

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

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 23, 2025 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 – December 19, 2024 meeting
  - IV Communications
    - A. Standard Mileage Rate – Effective January 1, 2025
    - B. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report
  - V Items for Consideration and Action
    - A. Representative Policy Board Fourth Quarter 2024 Compensation
  - VI Reports
    - A. Finance Committee
    - B. Land Use Committee
    - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
    - D. Executive Committee
    - E. Authority/Management
  - VII Adjourn
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**PUBLIC HEARING** – 7:00 P.M. – Disposition of 56 Squantuck Road, Seymour, Connecticut

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

## January Safety Moment – Winter Storm Preparedness

Tap Into  
Safety



Regional Water Authority

Winter storms can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, sleet, heavy snowfall, ice, and high winds. These storms can cause transportation, heat, power, and communication disruptions. They also close schools, stores, and workplaces. Heavy snowfall, ice, and extreme cold can quickly immobilize an entire region. Your family should be prepared to protect themselves from the hazards of winter weather - blizzards, heavy snow, freezing rain, and sleet.

### Activity/Process

**Plan to Stay Warm** – Dress properly for the weather, including dressing in layers. Warming breaks in a vehicle or building can let you avoid cold weather-related injuries.

**Stay Connected** – During extreme weather, keep cell phones charged and a radio on hand with extra batteries.

**Prepare Supplies** – Go-Kits are recommended for vehicles and home during winter months.

#### Emergency Supplies for a vehicle should include:

- Chargers or extra batteries
- Blanket, hat, gloves, and extra socks
- Windshield Scraper
- Shovel, Sand
- Flashlight, Flares, Jumper Cables
- Food and Water
- First Aid Kit

#### Emergency Supplies for a home should include:

- 3 days of supplies for every member of the household
- Cellphone and charger, extra batteries
- Food, Water and Medications
- Warm clothing and blankets
- Shovel and Ice melt for walkways and drives
- Portable radio, flashlight, matches.

**Representative Policy Board  
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Minutes of December 19, 2024 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut, and via remote access. Chair Harvey presided.

**PRESENT**

**RPB**

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

**Regional Water Authority**

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

**Management**

Sunny Lakshminarayanan  
Rochelle Kowalski  
Elizabeth Calo(R)  
Jim Hill

**Counsel**

Bruce McDermott(R)

**Absent**

Branford	Vacant
Derby	Frank Pepe

**Office of Consumer Affairs**

Jeffrey Donofrio, Esq.

**Staff**

Jennifer Slubowski

**Call to Order**

Chair Harvey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Safety Moment**

Chair Harvey 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**

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On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Clifford, the RPB approved the minutes of its November 21, 2024 meeting as distributed, with 93 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	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 RPB meeting on January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. would be held at Seymour Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour. Following the regular meeting would be a public hearing for the disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour.

He also noted that the RPB committee meetings to review the FY 2026 proposed budget with management have been scheduled, as follows:

- **Finance Committee** – Monday, April 7, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. (regular meeting)
- **Consumer Affairs Committee and Land Use Committee** - Thursday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (special joint meeting)

RPB members are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

### Reports:

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Marino, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee convened in executive session to discuss Authority member compensation. The Committee discussed multiple factors including work volume. The Committee is recommending to the RPB an increase of \$1,500 per member. The committee also received a quarterly report on RPB approved projects.

The Committee's next meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be hybrid.

**Land Use Committee** – Mr. Levine, Chair of the Land Use Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met and received a presentation on the RWA vault, including contents and historical items. The Committee's next meeting will include a deer hunt update.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Ms. Campbell, Chair of the RPB Consumer Affairs Committee, reported on the Committee meeting earlier in the week. The Committee met with management to review the FY 2026 budget schedule and scheduled a special joint meeting with the Land Use Committee on Thursday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to review the FY 2026 budget with management. The Office of Consumer Affairs reported no pending matters. She also reported that the Committee will be receiving updates on the Customer Information System early next year.

**Authority/Management** – Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, reported on the Authority meeting earlier in the day. He stated that the Authority also met as the Audit-Risk Committee and the Commercial Business Committee.

Ms. LaMarr, Chair of the Authority's Audit-Risk Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee reviewed a confidential Cyber Security update memorandum.

Mr. Curseaden, Chair of the Authority’s Commercial Business Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the day. The Committee met in executive session to discuss commercial updates, potential acquisitions, and strategy.

Mr. Borowy reported that at the Authority meeting earlier in the day, the Authority voted to re-elect Mr. Curseaden as Vice Chair, and Ms. LaMarr as Secretary/Treasurer for another year.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim President & Chief Executive Officer provided an RWAY/CIS update. He stated that the project is moving in a positive direction and the next few months are expected to be busy. There is a target go-live date of April 2, 2025.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Corporate Development, reviewed revenues, operating and maintenance expenses for the month ended November 30, 2024. She stated the projected maintenance test for FY 2025 is 119%, with no shortfall. Key drivers are the refinancing completed last May, higher than anticipated interest rates, and favorable variances in PILOT.

She also reported that raw water storage levels as of December 16, 2024, were at 71%, compared to the long-term average of 69%. Rainfall as of November 17, 2024 was 22.7 inches, compared to the long-term average of 25.04 inches.

#### Items for consideration and action

At 6:56 p.m., Mr. Marino, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, move for discussion of Authority member compensation. It was the consensus of the RPB, that the discussion be held in executive session, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(E) to discuss matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(2), pertaining to personnel and 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.

On motion made by Mr. Marino, and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to the statutes stated above, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative. Present in executive session were RPB members, Authority members present, RWA management, counsel, Office of Consumer Affairs and Ms. Slubowski.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	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)	Aye	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 6:58 p.m., Messrs. Borowy and Ricoszi withdrew from the meeting.

At 7:13 p.m., the RPB came out of executive session.

On motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to approve the following resolution, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

**RESOLVED**, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, the compensation of the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) Chair be increased to \$37,000 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA, who do not serve as Chair, be increased to \$27,500 per year.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
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Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	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)	Aye	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

The RPB discussed the effective date of the Authority’s compensation increase. After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Ms. Young, the RPB voted to amend the resolution above to include and effective date of January 1, 2025, with 93 total weighted votes cast in the affirmative.

**RESOLVED**, that based on the recommendation of the Representative Policy Board Finance Committee, the compensation of the Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) Chair be increased to \$37,000 per year and the compensation of members of the RWA, who do not serve as Chair, be increased to \$27,500 per year, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Ansonia (3)	Aye	Guilford (4)	Aye	No. Haven (5)	Aye
Beacon Falls (0)	Aye	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)	Aye	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

Chair Harvey stated that Mr. DiCarlo, the RPB’s North Haven representative, would be serving on the Finance Committee.

Atty, Donofrio, Office of Consumer Affairs, stated his appreciation of RWA management, RPB and the Authority, on behalf of the consumers of the Regional Water Authority district, for this past year’s performance and noted in his recognition the boards working together.

Chair Harvey stated that FY 2026 budget binders will be sent electronically to RPB members. Anyone wishing to receive a hard copy should notify the board office.

As a reminder, the next regular RPB meeting is on January 23, 2025 in Seymour and will be followed by the public hearing for the disposition of 56 Squantuck Road in Seymour.

The RPB discussed donations in memory of Larry Bingaman, the RWA’s prior President & CEO.

Chair Harvey wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

At 7:20 p.m., the RPB voted to adjourn the meeting, with 93 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)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Aye	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Vacant	Madison (6)	Aye	Seymour (1)	Aye
Cheshire (4)	Aye	Milford (11)	Aye	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

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Policy Board  
December 19, 2024

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Jamie Mowat Young, Secretary

(R) = Attended remotely.



# IRS increases the standard mileage rate for business use in 2025; key rate increases 3 cents to 70 cents per mile

IR-2024-312, Dec. 19, 2024

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the optional [standard mileage rate](#) for automobiles driven for business will increase by 3 cents in 2025, while the mileage rates for vehicles used for other purposes will remain unchanged from 2024.

Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable and medical purposes, as well as for [active-duty members of the Armed Forces who are moving](#).

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 70 cents per mile [driven for business use](#), up 3 cents from 2024.
- 21 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, the same as in 2024.
- 21 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for qualified active-duty members of the Armed Forces, unchanged from last year.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2024.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.


Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses. And only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

Use of the standard mileage rates is optional. Taxpayers may instead choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle.



Taxpayers using the standard mileage rate for a vehicle they own and use for business must choose to use the rate in the first year the automobile is available for business use. Then, in later years, they can choose to use the standard mileage rate or actual expenses.

For a leased vehicle, taxpayers using the standard mileage rate must employ that method for the entire lease period, including renewals.

[Notice 2025-5](#)  contains the optional 2025 standard mileage rates, as well as the maximum automobile cost used to calculate mileage reimbursement allowances under a fixed-and variable rate (FAVR) plan. The notice also provides the maximum fair market value of employer-provided automobiles first made available to employees for personal use in 2025 for which employers may calculate mileage allowances using a cents-per-mile valuation rule or the fleet-average-valuation rule.

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**Representative Policy Board**  
**Dashboard Metric - 2Q FY25**

Metrics	Quarter ended 11/30/23 (2Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 5/31/24 (4Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 8/31/24 (1Q FY 2025)	Quarter ended 11/30/24 (2Q FY 2025)
<b>Financial Metrics</b>				
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: 1.16 w/o draw	Projected: 1.34 w/o draw	Projected: 1.17 w/o draw	Projected: 1.19 w/o draw
Draw Requirement	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million	Budget: \$0 million
	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million	Projected: \$0 million
Capital Expenditures to Budget (Note 1)	Budget: \$52.520 million	Budget: \$44.876 million	Budget: \$55.791 million	Budget: \$55.791 million
	Result: \$17.021 million/32.43% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$43.728 million/97.4% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$9.207 million/16.5% of total fiscal year budget	Result: \$21.221 million/38.0% of total fiscal year budget
Aged Account Receivables - Total Water (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551	Feb 2020: \$6,659,551
	Nov. 2023 : \$6,744,597 (1.3%)	May. 2024 : \$5,552,139 (-16.6%)	Aug. 2024 : \$5,384,765 (-19.1%)	Nov. 2024 : \$5,267,815 (-20.9%)
Aged Account Receivables - Residential (Note 2)	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160	Feb 2020: \$5,833,160
	Nov. 2023 : \$6,353,667 (+8.9%)	May 2024 : \$5,213,602 (-10.6%)	Aug. 2024 : \$5,092,672 (-12.7%)	Nov. 2024 : \$4,949,483 (-15.1%)
Pension Market Values (Note 3)	Nov 2023 Mkt. Value \$69,091,124	May 2024 Mkt. Value \$75,327,269	Aug 2024 Mkt. Value \$78,836,659	Nov 2024 Mkt. Value \$80,490,510
	Sept. 2023 Mkt. Value: 66,646,763	March 2024 Mkt. Value \$75,224,237	June 2024 Mkt. Value \$75,780,869	Sept. 2024 Mkt. Value \$79,830,513
	Sept Return: 3.49% Cal/.17% Fiscal	May Return: 13.87% Fiscal	June Return: 5.68%Cal/2.53% Fiscal	Sept Return: 12.05% Cal/2.43% Fiscal
	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%	Actuarial Return Assumption: 6.75%
<b>System Metrics</b>				
Average Daily Production (Draft) to Budget (MGD)/Prior Year (MGD)	Prior Year: 48.344 MGD	Prior Year: 43.680 MGD	Prior Year: 49.111 MGD	Prior Year: 45.669 MGD
	Result: 45.669 MGD	Result: 42.322 MGD	Result: 50.477 MGD	Result: 48.131 MGD
Disinfection By-products	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%	Target: 100%
	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*	Result: 100%*
	* As of Sept, 2023, updated	* As of March, 2024 updated	* As of June, 2024 updated	* As of Sept 30, 2024, updated
Net Unaccounted For Water (annualized)	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%	Target: 10.0%
	Result: 11.41% net for the annualized period of Sept 2022 to Aug 2023	Result: 13.12% net for the annualized period of March 2023 to February 2024	Result: 12.22% net for the annualized period of June 2023 to May 2024	Result: 12.45% net for the annualized period of Sept 2023 to Aug 2024
Service Disruptions (Notes 4 and 5): Due to Main Breaks				
Number of Disruptions	Result: 10	Result: 9	Result: 6	Result :8
Number of Customers Impacted	Result: 140	Result: 101	Result: 180	Result : 119

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Dashboard Metric - 2Q FY25**

Metrics	Quarter ended 11/30/23 (2Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 5/31/24 (4Q FY 2024)	Quarter ended 8/31/24 (1Q FY 2025)	Quarter ended 11/30/24 (2Q FY 2025)
<i>Avg. Period Customers are w/o Water (hrs.)</i>	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6	Target: 6
	Result: 3.63	Result: 4.03	Result: 4.91	Result: 3.06
<i>Water Quality (Note 5): Discolored Water - System/Hydraulics</i>				
<i>Number of Complaints</i>	Result: 154	Result: 158	Result: 148	Result: 80

**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

**Q4 2024**

Month	October										November							December								
	1	7	7	9	10	16	17	21	22	24	24	4	12	13	18	18	19	21	21	9	11	16	17	19	19	
T. P. CLIFFORD III	X	X		X		X				XX	X							XX		X					XX	
P. BETKOSKI				X	X					XX			X	X	X			XX			X				XX	
B. EITZER		X	X							XX	X	X						XX			X				XX	
VACANT																										
T. SLOCUM	X									XX	X							XX		X					XX	
F. PEPE				X									X													
M. VERDERAME																		XX		X					XX	
C. HAVRDA	X		X	X			X			XX		X		X				XX		X	X	X			XX	
S. A. MONGILLO				X	X		X			XX				X				XX			X				XX	
JAMIE MOWAT YOUNG	X	X	X	X	X				X	XX	X	X						XX		X	X				XX	
J. A. OSLANDER			X							XX		X				X	XX			X					XX	
R. SMITH	X														X							X			XX	
N. CAMPBELL	X						X			XX					X			XX		X	X	X			XX	
PETER DESANTIS			X										X					XX			X				XX	
JAMES X. DICARLO											X	X						XX		X	X				XX	
J. J. JASER	X	X								XX	X									X					XX	
R. HARVEY	X		X	X	X		X	X		XX	X	X		X	X			XX		X	X	X	X		XX	
M. HORBAL			X	X						XX	X	X						XX			X				XX	
T. G. MALLOY			X							XX		X		X				XX		X			X		XX	
M. LEVINE		X	X				X			XX	X	X		X				XX			X	X			XX	
V. M. MARINO	X				X					XX	X							XX		X					XX	
PURPOSE	A	F	N	L	A	E	A	C	A			F	A	L	A	C	A	RW	R		F	L	C	A	RW	R

**Key:** F=Finance, C=Consumer, E=Executive, L=Land Use, R=RPB, A=Ad Hoc, N=Nominating, RW=Authority, T=Town