

Representative Policy Board
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 23, 2024 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 – April 25, 2024 meeting
- IV Communications
 - A. Status of RPB member term expirations - June 30, 2024
- V Items for Consideration and Action
 - A. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for the Authority's Application for approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project
 - B. RPB Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the Regional Water Authority's proposed FY 2025 Budget
 - C. RPB Nominating Committee's recommendation for RPB officers beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025
- VI Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Land Use Committee
 - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
 - D. Nominating Committee
 - E. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <http://tinyurl.com/yyxk7xcs>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

SAFETY MOMENT

HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION

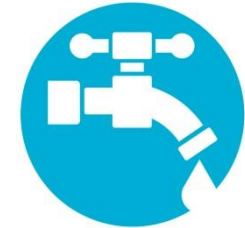
As temperatures rise, the possibility of heat-related illness increases. Some of the signs include cramping, exhaustion, and heat stroke. Take the following steps to avoid heat related illness:

- Eat regular light meals and stay hydrated
- Take frequent breaks in a cool, shaded, or air conditioned area
- Stay cool with wet towels or water spray
- Drinks lots of fluids
- Stay away from alcohol

For more severe symptoms:

- Soak the individual with cool or cold water
- Use ice packs or ice under the arms
- Never administer anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Tap Into
Safety



Regional Water Authority

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get to a cooler, air conditioned place.• Drink water if fully conscious.• Take a cool shower or use cold compresses.		CALL 9-1-1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives.

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Service – Teamwork – Accountability – Respect – Safety

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

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

Minutes of April 25, 2024 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Harvey presided.

PRESENT

RPB

Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III(R)
Beacon Falls	Peter Betkoski
Branford	Vacant
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame(R)
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo(R)
Killingworth	Jamie Mowat Young
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis(R)
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno(R)
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal(R)
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine(R)
Governor’s Rep	Vincent Marino(R)

Absent

Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Derby	Frank Pepe
Milford	Richard Smith

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

Management

Larry L. Bingaman
Rochelle Kowalski
Elizabeth Calo(R)
Adrian Cosma
Jim Hill(R)
Sunny Lakshminarayanan
Orville Kelly(R)
Kevin Watsey(R)

Counsel

Raquel Herrera-Soto

Office of Consumer Affairs

Jeffrey Donofrio

Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

Call to Order

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

Safety Moment

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Public Comment

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

Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Ms. Campbell, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved the minutes of its March 28, 2024 meeting, with 78 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)	Aye

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

Communications

Chair Harvey:

- Stated that several RPB member term expirations are up on June 30, 2024. Letters have been mailed to municipal CEO's.
- Volunteers are needed to serve on the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Chair Harvey or the board office. Ms. Campbell and Messrs. Malloy and Levine volunteered at the meeting.
- Stated that RPB members have had an opportunity to review the RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report, which was included in the meeting package.

Items for Consideration and Action

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, attached hereto, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of Target Three, dated February 22, 2024, be and hereby is approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. The Chair called for discussion.

Due to the confidential nature of questions, at 6:40 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Young, and seconded by Mr. Slocum, the RPB voted to convene in 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. Present in executive session were RPB members, Authority members, management, Attys. Donofrio and Herrera-Soto, and Ms. Slubowski. The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 78 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)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

At 6:45 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session.

The Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 68 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	Hamden (10)	Nay	Orange (3)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye

Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (10)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Mr. Slocum moved for approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue its Bonds (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 Representative Policy Board (the “RPB”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority’s Bonds in an amount which shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) in aggregate principal amount.
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 a portion of the costs of the acquisition of Target Three, (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.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 68 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

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

On motion made by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Marino, and unanimously carried, the RPB approved its 2024 first quarter RPB member compensation, substantially in the form submitted to the meeting, with 78 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)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Due to time constraints, it was the consensus of the RPB to waive the RPB Committee reports.

Reports

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that Authority met earlier in the day as the Pension & Benefit Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Pension & Benefit Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with RWA's actuary, Angell Pension Group, to discuss the valuation reports, assumptions and associated contribution levels to be used in FY 2025. The Authority approved the assumptions and contributions for next fiscal year as well as an additional fiscal 2024 contribution to the pension plan. The Committee also met with Morgan Stanley to receive its Quarterly Investment Performance update and the Committee reviewed its 2025 Work Plan.

Mr. Bingaman, the RWA's President & Chief Executive Officer, acknowledged Mr. Watsey, the RWA's Director of Public Affairs, who highlighted a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly to the RWA, recognizing the RWA's 175th year of excellence.

Mr. Bingaman reviewed revenues and operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended March 31, 2024, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2024 is 123%, with no shortfall.

Mr. Bingaman reported that reservoir levels are at 100% compared to the long-term average of 93%.

At 7:00 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy, and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 78 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)	Aye
Bethany (5)	Absent	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Absent	West Haven (8)	Aye
Derby (2)	Absent	New Haven (13)	Aye	Woodbridge (3)	Aye
East Haven (6)	Aye	No. Branford (8)	Aye	Gov. Rep. (1)	Aye

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board for approval of the Authority's Application for Target Three.
2. Target Three Financing Resolution.

(R) = Attended Remotely.

UNAPPROVED

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD
OF THE
SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

MAY 23, 2024

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

*(Authority's Application for approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant
Chemical Improvements Project)*

RESOLVED, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, attached hereto, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project, dated January 25, 2024, be and hereby is approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

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

Application for Approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project located in Hamden, Connecticut : : **May 23, 2024**

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

A. The Applicant’s Request

On January 25, 2024, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA” or the “Applicant”), through its five-member Authority, submitted an application for approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project located in Hamden, Connecticut (“Application” or “Project”). The Application also includes the replacement of the potassium permanganate and caustic chemical feed systems.

The Water Treatment Plant utilizes potassium permanganate as an oxidant for pretreatment and sodium hydroxide (caustic) for pH control to prevent corrosion and allow for the efficient use of other treatment chemicals. These systems are necessary to deliver a reliable and quality supply of water to the RWA’s customers. The original designed potassium permanganate system is not operational, and a temporary system has been constructed to meet the current manganese demands. Improvement is needed to effectively manage higher manganese levels and maintain compliance with regulatory standards.

The existing caustic system was part of the original treatment plant construction. One of the two bulk storage tanks is currently out of service due to a tank failure, which reduces the

amount of chemical inventory storage. This then results in partial delivery costs and enhanced concern of the potential of overfilling the caustic bulk tank during chemical deliveries.

The goal of the Project is to improve the reliability of plant operations and improve safety for plant operations.

The proposed Project cost is approximately \$3.1 million and includes a 20% contingency. The Project costs are based on 30% complete design drawings, prepared in November 2023. In accordance with cost-estimating principles, the Project costs have been adjusted for inflation.

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 South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 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 two 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 February 22, 2024, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 2024 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 *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 for approval. The date of publication was April 2, 2024. 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 April 25, 2024, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from Sunny Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, and Orville Kelly, the RWA's Manager of Design and Construction. Mr. Kelly provided a presentation that addressed the Project background, scope, need, alternatives analysis, budget and schedule, permitting, and unusual circumstances.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant regarding shut down, necessity, initial construction, salvage opportunities, redundancy, resiliency, and life expectancy of upgrades.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated April 18, 2024. Attorney Donofrio concluded that the original

potassium permanganate system has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer operational, leaving the Authority to rely on a temporary system. In addition to experiencing challenges, the structure is now a safety risk. The Application is necessary and appropriate and budget estimates and contingency are reasonable. Overall, the Project is a prudent investment and for the reasons set forth in his memorandum, the OCA recommends approval of the Application.

F. Analysis

After considering all of 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 approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements 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 Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project located in Hamden, Connecticut : : **May 23, 2024**

Findings of Fact

1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”), through its five-member Authority, submitted an Application to the RPB for approval of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project, located in Hamden, Connecticut (“Application” or “Project”) on January 25, 2024.
2. The Project improves reliability and safety by replacing aging chemical feed system and building equipment/components.
3. The Project improves consistency with other RWA facilities and safety for RWA staff.
4. The Project maintains operations and operating capacity of the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant facility, a critical source of potable water for New Haven and surrounding areas.
5. The Project is included in the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Project budget. The Project located in Hamden, Connecticut will commence in FY 2024, with completion planned in FY 2025, at a total Project cost of approximately \$3.1 million.
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 Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Improvements Project located in Hamden, Connecticut ("Application") on January 25, 2024, 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 April 2, 2024, 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 April 25, 2024.
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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MAY 23, 2024

(South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget)

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("Authority") requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2025 proposed Capital, Operating and Commercial Budgets ("Budgets"); and

WHEREAS, the RPB held workshops on April 8, 2024 and April 15, 2024, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budgets and responded to questions from RPB members; and

WHEREAS, the RPB has a duty to review the Budgets and to comment, but has no other statutory obligations or authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RPB wishes to express its appreciation to management and the Authority for the professionalism of their presentation and express its overall support of the FY 2025 proposed Budgets; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA's Budget review letter dated April 22, 2024; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB consensus regarding the proposed Budgets is that they are reasonable and supported; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPB believes that the Authority's overall financial plan and execution of its long-term plan provide for financial health required to achieve its overall mission of providing high quality water, products, and services to consumers at reasonable prices.

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

MAY 23, 2024

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

Chairperson:	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Vice Chairperson:	Stephen Mongillo
Secretary:	Jamie Mowat Young
Treasurer:	Timothy Slocum

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