

**Representative Policy Board  
Finance Committee  
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District  
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**MINUTES**

**Special Meeting of Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

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**Committee Present:** Vincent Marino, Tom Clifford, Jay Jaser, Tim Slocum, and Michelle Verderame

**RPB Members:** Bob Harvey, Naomi Campbell, and Charles Havrda

**Authority:** Suzanne Sack

**Management:** Larry Bingaman, Rochelle Kowalski, Sunny Lakshminarayanan, Jim Hill, and Tom Barger

**OCA:** Atty. Jeffrey Donofrio

**Staff:** Jennifer Slubowski

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

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA's Vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, and Mr. Barger, the RWA's Water Quality Manager, provided an update on the Lead & Copper Rule ("LCR") revisions and discussed key focus areas, activities and future expectations.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan and Mr. Barger reported on communications and website development. The RWA's Communications department is working on the final stages of a website dedicated to the project, activities. Communications and will consist of the following three components: 1) existing website subpage, 2) lead service line self-identification and scanning, and 3) public announcement.

Mr. Barger stated that the RWA is working with CDM Smith and its subsidiary to develop a GIS mapping system that will also appear on the website. He also reported on current activities including initial potholing and vacuum excavation, which will allow access to service lines to identify composition.

Mr. Barger also reported that Connecticut was one of four states selected by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the RWA was one of ten public water utilities in Connecticut, selected to participate in the EPA Accelerator Program to identify and address existing compliance barriers and promote progress of lead service line identification and replacement. This will provide the RWA with opportunities to learn more about the process and gather input from peers in other pilot states.

Lastly, they reported that last month the CT DPH included goosenecks as part of the LCR. The new regulation could have a significant impact, as RWA replacements are made under its discover and replace program, which has existed for decades.

At 5:16 p.m., Ms. Campbell entered the meeting.

Committee members and management discussed website requirements, lead unknowns, available funding

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and grants, and intended use plan.

At 5:25 p.m., Mr. Barger withdrew from the meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Jaser, and unanimously carried, the committee voted to approve the minutes of its August 14, 2023 meeting, with Chair Marino abstaining.

Ms. Kowalski, RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, provided information on the Quarterly Report on RPB approved projects, which included:

- Ansonia-Derby Tank
- West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements
- Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifier, Recycle Pump Station & Concrete Restoration
- Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant HVAC and Electrical Improvements
- Lake Whitney Dam & Spillway Improvements Phase I – Initial Design Project
- Customer Information System

There was no new business to report.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Slocum, seconded by Mr. Clifford, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

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Vincent M. Marino, Chairman