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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

- A. Safety Moment
- B. Public Comment: The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. Residents and customers may address the Board.
- C. Meet as Sole Member of the Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund (WSF): B. Stone
 - 1. Report of the WSF
 - 2. Act on recommendation of WSF Chair for reappointment of Directors
- D. Meet as Environmental, Health & Safety Committee: M. Ricozzi
 - 1. Approve minutes – May 23, 2024 meeting
 - 2. Memorandum - Lead & Copper Service Line Investigation Update and Work plan for Phase 2, including Funding
- E. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approve minutes – July 25, 2024 regular meeting and August 9, 2024 special meeting
 - 2. Capital Budget Authorization - September 2024
 - 3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications (no action necessary) – September 2024
 - 4. Monthly Financial Report – July 2024
 - 5. Accounts Receivable Update – July 2024
- F. Finance: R. Kowalski
 - 1. Consider and act on the project loan obligation and subsidy for the Lead Service Line – Planning project
- G. Reports on RPB Committee Meetings
- H. Business Updates: L. Bingaman
 - 1. RWAY CIS Update: P. Singh
 - 2. *Monthly Business Highlights: L. Bingaman – *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)(A)(B), pertaining to trade secrets and commercial and financial information.*
- I. Meet as Compensation Committee (Special Meeting): K. Curseaden
 - 1. Approve minutes – January 25, 2024 meeting
 - 2. Pre-read: CEO FY 2025 Strategic Priorities – *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A)(C)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A) pertaining to trade secrets.*
 - 3. Pre-read: CEO FY 2024 Self-evaluation on Strategic Priorities & Performance – *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A) to discuss matters pertaining to performance and evaluation and C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A)(C)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(A) pertaining to trade secrets.*
 - 4. Officer Performance Reviews - *Upon 2/3 vote, convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A) to discuss matters pertaining to performance and evaluation.*
 - 5. FY 2025 Committee Work Plan
- J. Act on matters arising from committee meetings

** Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via conference call. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/3hhtm38z>. For questions, contact the board office at jslubowski@rwater.com or by calling 203-401-2515.

*RPB member (Mark Levine) is excused at item H.2

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

Minutes of the May 23, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Ricozzi presided.

Present: **Committee** – Messrs. Ricozzi, Borowy, Curseaden, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo(R), Blevins(R), Lufkin(R), and Messrs. Bingaman, Hill(R), Lakshminarayanan, and Singh(R)
RPB – Mr. Marino(R)
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

On motion made by Ms. Sack, and seconded by Ms. LaMarr, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the its meeting held on March 28, 2024.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, and Ms. Blevins, the RWA’s Government & Community Affairs Manager, provided an update on the recent legislative session. They highlighted that the RWA’s enabling legislation bill was passed unanimously and will be sent to the governor's office for signature. The review included the bills that were passed and those that were not, including the bills that were supported by RWA and the industry.

Ms. Blevins stated that the bill related to dam safety led to the establishment of a committee that will include the participation of the RWA, with the focus on expediting the permitting process. In total, 33 bills were monitored throughout the session.

At 1:55 p.m., Ms. Blevins withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan and Ms. Lufkin, the RWA’s Planning & New Services Manager, provided an update on the RWA’s Enterprise Work and Asset Management roadmap. They outlined the progress in creating an enterprise-wide approach to identify and catalog assets. The project, re-established about a year ago, involves collaboration between operations, financial, engineering, technology, and other interdepartmental groups. Despite some setbacks during COVID, the project is back on track, although it will remain an ongoing program in alignment with the RWA’s long-term strategic goals.

After discussion, at 2:16 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy, and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Environmental, Health and Safety Committee
May 23, 2024

Mario Ricozzi, Chairman

(R) = Attended remotely.

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To: Authority Environmental, Health & Safety Committee
Mario Ricozzi, Chair
David Borowy
Kevin J. Curseaden
Catherine E. LaMarr
Suzanne C. Sack

Cc: Larry Bingaman, President & CEO
Sunny Lakshminarayanan, VP, EES

From: Tom Barger, Water Quality Manager

Date: 22 August 2024

Subject: Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Update

Inventory Development

- Vacuum excavation has been finished in East Haven and Milford; work continues in New Haven, Hamden, Ansonia, Derby and Woodbridge. North Haven, Orange and West Haven are slated to begin shortly as crews move from other towns.
- As of the middle of August 2024, approximately 2,000 or 60% of vacuum excavations have been completed assuming that at least 10% of field verifications will be performed through vacuum excavations to achieve close to a 90% accuracy. It is estimated that the approximate number of unknowns including both customer side and the utility side is close to 26,000. After finishing the initial round of excavations, based on predictive modeling and to further refine RWA will conduct more excavations, if needed.
- RWA has offered on a proactive basis sample collection to those customers where service line replacements are mandatory based on lines being identified as either lead or galvanized iron;
 - of these 134 locations, approximately 20% have responded with sample collection.
 - only 1 home has been identified with lead and that result also been less than 15 ppb.
- RWA has requested Avanti (EPA's Accelerator Consultant) to provide educational materials and assist in identifying service line details in West Haven and New Haven by conducting in-home inspections.
- Training has been provided to Field Service and Cross Connections staff on the use of LeadCast to enable real-time inclusion of service line information; RWA's field construction crews continue to update the field information into LeadCast, the predictive modeling platform.
- For towns where excavations have been completed or nearing completion, predictive modeling will commence shortly.

Communication

- RWA has met with executives from most towns and meetings are scheduled with Branford and North Branford in the upcoming weeks.
- RWA typical communication protocol is outlined as below:
 - 30-Day letter mailed to all residents in the areas where RWA will be performing vacuum excavation.
 - This letter gets mailed 20-30 days prior to vacuum excavations.
 - This letter is meant to be a heads-up to the community.
 - Most folks who receive the letter will not have vacuum excavation performed at their property.
 - RWA Vac Ex at your home door hanger
 - This will be left at addresses where vacuum excavations are planned to be performed.
 - These hangers are left 48-72 hours prior to vacuum excavations.
 - No Lead Found Door hanger
 - On the same day RWA completes the vacuum excavation, RWA informs the resident with either one of two door hangers indicating the results of our inspection.
 - This door hanger will be left with folks that do not have any lead present in their service line.
 - Disturbed Line Letter
 - This note will be left with those who RWA determine may have lead in their service lines
- RWA promotes awareness through social media, podcasts, participation in discussions organized by the towns.

Funding

- RWA has submitted and has been approved for funding through DWSRF for engineering and inventory development; the RWA is working on securing significant grant funds for this phase of the LCRR work.
- RWA has submitted for DWSRF funding which will include both grants and loans for replacement of lead service lines (both customer and utility).

Schedule

- RWA will submit the initial inventory to CTDPH by October 14, 2024 in line with the LCRR submission deadlines.
- The initial round of vacuum excavations (ranging from 10 – 13% of unknowns), predictive modeling, inventory development and finalizing the report for submission will be complete by this date.
- RWA will continue refining the inventory into FY25 also will commence replacement of the lead service lines during the latter half of FY25.