

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

Minutes of the August 24, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairman Ricozzi presided.

Present: **Committee** – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden (remote), Ricozzi, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski and Calo, and Messrs. Bingaman, Barger, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, and Singh
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:26 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Curseaden, seconded by Ms. Sack, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the its meeting held on May 25, 2023.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Abstain
Sack	Aye

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s vice President of Engineering & Environmental Services, provided an informational update on the Lead & Copper Rule regulations. He stated that the Department of Public Health noted a possible revision in the fall of 2023 but for purposes of the update, he will discuss ongoing activities and inventory. Mr. Lakshminarayanan referred to a website that is under development by the RWA to assist customers with self-identification of service line material.

The Committee members discussed the format for ongoing updates and other considerations related to this evolving regulation.

Mr. Barger, the RWA’s Water Quality Manager, discussed key focus areas related to the program including:

- Communications and website development
- Continued updates to municipal partners and health officials
- Field investigations and service record reviews
- GIS mapping information, required in October 2024
- Funding opportunities

He stated that field investigations are expected to kick off in New Haven and West Haven as a pilot program to gather information not currently available. Mr. Barger reported that the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) chose Connecticut as one of its pilot states for the lead accelerator program. RWA was one of the 10 utilities chosen to work directly with the EPA to learn more about the process. This is an opportunity for RWA to learn more n about the process and hear from peers in other pilot states.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA’s Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, reported that she and Mr. Bingaman, the RWA’s President & Chief Executive Officer, have been in contact with legislative representatives to discuss legislation related to funding.

At 3:55 p.m., Mr. Barger withdrew from the meeting.

Chair Ricozzi stated that the Committee received a Business Continuity Work Plan memorandum to review prior to the meeting.

Committee members expressed interest in attending upcoming Business Continuity exercises in the future.

Chair Ricozzi noted a HazWaste Update memorandum distributed the Committee members prior to the meeting. Members should contact management with any suggestions for improvements to the program.

Committee members discussed costs associated with the program, satellite locations, and annual program duration.

At 4:12 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy, and seconded by Ms. Sack, the Committee voted to convene in executive session pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(C) pertaining to security strategy. Present in executive session were Authority members, Messrs. Bingaman, Barger, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Singh and Mss. Kowalski, Calo and Slubowski.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

At 4:20 p.m., the Committee meeting reconvened and on motion made by Ms. LaMarr, seconded by Ms. Sack, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Ricozzi	Aye
Sack	Aye

Mario Ricozzi, Chairman