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## Regular Meeting of Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

- I Safety Moment
- Il 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 June 26, 2025 meeting
- IV Communications
  - A. Nominating Committee for Authority Member
  - B. Standing Committee Appointments
  - C. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Update
- 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 to construct electrical improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant
  - B. Land Use Committee's recommendation regarding completeness, mode and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street in Hamden
  - C. Representative Policy Board Second Quarter 2025 Compensation
- VI Reports
  - A. Finance Committee
  - B. Land Use Committee
  - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
  - D. Executive Committee
  - E. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

<sup>\*\*</sup>Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or by conference call. To view meeting documents please visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2ppnjbyr">https://tinyurl.com/2ppnjbyr</a>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at <a href="mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com">jslubowski@rwater.com</a>.

# **Weekly Safety Topic**

July 14, 2025

## **Title: Beat the Heat**



With the increase in temperature this week it is a good idea to refresh on how to "Beat the Heat". Please look at the following safety tips to help stay cool with the increased temperatures.

Activity/Process

## How to minimize the risk:

- 1. **Be sun smart** Wear sunscreen, cover your head with a hat, take regular breaks in a shaded area to avoid heat complications, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- 2. Wetter is better Heat escapes through the skin, the largest organ in the body. So, the more skin you can cool down the better. You can quickly cool down by putting your hands and feet in water, wrists and ankles have lots of pulse points where blood vessels are close to the skin so you will cool down more quickly. Putting a wet or cold compress on your forehead or neck can help as well.
- 3. **Drink plenty of water** Avoid caffeine first thing in the morning and make sure you're drinking water every hour. Sports drinks are great, but water comes out on top as the best hydrator.
- 4. Limit your alcohol Mixing too much sun with a few too many drinks is not a good idea. Drinking will take a toll on your body and make it harder to stay cool the next day. Alcohol causes dehydration, which can hit especially hard if your body is already struggling to stay cool in the summer. Drinking alcohol can also make it harder to get a good night's sleep, something that's already difficult in warmer temperatures.
- 5. **Eat light meals and eat breakfast** Stick to light, well-balanced, regular meals—food with high water content like strawberries, cucumber, celery, and lettuce. Skipping breakfast in the morning prolongs the state of dehydration, resulting in a sluggish feeling.

### **Summary:**

Dealing with the summer heat can get quite tricky. Hopefully, the tips mentioned above will help you minimize its impact and avoid heat stress. Remember keeping yourself hydrated, wearing light, comfortable clothes, and taking breaks are key factors to staying cool during the summer. Staying cool while working in the heat can help maintain your energy, keep you focused, and even save your life.

# Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

# Minutes of June 26, 2025 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

# **PRESENT**

RPB Ansonia Thomas P. Clifford, III(R) Peter Betkoski(R) Beacon Falls Branford Carolyn Mancini(R) Cheshire Timothy Slocum Charles Havrda Guilford Hamden Stephen Mongillo Jamie Mowat Young Killingworth Joseph A. Oslander Madison New Haven Naomi Campbell North Branford Peter DeSantis(R) James X. DiCarlo(R) North Haven Jasper J. Jaser Orange Prospect Robert E. Harvey, Jr. Seymour Michael H. Horbal West Haven T. Gregory Malloy Woodbridge Mark Levine(R)

Absent

Governor's Rep

Bethany Brian Eitzer
Derby Frank Pepe
Milford Richard Smith

### Call to Order

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **Safety Moment**

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

Vincent Marino(R)

### **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 and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the RPB approved the minutes of its May 22, 2025 regular meeting, with 84 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)	Aye	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye

# **Regional Water Authority**

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

# Management

Sunny Lakshminarayanan Rochelle Kowalski Victor Benni Orville Kelly Jim Hill

# Counsel

Bruce McDermott

### **Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio

### Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

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 reported that the FY 2026 RPB Weighted Vote Computation was distributed to members in the meeting package.

He stated that members should submit their committee preference to either him or the board office. Committees will be formed prior to the July meetings.

Chair Harvey noted that there are still outstanding member reappointments. Members will continue to serve until reappointed or a new appointment is made. He also stated that this would be Mr. Horbal's last meeting as the RPB's Seymour representative. Board members thanked Mr. Horbal for his service on the board.

Mr. Horbal noted his time on the board and the Land Use Committee and thanked members and management for having the opportunity to serve.

Mr. Malloy, Chair of the Nominating Committee for RPB Officers, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. He stated that the Committee met to recommend a slate of officers for the term beginning on July 1, 2025. Mr. Malloy stated that existing officers were contacted, and all expressed an interest in continuing to serve. The Committee did not see a reason to make any changes for the upcoming year. and voted unanimously to recommend the current slate of officers for another term, with Ms. Young recusing herself from the vote. Mr. Malloy moved for approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, 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

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved unanimously by the board, with 84 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)	Aye	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. Marino moved for approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee recommended to the Representative Policy Board a stipend of \$1,500.00 to each member of the Five Member Authority for work performed in FY 2025; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the stipend for members of the Five Member Authority be distributed immediately as part of the FY 2025 budget.

Mr. Slocum seconded the motion, and the resolution was approved unanimously by the board, with 84 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)	Aye	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

## **Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month and held a discussion in executive session related to Authority member stipend and the Committee also received an update from management on RPB approved projects. The next meeting will include the annual committee chair election; RPB members interested in running for chair of the Finance Committee should notify the board office.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., via hybrid.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met in Madison with Witch Hazel distributors to discuss harvesting and view witch hazel plants.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Levine commented on a television show using techniques to destroy invasive species. He thanked the Regional Water Authority and Land Use Committee for seeking ways to control invasive species on RWA owned properties.

Consumer Affairs Committee – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported on two ongoing consumer complaints in Derby and East Haven. Both matters are still pending. The OCA also reported that he would be submitting his memo to the RPB related to the application in advance of the public hearing. The Committee approved the OCA's May invoice and held a discussion with management related to the AMI system notifications and call volume. The Committee reviewed Authority meeting assignments. The next meeting will include the annual election of the Committee chair.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee (RPB Officers) – Mr. Malloy had nothing further to report.

**Nominating Committee (Authority Member)** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Nominating Committee for Authority member, reported on the June 25, 2025 meeting. She stated the Committee met with the Authority Chair and RWA Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, to discuss traits most needed. The Committee also updated the criteria, which was distributed to members of the RPB for comment, and drafted the newspaper ad.

**Authority/Management** - Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that at the meeting earlier in the day, the Authority met as the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Sack, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met with management to discuss results of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and the FY 2026 one-year Strategic Plan. The Committee also reviewed its FY 2026 work plan.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board also met as the Commercial Business Committee.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Commercial Business Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Committee met with management in executive session to receive a commercial business update and a Blue Drop update. The Committee also reviewed its charter.

Mr. Borowy noted that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the board approved a land disposition application for Skiff Street in Hamden that would be forwarded to members of the RPB.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended May 31, 2025, and stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2026 is 121%, with no shortfall. Contributing to the higher coverage were the May 2024 refunding and timing of the DWSRF financing, other revenues including from the HSV acquisition and interest rate environment.

He also reported that raw water storage levels are at 96%, compared to a long-term average of 91%. Rainfall for June 25, 2025 is 0.71 inches, which is 2.97 inches lower than last year.

Chair Harvey acknowledged Atty. Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, who had nothing to report.

Chair Harvey reminded RPB members that anyone interested in being considered for the Authority member position should contact Ms. Campbell or the board office by August 1, 2025.

At 6:59 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Young, the board voted to adjourn the meeting, with 84 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)	Aye	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

Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

Metrics	Quarter ended 5/31/24 (4Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 11/30/24 (2Q FY 2025)	Quarter ended 2/28/25 (3Q FY 2025)	Quarter ended 05/31/25 (4Q FY 2025)		
Financial Metrics						
Coverage	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw	Budget: 1.14 w/o draw		
	Projected: 1.34 w/o draw	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw	Projected: 1.21 w/o draw		
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Aged Account Receivables - Total Water (Note 2)						
	May. 2024 : \$ <b>5,552,139 (-16.6%)</b>	Nov. 2024 : \$5,267,815 (-20.9%)	Feb. 2025 : \$5,135,012 (-22.9%)	May. 2025 : \$4,634,724 (-30.4%)		
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	May 2024 : <b>\$5,213,602 (-10.6%)</b>	Nov. 2024 : <b>\$4,949,483 (-15.1%)</b>	Feb. 2025 : <b>\$4,807,653 (-17.6%)</b>	May 2025 : \$4,181,899 (-28.3%)		
Pension Market Values (Note 3)	May 2024 Mkt Value \$75 327 269	Nov 2024 Mkt Value \$80 490 510	Feb 2025 Mkt Value \$79 178 742	May 2025 Mkt Value \$79 459 755		
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·	Prior Year: 43.680 MGD	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75% Actuarial Return				
Vear (MGD)	Result: 42.322 MGD	Result: 48.131 MGD	Result: 45.342 MGD	Result: <b>44.414 MGD</b>		
Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75% Actuarial Return	Target: 100%	Target: 100%				
Disinfection By-products	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%		
Result: \$43,728 million/97.4% of total fiscal rear budget   Vear budge	* As of Dec, 2024, updated	* As of March 31, 2025, updated				
Net Unaccounted For Water	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%		
(annualized)	Result: 13.12% net for the annualized	Result: 12.45% net for the annualized	Result: 13.05% net for the annualized	Result: 14.04% net for the annualized		
	period of March 2023 to February 2024	period of Sept 2023 to Aug 2024	period of Dec 2023 to Nov 2024	period of March 2024 to February 2025		
Service Disruptions (Notes 4 and 5): Due to Main Breaks						
Number of Disruptions	Result: 9	Result :8	Result : 44	Result : 10		
Number of Customers Impacted	Result: 101	Result : 119	Result : 791	Result : 176		
	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6		
Avg. Period Customers are w/o Water (hrs.)	Result: 4.03	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw         Projected: 1.19 w/o draw         Projected: 1.21 w/o draw           Budget: \$0 million         Budget: \$0 million         Budget: \$0 million           Projected: \$0 million         Projected: \$0 million         Projected: \$0 million           Budget: \$55.791 million         Budget: \$53.653 million         Budget: \$52.603 million           Besult: \$21.221 million/38.0% of total fiscal year budget         Result: \$31.906 million/98.7% of total fiscal year budget           Feb 2020: \$6,659,551         Feb 2020: \$6,659,551         Feb 2020: \$6,659,551           Nov. 2024: \$52,667,815 (-20.9%)         Feb. 2025: \$5,135,012 (-22.9%)         May. 2025: \$4,634,724 (-30.4%)           Feb 2020: \$5,833,160         Feb 2020: \$5,833,160         Feb 2020: \$5,833,160           Nov. 2024: \$4,949,483 (-15.1%)         Feb. 2025: \$4,807,653 (-17.6%)         May 2025: \$4,181,899 (-28.3%)           Nov 2024 Mkt. Value \$80,490,510         Feb 2025: \$4,807,653 (-17.6%)         May 2025 Mkt. Value \$79,459,755           Sept. 2024 Mkt. Value \$9,830,513         Dec 2024 Mkt. Value \$79,178,742         May 2025 Mkt. Value \$77,385,725           Sept. Return: 12.05% Cal/2.43% Fiscal         Dec Return: 10.13% Cal/5.22% Fiscal         March Return Ssumption: 6.75%           Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%         Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%         Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%           Result: 48.131 MGD				
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#### Notes:

Note 1: Excludes State and Redevelopment, Growth Fund, and contingency/reserve. Percentage is of fiscal year budget

Note 2: Reflects aged receivables over 90 days - total water and total residential. Comparison is to pre-pandemic level

Note 3: Fiscal year-end based on audited financials. Other quarters based on latest available reports and net returns

Note 4: This metric may be later expanded to other types of service disruptions with the same statistics

Note 5: This metric may be later expanded to include time to resolve and time to respond w/associated targets

# Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

Application for Approval of a Project to :

Construct Electrical Improvements at the

Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and : July 24, 2025

the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant :

# <u>Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law</u> of the Representative Policy Board

# A. The Applicant's Request

On April 24, 2025, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA" or the "Applicant"), through its Five-member Authority, submitted an application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB) for approval of a project to construct electrical improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant in North Branford, Connecticut, and the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant, in East Haven, Connecticut ("Application" or "Project").

The Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant (LGWTP), established in 1986, is a direct filtration facility that processes water from the Lake Gaillard surface water supply. It serves the New Haven and Branford areas directly, while also supplying additional service areas through multiple pump stations and pressure reducing facilities. Currently, the LGWTP supplies an average of 32 million gallons of water per day to over 265,000 customers, via approximately 72,400 service connections, accounting for approximately 60% of the average flow transported daily by the RWA, making it the largest treatment plant under operation.

In 2015, Tighe & Bond recommended replacing critical electrical distribution equipment within the next five years. In addition, the electrical equipment serving the hydroelectric building at the LGWTP is at the end of its useful life and will be replaced as part of this project.

The Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant (LSWTP), established in 1974 in East Haven, Connecticut, is a critical component of the Regional Water Authority's system. It treats water from Lake Saltonstall, supplied by the Farm River Diversion, and typically provides 6 MGD of treated water to approximately 50,000 customers in the service area, including portions of East Haven, Branford, and New Haven.

In 2013, Tighe & Bond recommended replacement of the remaining original electrical equipment, as well as incoming electrical service from the utility, and including high service (distribution) pumps and associated discharge piping and valves, which are original to the facility and were refurbished over a decade ago.

The Project consolidates projects across two facilities to enhance capital efficiencies through economies of scale by merging multiple projects into a single application. This strategy enables the RWA's management to implement upgrades at both water treatment plants without seeking separate approvals from the RPB. This approach aims to streamline the RWA's capital program by minimizing time, costs, and impacts associated with managing individual projects.

The goal of the Project is to invest capital resources into facilities that will allow the RWA to continue to provide water reliably and efficiency to its customers.

The proposed Project cost is approximately \$14 million (\$3.91 million for the LGWTP and \$10.173 million for the LSWTP) and includes a 10% contingency on the un-escalated estimated construction costs. The estimated Project costs are based on 90% complete design level, prepared in October 2024. 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 RWA's District ("District").

# C. <u>Statutory Standard</u>

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 May 22, 2025, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, June 26, 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 *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 May 30, 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 June 26, 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, budget, schedule, and permitting.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated June 18, 2025. Attorney Donofrio stated that based on his review of the confidential information provided with the Application, including recommendations from Tighe & Bond in 2013 and 2015, he concluded that the original equipment is near or at the end of its useful life. The combined projects are necessary and appropriate to maintain reliability, and for these reasons and 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, contingency, new technology, energy efficiency, and salvage.

# F. <u>Analysis</u>

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. <u>Conclusion</u>

We therefore conclude that the Application for approval to construct electrical improvements at the LGWTP and the LSWTP 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 a Project to : Construct Electrical Improvements at the :

Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and : July 24, 2025

the Lake Saltonstall Water Treatment Plant :

# **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 to construct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant ("LGWTP") and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant ("LSWTP") ("Application" or "Project") on April 24, 2025.
- 2. The Project is included in the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Project budget. The Project located in North Branford and East Haven, Connecticut will commence in FY 2026, with completion planned in FY 2028, at a total Project cost of approximately \$14 million.
- 3. The LGWTP is the RWA's largest and most critical water asset. The LSWTP is an integral part of the RWA's water system. Replacement of electrical equipment should be given the highest priority at critical facilities such as these water treatment plants to reduce risk and provide reliable service to over 265,000 customers in RWA's service territory.
- 4. Proactive replacement of electrical equipment will provide assurance of long-term reliability for RWA to provide water to its customers.
- 5. The LSWTP's existing 2400V main switchgear is a critical component of the WTP as it provides power to the facility's motor control centers, yet it is over 45 years old and must be replaced. It poses an increased risk of failure that could result in facility shutdowns, service interruption to customers and safety hazards to treatment plant staff.

- 6. The 2400V switchgear at LSWTP violates National Electrical Code workspace requirements due to a lack of sufficient space in front of the equipment and is therefore a safety hazard.
- 7. With the replacement of the switchgear at the LSWTP, UI will discontinue supporting the existing utility service, thus requiring a new service. This new electric service will eliminate the need for the main service to cross the Amtrack ROW.
- 8. 2400V transformers, similar to those at the LSWTP are no longer standard and must be replaced with more common voltage equipment to allow for property operation and maintenance.
- 9. The LSWTP high service pumps are more than 50 years old and no longer operate efficiently or cost effectively.
- 10. The LGWTP's MCC-1, MCC-2, MCC-3, Filter Plant Main Switchboard, T-5 transformer, main circuit breakers, ATS, and hydro-generator equipment are either nearing or have exceeded their recommended service life. This equipment is at an increased risk of causing significant damage to the surrounding equipment and a safety risk to treatment plant employees and have the potential to result in prolonged facility shutdowns.
- 11. Installing power distribution panelboards and stand-alone motor starts at the LGWTP in lieu of a new MCC-1 and 3 will reduce cost, space needed for equipment, and fill allow for more flexibility during construction.
- 12. Aging electrical equipment is susceptible to breakdowns requiring numerous repairs, and replacement parts can be difficult to find, have long lead times, and cannot be easily refurbished since many parts are obsolete.
- 13. The proposed Project is consistent with, advances the policies and goals of the RWA, and is in the public interest.
- 14. The OCA recommended approval of the Application.

# **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's ("RWA") application for approval to conduct Electrical Improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant ("Application") on April 24, 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 May 30, 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 June 26, 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

JULY 24, 2025

# PROPOSED RESOLUTION

(Approval of Authority's Application to construct electrical improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant)

**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 to construct electrical improvements at the Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Salstonstall Water Treatment Plant, dated April 24, 2025 ("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. In the absence of the Interim President & CEO, the RWA's Director of Engineering is authorized to sign in his place.

# REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

# **Proposed Resolutions**

July 24, 2025

(Land Use Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street, located in Hamden, Connecticut)

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on June 26, 2025, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for the disposition of 233 Skiff Street, located in Hamden, Connecticut ("Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board reviewed the Application and recommended that the Application be accepted by the RPB as complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee recommended that the public hearing be conducted by a Presiding Member; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee proposed a public hearing date of September 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPB accepts the Land Use Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on September 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson is hereby directed to give notice of said hearing in accordance with Section 11 of the Rules of Practice, as amended.

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