

Representative Policy Board
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District

**Consumer Affairs Committee
Land Use Committee
Special Joint Meeting**

April 17, 2025

Minutes

A special joint meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee (“CAC”) and the Land Use Committee (“LUC”) of the Representative Policy Board (“RPB”) of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut and via remote access.

CAC Members present: N. Campbell, C. Havrda(R), M. Levine(R), S. Mongillo(R), and R. Smith(R)

CAC Members absent: F. Pepe

LUC Members present: M. Levine(R), P. Betkoski(R), P. DeSantis(R), B. Eitzer(R), M. Horbal(R), G. Malloy, J. Oslander, and J. Mowat Young(R)

RPB: R. Harvey(R), T. Clifford(R), and C. Mancini(R)

Authority: K. Curseaden(R) and M. Ricoszi(R)

RWA: S. Lakshminarayanan, R. Kowalski, P. Singh, V. Benni, J. Hill(R), and C. DelVecchio

Office of Consumer Affairs: Attorney Donofrio (“OCA”)

RPB Staff: J. Slubowski

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.

Mr. Lakshminarayanan, the RWA’s Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Benni, the RWA’s Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the FY 2026 Capital Budget, which included:

- Historical information
- Major impacts
- Projects
- Assumptions
- Methodology
- Recommendations
- Project and highlights

They reported that the capital budget amounts to approximately \$59.4 million and encompasses 106 projects and programs related to Natural Resources, Treatment, Transmission and Pumping, and General Plant. It incorporates GHD’s recommendations along with provisions for a project reserve and contingency. The budget projects RWA’s proactive strategy aimed at safeguarding public health, promoting recreational activities, protecting watersheds and aquatic resources, enhancing water sources to improve raw water quality, minimizing water quality impacts, preserving historical attributes, mitigating dam failure risks, and addressing the challenges posed by increasing rainfall due to climate change.

Ms. Kowalski, the RWA's Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development, and Mr. DelVecchio, the RWA's Controller, provided an overview of the FY 2026 Operating Budget, which included:

- Historical information
- Debt leverage
- Capital funding

They reported that the operating budget is approximately \$136 million allocated for pump power, employee benefits, utilities and fuel, payroll, building space, IT licensing & maintenance fees, and outside services.

The presentation included an overview of water revenue assumptions, cost drivers, external pressures, employee-related expenses, efficiency improvements, maintenance test, and opportunities and vulnerabilities.

At 6:43 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Committee voted to go into executive session pursuant to 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. Present in executive session were CAC and LUC Committee members, Atty. Donofrio, Messrs. Harvey, Curseaden, Clifford, Lakshminarayanan, Singh, Benni, Hill, and DelVecchio, and Mss. Mancini, Kowalski, and Slubowski.

At 6:55 p.m., the Committee came out of executive session. No votes were taken in, or as a result of executive session. On motion made by Mr. Malloy and seconded by Mr. Oslander, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

Naomi Campbell, CAC Chair

Mark Levine, LUC Chair

(R) = Attended remotely.