

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
90 Sargent Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
or via Remote Access**

AGENDA

Special Meeting of Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

- A. Safety Moment
- B. FY 2023 Special Budget Review: R. Kowalski
 - 1. Review and discuss proposed Capital and Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023) – Including Executive Session to discuss strategy, negotiations, and real estate matters
 - 2. Consider and act on distribution of proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Capital and Operating Budget to members of the Representative Policy Board
- C. Meet as Commercial Business Committee: K. Curseaden
 - 1. Commercial Business Update – Including Executive Session: R. Kowalski and D. Donovan
 - 2. *Approve Minutes – December 16, 2021 meeting
 - 3. Review Committee Work Plan – FY 2023
- D. **Meet as Environmental, Health & Safety Committee: K. Curseaden**
 - 1. Approve Minutes – November 18, 2021 meeting
 - 2. Lead and Copper Rule Update: T. Barger
 - 3. Deer Management Program Update: N. Smith
 - 4. 2022 Legislative Session Outlook: L. Vitagliano
 - 5. Review Committee Work Plan – FY 2023
- E. Act on matters arising from Committee meetings
- F. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approve Minutes – February 24, 2022 meeting
 - 2. Capital Budget Authorization – April 2022
 - 3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications (no action required) – April 2022
 - 4. Accounts Receivable Update – February 2022
 - 5. Key Performance Indicators
 - 6. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report
 - 7. Derby Tank Update
 - 8. Quarterly Financial Report (*year-end projections to be discussed in Item B.1, FY 2023 Special Budget Review*)
- G. Updates: L. Bingaman
 - 1. COVID Update: D. Verdisco
 - 2. Monthly Board Letter Highlights: L. Bingaman
- H. RPB Committee assignments and reports on RPB committee meetings
- I. *RPB Project Application – Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Filter Influent Valve Replacement Project (Application): J. Hill and O. Kelly
 - 1. Discussion regarding Application
 - 2. Consider and act on Application approval for submission to Representative Policy Board (RPB)
 - 3. Affidavit of Mr. Lakshminarayanan regarding confidential information within said Application
 - 4. Motion for Protective Order for confidential information within said Application
 - 5. Protective Order concerning confidential information within said Application for submission to the RPB

** Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via remote access. For information on attending the meeting via remote access, and to view meeting documents, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3mp2h37x>. For questions, contact the board office at jslubowski@rwater.com or call 203-401-2515.

**RPB Member (T. Slocum) will join at Item C.2 and be excused at Item I. The FY 2023 proposed budget presentation will be provided to members of the RPB at special meetings of the Finance, Land Use, and Consumer Affairs Committee on April 18th and April 20th, 2022.*

The meeting is being held at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT and also via remote access. To attend via remote access, please follow the call in instructions below:

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

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority took place on Thursday, November 18, 2021, via remote access. Chairman Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee – Messrs. Curseaden, Borowy, DiSalvo, LaMarr and Ms. Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Reckdenwald, Schenkle, Vitagliano and Messrs. Bingaman, Courchaine, Norris, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Oslander
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

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

On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its August 19, 2021 meeting.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Schenkle, the RWA's Manager of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk, provided a health and safety initiatives update, which included key focus areas such as staff training, renewable energy projects, safety initiatives and zero injury goal, top ten enterprise risks, and the RWA's Business Continuity Plan.

She also reported on the results of the North Cheshire Wellfield tabletop exercise held in September. Attendees included RWA staff, members of the CT Department of Public Health, Southington Water, Meriden Water and the RWA's PFAS consultant. The exercise identified PFAS awareness and response training.

Ms. Schenkle commented on the RWA's new safety implementations including applications and intranet platforms dedicated to safety and near miss and safety reporting. She also highlighted the RWA's Safety Starts With Me initiative designed for high reliability and based on three focus areas: skill, knowledge and rules-based performance, to keep employees safe, encourage error prevention, and promote a safety culture.

Discussion took place regarding current COVID practices and near miss reporting.

At 12:56 p.m., Ms. Schenkle withdrew from the meeting.

Ms. Vitagliano, the RWA's Government and Public Relations Specialist, provided a 2021 Legislative Update. She stated that the short session begins on February 9, 2022 and adjourns on May 4, 2022. It is unknown of the meeting format for the session. Ms. Vitagliano also reported on emerging and industry topics to watch.

Discussion took place regarding the recently passed infrastructure bill. Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the RWA would apply for funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program.

Mr. Curseaden acknowledged Mr. Norris and commented that this would be his final committee meeting. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Norris's contribution and dedication to the committee over the years.

At 1:10 p.m., on motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman

Presentation to the Regional Water Authority Environment Health & Safety Committee

March 31, 2022

Update on Lead & Copper Rule



Tom Barger,
Manager, Water Quality

Update on Issue of Lead

- Contract with CDM Smith
 - RWA discussing future Project Governance
 - ID of potential sub-contractors to assist in the following areas:
 - Communications Plan
 - Inventory Mapping
 - Field Investigation
 - Corrosion Control Treatment
 - Lead Filter Distribution (and when to initiate)

Activities to Date

- Conversion of paper records to Electronic Format
 - Due Diligence of Paper records
 - Categorization of Lead lines and Unknowns
 - GIS mapping
- Financial assistance
 - DWSRF associated monies & Federal Loans/Grants
 - Green Bank – more traditional loans directly to property owners
- Communications Plan under development
 - RWA developing customer communication and FAQs and responses

Current Activities

- Communications: developing Plan and roadmap
- Field Investigations: Vacuum Excavation & Inspections
- Corrosion Control Treatment: Assessment, Design
- AI (Machine Learning)
- Filter Distribution/Management

Next Steps

- Field investigation of unknown services
 - Post cards to customers seeking input on their private service lines ; information will be shared to instruct customers how to evaluate
 - Vacuum Excavation (potholing) – as required
 - Machine Learning to increase accuracy of potholing– CT approval pending.
 - Ultimately, house-to-house interior inspection
 - Communication with schools and day care
 - Develop sampling protocols
- Continue discussions with USEPA and CTDPH to explore funding options
- IT developing software for field data collection by existing staff.

Schedule (Timeline)

- EPA Deadline – variable based on Rule components
- RWA tentative schedule
- Scheduling is very dependent on both Federal and State decisions yet to be made



2021 Deer Hunt Summary

Summary

- **304 applications mailed – 205 participants chosen**
- **927 days hunted**
- **4745.5 hours hunted**
- **34 deer harvested**
 - 9 doe
 - 25 bucks

2022 Changes

- **Requiring an emergency descent device for additional safety**



Photo courtesy of Frank Spadacenta 11/6/2021

2021 Harvest Totals

2021 Deer Harvest by Area				
Location	Permits	Doe	Buck	Total
North Branford	152	6	20	26
Prospect	20	3	2	5
Bethany	25	0	2	2
Seymour/Ansonia	8	0	1	1
2021	205	9	25	34
2020	180	26	19	45
2019	168	24	23	47
2018	172	15	24	39
2017	174	24	17	41

Presentation to the Regional Water Authority

Environmental, Health, & Safety Committee

March 31, 2022

2022 Legislative Update



Lori Vitagliano
Government and Public Relations Specialist

State Legislative Landscape

Short Session

- February 9 – Session Began
- May 4 – Sine Die

Format

- Remote Public Hearings
- Hybrid Committee Meetings
- In-Person Session Days for Legislators



Government Relations Executive Summary

The RWA's legislative lobbying efforts focus on evaluating all proposed bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly's 27 committees. To date, the Government Relations Specialist is monitoring 29 proposed bills. The majority of these bills have originated from the Appropriations, Education, Environment, Human Services, Planning & Development, and Public Health Committees.

The key topics concern legionella, well testing, safe water, drinking water, solar siting petitions, fire protection charges, and electronic notifications to water companies.

There are 16 bills concerning the water industry or a political subdivision that have been identified, and are being closely monitored. The RWA has submitted testimony on ten bills and personally delivered comments on 7 bills. This presentation covers the bills we are actively supporting or lobbying our concerns.

RWA Priority Bills

SB 240: Concerning the Use of Sodium Chloride to Mitigate Snow and Ice Accumulation

- Establishes training standards for road salt applicators.

SB 248: Concerning the Connecticut Drinking Water Supply

- Addresses solar project petitions on public water supply watershed or aquifer protection area.
- Would allow water companies to receive electronic notification for projects located in an aquifer protection area or watershed.

SB 325: Prohibiting the Assessment of Certain Charges and Requiring Approval for the Installation of Water Lines and Hydrants by Water Companies

- Changes how water companies charge for certain fire protections.

RWA Priority Bills

HB 5038: Implementing The Governor's Budget Concerning Education

- Increases exposure of the Public Utility Management Degree (PUM) programs.

HB 5139: Extended Producer Responsibility for Tires

- Creates a free and convenient stewardship recycling program for tires.

HB 5142: Extended Producer Responsibility for Certain Gas Cylinders

- Creates a free and convenient stewardship recycling program for gas cylinders.

HB 5143: Establishing an Office of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Creates a new Aquatic Invasive Species office.

RWA Priority Bills

HB 5276: The Disposal of Home-Generated Sharps

- Creates safe disposal options for home-generated sharps.

HB 5296: Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grants

- Increases the bond authorization to \$10 million.

HB 5482: Department of Public Health Recommendations Regarding Legionella Mitigation

- Aimed at mitigating potential Legionella outbreaks in a hospital or a nursing home.

Priority Water Industry Bills

SB 456: Clean and Safe Well Water

- Amends the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's program for replacing or repairing contaminated wells by including private wells.

HB 5342: Membership of the Low-Income Energy Advisory Board

- Adds two water company representatives to this Board.

HB 5484: Department of Public Health Recommendations Regarding Private and Semi-Public Well Testing

- Requires private or semi-public wells to be tested prior to a property being sold, exchanged, purchased, or transferred.

Bills Relevant to the RWA

SB 204: Damages to Person or Property Caused by the Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle Owned by a Political Subdivision

- Removes governmental immunity as a defense in a civil action.

HB 5362: An Act Requiring Public Comment Periods at Public Agency Meetings

- Requires public agencies to allow members of the public to comment during a designated time at public meetings.

HB 5269: An Act Concerning Remote Meetings

- Allows public agencies, boards, and commissions to continue conducting remote meetings under the Freedom of Information Act.

Questions?

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RWA Environmental, Health, and Safety Committee FY2023 Work Plan

The Committee shall review, provide oversight of and monitor (a) the RWA's environmental, health and safety policies, practices and actions; (b) trends and emerging issues at the legislative, regulatory and judicial levels concerning environmental, health and safety issues that affect the RWA, along with its positions and responses with respect thereto; and (c) Maintain an explicit, visible and communicated commitment to Business Continuity/Emergency Preparedness.

May 2022

Winter Salt Reduction Initiative
Health and Safety Initiatives Update
Environmental Compliance Update

November 2022

RWA reservoir safe yield model update
DEEP Stream Flow Regulations Implementation
2023 Legislative Session Outlook

August 2022

Emerging Issues and Updates (TBD)
FY23 Business Continuity Work Plan
HazWaste Central Update

March 2023

Emerging Issues and Updates (TBD)
Health and Safety Initiatives Update
Invasive Species Update

Additional topics:

Recreation Program Update
Water Quality Regulations Update
Lead and Copper rule update
Deer Management Update