

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

Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority took place on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee – Messrs. Curseaden and Borowy, and Mss. LaMarr
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo, and Messrs. Bingaman, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, Tracy, and Vitko
RPB – Mr. Slocum
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on November 17, 2022.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

Ms. Calo, the RWA’s Sr. Director of Employee Relations & HR Operations, provided a Health & Safety Initiatives update, which included:

- FY2023 Goals & Objectives
- Zero Injury Goal & Statistics
- Near Miss Reporting
- Safety Ambassador Program
- Next steps

Mr. Tracy, the RWA’s Invasive Species Management Technician, and Mr. Vitko, the RWA’s Environmental Planning Manager, provided a presentation on the RWA’s slash wall forest regeneration study. The presentation explained that a slash wall is a wall comprised of the materials such as slashings from trees that are left from a timber harvest. They are used to protect areas from deer predation and invasive species. In 2022, the RWA conducted two timber harvests in Madison and Seymour, the two locations being studied. These locations are monitored by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. In collaboration with the University of Connecticut, drone research has been collected on the two locations using Light Detection and Ranging technology in an effort to provide data about future slash wall management and assess forest regeneration impacts over time.

At 1:21 p.m., Messrs. Tracy and Vitko withdrew from the meeting.

The committee reviewed its FY 2024 work plan.

At 1:22 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. LaMarr, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye

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LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Absent

Kevin Curseaden, Chairman