ms. LaMarr's professionalism, leadership, financial knowledge, business background, not-for-profit utility, and board governance experience, have contributed to the Authority and the RWA.

Sincerely,



Charles Havrda

Chair, RPB Nominating Committee

cc: David Borowy, Authority Chair
Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Interim President and CEO

Attachment

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Catherine E. LaMarr, be and hereby is, reappointed as a member of the Authority of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective for the term beginning January 1, 2026, with her term to extend until January 1, 2031, or until her successor is appointed and has qualified.

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

Application for Approval of the North	:	
Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement	:	November 20, 2025
Project, in North Branford, Connecticut	:	

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

A. The Applicant’s Request

On July 29, 2025, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or the “Applicant”), through the Authority, submitted an application to the Representative Policy Board (“RPB) for approval of the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in North Branford, Connecticut (“Application” or “Project”).

The existing water storage tank is a 3.3 million gallon (MG) welded steel tank constructed in 1977. It is fed by the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant through the North Branford Pump Station, providing storage for the North Branford, Cherry Hill, and Stony Creek service areas.

During a project in 2016, structural issues were identified on the interior roof. Short-term repairs were made due to the risk associated with keeping the tank offline and the higher summertime demands. The repairs were designed to maintain structural stability for a period of 3-5 years. During this time, the condition of the tank was monitored through regular inspections. In 2024, an interior inspection was performed while in service and although it was stable photographs confirmed that the condition of the tank continued to decline with age. Although the repairs have lasted longer than anticipated, a permanent solution is necessary in the next few years to continue to provide a reliable supply for customers and emergency storage for fire protection, main breaks, and other emergencies.

Once the new tank is built and placed into service, the existing tank will be removed from service and demolished. By keeping the existing tank in service during construction, service to the supply areas will remain uninterrupted. The Project will also improve water quality by increasing mixing within the new tank and tank turnover.

The proposed Project cost is approximately \$10.2 million and includes a 10% contingency.

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 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 RWA’s District (“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 \$3.5 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 August 28, 2025, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, October 23, 2025, 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 Jamie Mowat Young (Killingworth) 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 *Connecticut Post* and the *New Haven Register* 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 October 1, 2025. 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.

The Application also contained confidential information subject to protection under C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E), for matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(19)(i)(ii), pertaining to safety risk.

E. Public Hearing

At the public hearing on October 23, 2025, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from Victor Benni, the RWA's Director of Engineering, and Orville Kelly, the RWA's Manager of Design and Construction. Messrs. Benni and Kelly provided a presentation that addressed the project background, approach, scope, need, alternatives analysis, project schedule, and budget. Project engineers, Christopher C. Bone, Jennifer Reynolds, and Heather Doolittle from Tighe & Bond were also present to answer questions.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated October 16, 2025. Attorney Donofrio stated that the water storage tank is necessary for treated water and fire protection in North Branford. Based on his review of the confidential information provided with the Application, including the alternatives, and business case evaluation, he concluded that the integrity is compromised and that the alternative chosen is

the superior alternative. For these reasons and the reasons stated in his memorandum, the OCA recommended approval of the Application.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant regarding spending to date, project cost, salvageable items, tank capacity, unique factors, future needs, and prior tank replacement project cost comparisons.

F. Analysis

After considering all 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 the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement 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

Application for Approval of the North	:	
Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement	:	November 20, 2025
Project, in North Branford, Connecticut	:	

Findings of Fact

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), through its five-member Authority, submitted an Application to the RPB for the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project (“Application” or “Project”) on July 29, 2025.
2. The Project is included in the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Project budget. The Project located in North Branford, Connecticut will commence in FY 2026, with completion planned in FY 2028, at a total Project cost of approximately \$10.2 million.
3. The Project provides the most efficient solution to the structural concerns and system operations of the existing North Branford Tank.
4. The Project maintains the necessary capacity to supply the North Branford, Cherry Hill, and Stony Creek service areas to meet the current and future needs.
5. The Project will improve water quality by reducing water age and in turn will help to ensure that chlorine residuals are maintained.
6. The proposed Project is consistent with, advances the policies and goals of the RWA, and is in the public interest.
7. 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 North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement project ("Application") on July 29, 2025, 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 South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority District, to be heard was properly made on October 1, 2025, 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 October 23, 2025.
4. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Representative Policy Board concludes that the RWA's Application meets all requirements for approval.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

(Application for the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project)

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”), with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s (“RWA”) application for approval of the Application for the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project (“Application”), which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPB hereby approves the Application and authorizes the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, and the Vice President of Engineering and Environmental Services, to take any and all actions to complete the North Branford Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in North Branford, Connecticut

**REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTH BRANFORD WATER STORAGE TANK**

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.

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 Eleven Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,200,000).
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 certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority including the replacement of the North Branford Water Storage Tank (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.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

November 20, 2025

2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

January 22

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 28

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