

**Representative Policy Board
Finance Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
Via Remote Access**

MINUTES

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

Committee Present: Vincent M. Marino(R), James X. DiCarlo(R), Jasper J. Jaser, Timothy Slocum(R), Michelle Verderame(R), and Jamie Mowat Young(R)

Committee Absent: Thomas P. Clifford III

RPB: Robert E. Harvey, Jr.(R), Naomi Campbell(R), Charles Havrda(R), and Mark Levine(R)

FMA: Mario Ricozzi(R)

Management: Rochelle Kowalski, Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Jim Hill(R), and Tom Barger(R)

OCA: Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.(R)

Staff: Jennifer Slubowski

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

Mr. Barger, the RWA's Water Quality Manager, provided an update regarding the Lead Service Line Inventory. He noted that RWA is working with CDM Smith to comply with the updated lead and copper regulations, focusing on identifying service line materials. A vacuum excavation program has been initiated, using data from legacy tap cards, resulting in an initial service line inventory submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Additionally, RWA successfully notified specific customer subsets of these findings ahead of schedule.

To address customer inquiries related to vacuum excavation and plumbing identification services, the RWA has launched a proactive sampling program aimed at mitigating lead exposure concerns, which benefits both customers and the organization. As part of its initiatives to develop inventory, the RWA has also introduced a QR code on its website that encourages customer feedback, reducing the need for home visits and enabling customers to provide pertinent information. Currently, the organization is transitioning from inventory development to initiating localized pilot programs for service line replacements to gather crucial information.

In addition, the RWA's communication department has effectively provided valuable information to customers via website initiatives, notification letters, and social media, engaging with municipalities, health departments, and community management teams. Future actions include a meeting with the City of New Haven and the City of Milford to discuss several small pilot programs and initiate fieldwork, pending the involvement of the State Health Department.

On motion made by Ms. Young and seconded by Mr. Slocum, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its January 13, 2025 meeting.

Chair Marino reviewed assignments for upcoming Authority meetings.

He stated that the Committee's Five Member Authority third party compensation study discussion has

been moved from April to May to avoid a conflict with the FY 2026 Budget review.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

At 5:14 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Slocum and seconded by Mr. Jaser, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Vincent M. Marino, Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.

UNAPPROVED