

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
Audit-Risk Committee**

Minutes of the May 25, 2023 Meeting

A regular meeting of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Audit-Risk Committee took place on Thursday, May 23, 2023, at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access. Chairwoman LaMarr presided.

Present: Committee – Messrs. Borowy, Curseaden, and Mss. LaMarr and Sack
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Calo, Schenkle, and Messrs. Bingaman, Donovan, Hill, Lakshminarayanan, Matharu, and Singh
RPB – Mr. Jaser
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. Sack, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on February 23, 2023, as presented.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Vice President and Chief Financial Officers, provided highlights of the Risk Management update, which included the identification of eight additional risks and mitigations, exceeding the RWA's goal of five for FY 2023. For FY 2024, she mentioned the focus will be on risk mitigation, improved redundancy and resiliency as the review of the risk register continues.

Ms. LaMarr raised the question of risks related to cybersecurity and phishing attempts due to an increase in Artificial Intelligence ("AI"). Ms. Kowalski and Mr. Singh, the RWA's Chief Information Digital Officer and Vice President of Customer Care, reported on four phishing exercises conducted within the organization in FY 2023, as well as worked with the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") regarding a ransomware readiness assessment. Mr. Singh reported on a more recent assessment from the Environmental Protection Agency's Water Cyber Assessment Toolkit for water companies. The RWA completed the assessment and found that they did not have any threats. He noted that cyber is included each year of RWA's five-year capital plan.

Committee members discussed SCADA attacks and tabletop exercises to address threats to water, chemical levels, water quality, and manual operations.

Ms. Schenkle, the RWA's Manager of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk, discussed a prior business continuity plan tabletop exercise for SAP.

The committee reviewed its FY 2024 work plan.

At 12:47 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Borowy, seconded by Ms. Sack, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Borowy	Aye
Curseaden	Aye
LaMarr	Aye
Sack	Aye

Catherine E. LaMarr, Chairman