### Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven and Via Remote Access\*\*

### AGENDA

### Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2023 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 May 25, 2023 meeting
- IV Communications
  - A. Fiscal Year 2024 Weighted Vote Computation
  - B. Committee Preferences 2023-2024
- V Items for Consideration and Action
  - A. Confirm approval of the Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds within the Authority's January 2023 Rate Application
  - B. Final Decision, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Representative Policy Board for the Application for approval to Purchase Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company
  - C. Finance Committee's recommendation regarding completeness, mode, and date of public hearing for the Authority's Application for approval to Purchase Assets of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company
  - D. RPB Nominating Committee's recommendation for RPB Officers beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024
- VI Reports
  - A. Finance Committee
  - B. Land Use Committee
  - C. Consumer Affairs Committee
  - D. Nominating Committee
  - E. Authority/Management
- VII Adjourn

7:00 p.m. – **PUBLIC HEARING** - Authority's Application for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project

\*\*Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or via conference call. For information on attending the meeting and to view meeting documents, please visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/mu6vxn53</u>. For questions, contact the board office at 203-401-2515 or by email at jslubowski@rwater.com.

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

### 90 SARGENT DRIVE, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

JUNE 22, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

Remote Meeting Instructions:

Call in (audio only)

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# SAFETY MOMENT

# Fire It Up Safely: Grilling Safety

Summer has officially kicked off and millions of Americans have started grilling. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges consumers to check their grills and "fire it up safely" to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Before lighting the grill, do a safety check:

**Has your grill been recalled**? Check <u>SaferProducts.gov</u>. If the grill has been recalled, contact the manufacturer and stop using it until you get a repair or replacement.

**Visually inspect the hoses** on a gas grill for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing and that all connections are secure. Replace if necessary.

**Check for propane gas leaks**. Open the gas supply valve fully and apply a soapy solution with a brush at the connection point. If bubbles appear, there is a leak. Try tightening the tank connection. If that does not stop the leak, close the gas valve and have the grill repaired by a qualified professional.

**Is the grill clean**? Regularly cleaning the grill, as described in the owner's manual, and also cleaning the grease trap, will reduce the risk of flare-ups and grease fires.

Once the safety check is complete, make sure to operate the grill as safely as possible using these three steps:

- 1. Use grills outside only
- 2. Never leave your grill unattended
- 3. Keep children away from the grilling area

# Service - Teamwork - Accountability - Respect - Safety







### **UNAPPROVED**

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

### Minutes of May 25, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District took place on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

### **PRESENT**

RPB	
Ansonia	Thomas P. Clifford, III
Bethany	Brian Eitzer
Branford	Mario Ricozzi
Cheshire	Timothy Slocum
East Haven	Michelle Verderame
Guilford	Charles Havrda
Hamden	Stephen Mongillo
Madison	Joseph A. Oslander
New Haven	Naomi Campbell
North Branford	Peter DeSantis
North Haven	Anthony Rescigno
Orange	Jasper J. Jaser
Prospect	Robert E. Harvey, Jr.
Seymour	Michael H. Horbal
West Haven	T. Gregory Malloy
Woodbridge	Mark Levine
Governor's Rep	Vincent Marino

### Absent

Beacon Falls Derby Killingworth Milford Peter Betkoski Frank Pepe Jamie Mowat Young Richard Smith

### **Regional Water Authority** David Borowy Kevin Curseaden Catherine LaMarr

Suzanne Sack

### Management Larry L. Bingaman Rochelle Kowalski Dennis Donovan Elizabeth Calo Jim Hill Sunny Lakshminarayanan Premjith Lakshman Singh Amrik Matharu John Triana Kevin Watsey

### Counsel

Bruce McDermott

**Office of Consumer Affairs** Jeffrey Donofrio

### Staff

Jennifer Slubowski

### **Call to Order**

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

### Safety Moment

He reviewed the Safety Moment handout distributed to members.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Ricozzi 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 April 27, 2023 meeting, with 83 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	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)	Absent

### Communications

Chair Ricozzi:

- Stated that RPB member term expirations are coming up on June 30, 2023. The following members are still awaiting reappointment: Mss. Campbell, Verderame, and Messrs. Betkoski, Eitzer, and Jaser.
- Commented that the RPB Nominating Committee for RPB officers is established. If members are interested in a position, the Chair position will be vacant. Interested candidates should contact Ms. Campbell or the board office.
- Noted that the June municipality report was distributed to members.
- Reminded members that at the June RPB Committee meetings there will be board training. Members may attend any of the committee meetings. The training will cover topics such as governance, Freedom of Information, and other items.

### **Items for Consideration and Action**

Mr. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the month to review the Authority's Application for completeness, mode and date of public hearing of the Authority's Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on April 28, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval of the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project (the "Application"); and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of June 22, 2023 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 Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on June 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

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

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 83 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)	Absent
Bethany (5)	Aye	Killingworth (2)	Absent	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)	Absent

Chair Ricozzi stated that Mr. Eitzer would act as presiding member at the public hearing.

At 6:37 p.m., Mr. Jaser and Mr. Marino entered the meeting.

Mr. Harvey reported that the Land Use Committee met earlier in the month to review the Authority's Application for completeness regarding the non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment for the relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford. The Committee found the application to be complete and Non-substantial, not requiring a public hearing, and voted to recommend the application to the RPB for approval. He moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA"), on April 28, 2023, filed an Application to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for the approval of a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment to the Land Use Plan for the Relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford ("Application"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Land Use Committee of the RPB reviewed the Application and recommends that it be accepted as complete and considered non-substantial without a public hearing required; and

**WHEREAS,** the RPB concludes that the Application is non-substantial and the proposed action is consistent with and advances the policies and goals of the RWA, has no expected impact on the public water supply, no conflict with the trail and the existing Land Use Plan designation of "Non-water System Land," and no financial impact on the Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the RPB hereby accepts the Application as complete and approves, without a public hearing, the RWA's Application for a Non-substantial Land Use Plan Amendment for the Relocation of the New England Trail on Authority property in Guilford, filed April 28, 2023, in accordance with Section 18 of Connecticut Special Act 77-98, as amended.

Mr. Harvey stated that the Land Use Committee talked about the potential changes to the Land Use Plan. After discussion, the committee determined that the trail was only slightly moving and it did not appear that there would be any substantial difficulty. As a result, the Committee deemed the Application non-substantial.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 87 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)	Absent	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. Slocum, Chair of the RPB Finance Committee, moved for approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ('Authority") requested the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") review the Authority's FY 2024 proposed Capital and Operating Budgets ("Budgets"); and

**WHEREAS**, the RPB held workshops on April 17, 2023 and April 19, 2023, at which time management and the Authority presented the proposed Budgets and responded to questions in a professional, concise and articulate way; 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 2024 proposed Budgets; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RPB also agrees with the recommendations contained in the OCA's Budget review letter dated April 26, 2023; 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 provides for stable finances and the essential funding of capital projects and the flexibility of reduced operating expenses will support the steps necessary to address financial obstacles during the fiscal year.

Mr. Jaser seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 87 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)	Absent	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. Slocum expressed his thanks to management and for providing the RPB with a full understanding of the proposed FY 2024 budget. He stated his appreciation and full support.

At 6:44 p.m., Chair Ricozzi withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the RPB Nominating Committee for Authority member, reported on a memorandum distributed to the RPB with the Committee's recommendation for Authority member. He stated that the committee worked hard and put a lot of effort to find the right candidate. Mr. Mongillo reported that the committee met several times. The members revised the ad for the position to indicate experience in engineering, utility regulatory experience, and strategic planning. The ad was published in two newspapers, as well as various electronic formats. They received approximately 15 candidates who resided within the district. After thorough review and discussion, the committee chose to interview three candidates. At its last meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> the committee met to discuss the interviews and after long and thoughtful consideration voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Ricozzi based on his experience in engineering in several areas, regulatory and utility experience, and extensive board experience.

Mr. Mongillo stated that Mr. Ricozzi's term would begin on July 1, 2023 after the expiration of his term as Chairman of the RPB.

He moved for approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Mario Ricozzi, be and hereby is, appointed as a member of the Five Member Authority of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, effective for the term beginning July 1, 2023, with his term to extend until December 31, 2023, or until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mr. Havrda seconded the motion. After discussion, the Chair called for the vote and the RPB adopted the motion with 87 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)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Abstain	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

At 6:50 p.m., Chair Ricozzi entered the meeting. He thanked RPB members for the vote.

### Reports

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Slocum, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met to review the Application for the Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements Project and discuss the FY 2024 budget. The June meeting will include a review of the auditor's proposal and the committee will have training related to RPB member roles and responsibilities, Freedom of Information and other related items.

The next meeting is on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee – Mr. Harvey reported on the Land Use Committee meeting earlier in the month. The Committee met at Lake Gaillard in North Branford to receive a presentation from management on invasive species management at Lake Gaillard and discuss the Non-substantial Land Use Plan application for the trail location in Guilford. The Committee also received Land Updates from management. He reported that month-end reservoir levels were at 99% with no drought status.

**Consumer Affairs Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met last week and, at the committee meeting, met the new Process Excellence Director at the RWA. The Committee received a Business Improvements update from management. The OCA reported on work done in April and May and a meeting he attended earlier in the month with the New Haven Environmental Advisory Council. The OCA reported no customer complaints.

**Nominating Committee** – Mr. Mongillo, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that due to restrictions in the RWA's enabling legislation, there might be a need to discuss changes in the future. He thanked Committee members for all their hard work.

Mr. Borowy, Chair of the Authority, stated that Authority met earlier in the day and also met as the Audit-Risk Committee to discuss the FY 2024 Work Plan and receive a Risk Management Update memorandum from management.

The Authority also met as the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee and met with management to discuss the RWA's Water Supply Plan, receive a Legislative Update, and receive an Environmental Compliance Update.

The Compensation Committee also met earlier in the day and received an update on RWA's employee engagement.

Mr. Borowy also reported that at the Authority meeting, the Authority voted to approve management's recommendation to forward to the RPB an Application for the asset purchase of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing company.

He thanked the RPB for the appointment of Mr. Ricozzi to the Authority and its approval of the Nonsubstantial Land Use Plan Amendment and positive comments to the FY 2024 Budget.

Mr. Bingaman also reviewed revenues, and operating and maintenance expenses for through the period ended April 30, 2023.

At 87 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Clifford, seconded by Mr. Rescigno, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

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)	Absent	Prospect (1)	Aye
Branford (6)	Aye	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

Charles Havrda, Secretary

# **Regional Water** Authority

### MEMORANDUM

то:	Sunny Lakshminarayanan
FROM:	Tiffany Lufkin
CC:	
SUBJECT:	FY 2024 Representative Policy Board Weighted Vote Count
DATE:	June 16, 2023

Attached please find the calculations for the Representative Policy Board (RPB) weighted vote count for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, covering the period from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. This calculation was performed according to the method prescribed in the enabling legislation of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (Authority). The FY 2024 vote calculations reflect the best available information.

The enabling legislation does not define the total number of votes, therefore, based on the particular spread of population and land, the total number of votes may vary from year to year. The FY 2024 total number of votes has been calculated to be 101.

Included with this memo is the following documentation associated with the vote calculation:

- Summary table of weighted votes per member Town, entitled "Computation of FY 2024 Weighted Votes for the Representative Policy Board", dated June 16, 2023.
- The Real Estate Department's report, entitled "Summary of Land by Town", dated May 31, 2023.
- Summary table of customers per member town, entitled "SAP Number of Customers Supplied", dated June 1, 2023<sup>1</sup>.

The individual town votes in FY 2024 compared to FY 2023 will remain the same. Therefore, the total weighted vote count remains at 101. Votes are rounded to the nearest whole number, and the Authority's enabling legislation does not require that each town have a minimum number of votes. Therefore, similar to FY 2023, Beacon Falls will have a weighted vote of zero in FY 2024. In a November 28, 2007 legal opinion, our attorneys, Murtha Cullina LLP, determined that a weighted vote of zero is a possible and allowable outcome of the weighted vote procedure outlined in the enabling legislation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The number of customers for this vote calculation was obtained by a report from the SAP system for all customers titled "Billing Analysis: Number of Active Water Accounts by Town".

### COMPUTATION OF FY 2024 WEIGHTED VOTES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD June 16, 2023

TOWN	(1) VOTES	(2) CUSTOMERS	<i>(3)</i> QUOTIENT	(4) <b>2X</b>	(5) ACRES	<i>(6)</i> QUOTIENT	(7) COLUMN	(8) COLUMN	(9) COLUMN	(10) VOTES
TOWN	FY 2023	AS OF	QUUTEIN	QUOTIENT	AS OF	QUUTER	4+6	(4+6)/3	(4+6)/3	FY 2024
	112025	5/31/2023		QUOTIENT	5/31/2023		410	(4+0)/5	X 100	11 2024
ANSONIA	3	5,439	0.04656	0.09312	96	0.00350	0.09662	0.03221	3.22059	3
BEACON FALLS	0	0	0.00000	0.00000	22	0.00080	0.00080	0.00027	0.02672	0
BETHANY	5	6	0.00005	0.00010	3,947	0.14384	0.14394	0.04798	4.79795	5
BRANFORD	6	8,669	0.07421	0.14842	1,174	0.04278	0.19120	0.06373	6.37339	6
CHESHIRE	4	6,870	0.05881	0.11762	149	0.00543	0.12305	0.04102	4.10162	4
DERBY	2	3,249	0.02781	0.05562	2	0.00007	0.05570	0.01857	1.85660	2
EAST HAVEN	6	8,569	0.07335	0.14671	860	0.03134	0.17805	0.05935	5.93489	6
GUILFORD	4	1	0.00001	0.00002	3,295	0.12008	0.12009	0.04003	4.00310	4
HAMDEN	10	15,078	0.12907	0.25815	1,321	0.04814	0.30628	0.10209	10.20949	10
KILLINGWORTH	2	13,078	0.00000	0.23813	1,321	0.04814	0.05033	0.10209	1.67754	2
MADISON	6	0	0.00000	0.00000	4,716	0.17186	0.17186	0.01078	5.72865	6
MILFORD	10	18,363	0.00000	0.31439	4,710	0.17180	0.31453	0.10484	10.48441	10
NEW HAVEN	10	22,716	0.13719	0.31439	24	0.00013	0.31455	0.10484	10.48441	10
NO. BRANFORD		,		0.38891		0.00087	0.38979		8.26474	8
	8	1,564	0.01339		6,069	-		0.08265		-
NO. HAVEN	-	7,981	0.06832	0.13664	54	0.00197	0.13861	0.04620	4.62026	5
ORANGE	3	4,072	0.03486	0.06972	584	0.02128	0.09100	0.03033	3.03324	3
PROSPECT	1	0	0.00000	0.00000	866	0.03156	0.03156	0.01052	1.05195	1
SEYMOUR	1	333	0.00285	0.00570	706	0.02573	0.03143	0.01048	1.04764	1
WEST HAVEN	8	13,429	0.11496	0.22991	275	0.01002	0.23993	0.07998	7.99782	8
WOODBRIDGE	3	479	0.00410	0.00820	1,896	0.06909	0.07729	0.02576	2.57648	3
GOV. REP.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	101	116,818	1	2	27,441	1	3	1	100	101

### RPB Weighted Vote Calculation SUMMARY OF LAND BY TOWN May 31, 2023

Town	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
ANSONIA	96	96	96	96	96
BEACON FALLS	22	22	22	22	22
BETHANY	3,944	3,945	3,945	3,947	3,947
BRANFORD	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,174
CHESHIRE	149	149	149	149	149
DERBY	2	2	2	2	2
EAST HAVEN	859	860	860	860	860
GUILFORD	3,295	3,295	3,294	3,294	3,295
HAMDEN	1,303	1,322	1,322	1,321	1,321
KILLINGWORTH	1,377	1,377	1,377	1,381	1,381
MADISON	4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716
MILFORD	4	4	4	4	4
NEW HAVEN	24	24	24	24	24
NO. BRANFORD	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,069	6,069
NO. HAVEN	54	54	54	54	54
ORANGE	587	587	587	587	584
PROSPECT	822	822	822	822	866
SEYMOUR	708	708	706	706	706
WEST HAVEN	275	275	275	275	275
WOODBRIDGE	1,897	1,897	1,897	1,896	1,896
Total	27,378	27,399	27,396	27,400	27,441

(1) All values in acres. Beginning with the FY17 calculation, land values are based on GIS data. This data continues to be updated as newer and better information is collected on boundaries; therefore the reported total land by town may change although no acquisitions or dispositions have necessarily been made. This data is for informational purposes only.

(2) There was one acquisition of land in FY23, in Prospect.

### **RPB Weighted Vote Calculation**

### SAP - NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED<sup>(1)</sup>

June 1, 2023

Taura	FY2020 FY2021 FY2022		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Town	Customers	Customers	Customers	Customers	Customers
ANSONIA	5,420	5,418	5,426	5,427	5,439
BEACON FALLS					
BETHANY	5	5	6	6	6
BRANFORD	8,605	8,622	8,631	8,648	8,669
CHESHIRE	6,759	6,776	6,803	6,830	6,870
DERBY	3,241	3,245	3,240	3,240	3,249
EAST HAVEN	8,519	8,547	8,567	8,565	8,569
GUILFORD	1	1	1	1	1
HAMDEN	15,067	15,061	15,062	15,072	15,078
KILLINGWORTH					
MADISON					
MILFORD	18,262	18,305	18,322	18,340	18,363
NEW HAVEN	22,637	22,665	22,734	22,733	22,716
NORTH BRANFORD	1,521	1,522	1,557	1,568	1,564
NORTH HAVEN	7,824	7,859	7,882	7,928	7,981
ORANGE	3,977	4,004	4,039	4,064	4,072
PROSPECT					
SEYMOUR	331	334	333	334	333
WEST HAVEN	13,436	13,432	13,427	13,424	13,429
WOODBRIDGE	470	472	471	478	479
Overall Result	116,075	116,268	116,501	116,658	116,818

(1) Beginning in FY17, this calculation uses the SAP Report "Billing Analysis: Number of

Active Water Accounts by Town" for the snapshot month of May. This report was chosen

to improve consistency in reporting with the Annual Report.

# Representative **Policy** Board

South Central Connecticut Regional Water District 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut 06511-5966 / 203-401-2515 http://www.rwater.com

To:	RPB Members
From:	Mario Ricozzi, Chairman
Date:	June 16, 2023

Re: Statutory Committee Membership Preference

Next month the RPB chair will assign RPB members to the three statutory committees for the 2023-2024 administrative year (Finance, Land Use, and Consumer Affairs). Please email your first and second choices to Jennifer Slubowski at <u>jslubowski@rwater.com</u>. It would also be helpful to include suggestions for topics or other matters of interest that the RPB, or its standing committees, might consider in the upcoming months.

The newly formed standing committees will elect their chairs at their regular July meetings.

Thank you.

### REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

**WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2023, the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") approved the 2023 Rate Application dated January 3, 2023 (the "Rate Application); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rate Application included the Resolution entitled "Resolution Approving The Issuance Of Bonds" (the "Resolution").

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the RPB hereby confirms its approval of the Resolution as set forth below.

### **Resolution Approving The Issuance Of Bonds**

WHEREAS, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue its Bonds which may be issued as Project Loan Obligations delivered to the State of Connecticut (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 RPB.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The RPB hereby approves the issuance of the Authority's Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty-seven Million Dollars (\$37,000,000).
- 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 to finance or refinance the cost of certain capital improvements to the water system of the Authority (the "Projects") from approximately July, 2023 through December, 2024 in accordance with a certain capital improvement plan (the "Plan") adopted by the Authority on June 23, 2022, as may be amended from time to time, or in accordance with resolutions approved by the Authority for additional water system projects, (the "Resolutions"), to provide funds for deposit to the Capital Contingency Fund, Debt Reserve Fund, and Operating Reserve Fund, as necessary pursuant to the General Bond

Resolution and as permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and to pay costs of issuance.

4. The Bonds may be sold by a competitive bid or by negotiation as serial or term bonds with stated maturities and may be sold in a private or direct placement to a bank or the State of Connecticut.

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

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

### A. <u>The Applicant's Request</u>

On March 30, 2023, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA" or the "Applicant"), through its five-member Authority, submitted an application for approval to Purchase the Assets, Building and Land of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company ("Application" or "Target One"). The purchase would expand the RWA's Well Services footprint and market share, as well as support the proliferation of its WellSafe protection plan product. The Confidential Plumbing Company ("Company") has a strong service reputation, a stable healthy earnings profile, and is uniquely positioned to compliment the RWA Well Services' smaller plumbing acquisitions from a scale and geographic expansion perspective. The proposed asset purchase cost, including the real property and improvements thereon, is between \$1.5 - \$2.5 million dollars. 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. <u>Participants</u>

In addition to the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") and the RWA, the district's 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 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 acquiring or making a subsequent investment in any non-core business in an amount costing more than \$1 million dollars.

### D. <u>Notice and Procedures</u>

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. On April 27, 2023, the RPB voted unanimously to accept the Application as complete and called a public hearing on Thursday, May 25, 2023 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 T. Gregory Malloy (West Haven) to serve as Presiding Member at the public hearing.

As required by Section 10 of Special Act. No. 77-98, as amended, 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 29, 2023. 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.

### E. <u>Public Hearing</u>

At the public hearing on May 25, 2023, the Applicant provided sworn testimony from Rochelle Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Dennis Donovan, the RWA's Director of Business Development. These witnesses provided a public presentation that included an overview and background, opportunity review, and asset purchase structure.

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)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information. A portion of the public hearing was held in protected confidential session.

Members of the RPB asked questions of the Applicant with respect to territory, competitors, RWA's strategic plan, decision to purchase, service footprint, anticipated growth, branding, competition, employees, governance, and benefits.

The OCA provided a summary of his analysis of the Application as noted in his memorandum to the RPB dated May 18, 2023, which includes commercial and financial information and is protected under C.G.S. Section 1-210(b)(5)(B). He stated that the purchase of Target One is appropriate, and will further expand the RWA Well Services, LLC footprint and market share. In addition, approval to purchase the assets of Target One will complement the RWA's prior acquisitions and is consistent with the Authority's goal of expanding its commercial revenue sources. For the reasons set forth in his memorandum, the OCA recommended approval of the Application.

In addition to the applicants and OCA listed above, members of the public were invited to attend. No members of the public were present at the public hearing.

F. <u>Analysis</u>

After considering all of the evidence presented, the RPB believes that the Application is necessary, advances the policies and goals of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water

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Authority, 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 acquisition.

### G. <u>Conclusion</u>

We therefore conclude that the Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company should be approved. Separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

### <u>Exhibit A</u> Representative Policy Board South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

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### **Findings of Fact**

- 1. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority ("RWA"), through its fivemember Authority, submitted an Application to the RPB for approval to Purchase the Assets of a Confidential Plumbing Company ("Application") on March 30, 2023.
- 2. In 2017, Special Act 17-5 amended the RWA's enabling legislation to allow the RWA to conduct and invest in non-core business activities defined as including water related, environment, agriculture, and certain renewal energy sources.
- 3. In 2018, the establishment of RWA's Growth Fund was created as a means to reserve funds intended for non-core investments.
- The RWA's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan outlines a non-core strategy to invest in environmental and water-related businesses to achieve commercial service net revenue of \$9.2 million dollars by May 2025.
- 5. The RWA has purchased and integrated two similar smaller plumbing and well services entities that are over performing their anticipated investment targets.
- 6. The Company represents a solid strategic and economic fit with decades of experience servicing communities and has a strong service reputation and a stable, healthy earnings profile.
- 7. The available cash flow generated from the operations of the Company would result in transferring monies into the RWA's Construction Fund, to help fund its capital program, mitigate future rate increases and reduce debt leverage.

- 8. The transaction structured as an asset-purchase, as well as the purchase price structure, mitigates both liability and execution risk.
- The funding source is the previously established Growth Fund and the purchasing entity is RWA Well Services, LLC.
- RWA Well Services, LLC is a wholly owned entity of RWA Commercial Enterprises, LLC, a wholly owned entity of the RWA, which is subject to the controls, limitations, and approval therein, including the governance by the Authority Board and the RPB.
- The proposed asset purchase cost, including the real property and improvements thereon, is between \$1.5 \$2.5 million dollars.
- 12. The Application is necessary, advances the policies and goals of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and is in the best interest of the RWA and its customers.
- 13. The Application also contains separately stated findings of fact and conclusions of law in its confidential and proprietary elements protected under C.G.S. Section1-200(6)(E) for matters covered by Section 1-210(b)(5)(B), pertaining to commercial and financial information.
- 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 Purchase the Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company ("Application" or "Target One") on March 30, 2023, 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 district, to be heard was properly made on April 29, 2023, 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 May 25, 2023.
- 4. Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Representative Policy Board concludes that the RWA's application to Purchase the Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company, meets all requirements for approval.

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### SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

### JUNE 22, 2023

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

(Approval of Authority's Application for the Purchase of assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company)

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Decision of the Representative Policy Board, with respect to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's Application for approval to Purchase the Assets of Target One, a Confidential Plumbing Company, dated March 30, 2023, which copy is attached hereto, be and hereby is, approved in the form submitted to the meeting.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Proposed Resolutions

June 12, 2023

(Finance Committee's recommendation to RPB re Authority's Application for approval to purchase the Assets of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company)

**WHEREAS**, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, on May 30, 2023, filed an Application with the Representative Policy Board ("RPB") for approval to purchase the Assets of Target Two, a Confidential Plumbing Company (the "Application"); and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee proposed a public hearing date of July 27, 2023 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 Finance Committee's recommendation to consider the Authority's Application and determined to hold a public hearing, to be conducted by a Presiding Member, on July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended, and the RPB Bylaws and Rules of Practice; and

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

JUNE 22, 2023

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, that the following officers are hereby elected to serve for the year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified:

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