

# SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### **Chair:**

Mayor Ron Kott  
City of Rio Vista

### **Vice Chair:**

Director Dale Crossley  
Reclamation District No. 2068

Mayor Steve Young  
City of Benicia

Vice Mayor Scott Pederson  
City of Dixon

Mayor Harry Price  
City of Fairfield

Director Ryan Mahoney  
Maine Prairie Water District

Supervisor Erin Hannigan  
Solano County District 1

Supervisor Monica Brown  
Solano County District 2

Supervisor Jim Spering  
Solano County District 3

Supervisor John Vasquez  
Solano County District 4

Supervisor Skip Thomson  
Solano County District 5

Director J.D. Kluge  
Solano Irrigation District

Mayor Lori Wilson  
City of Suisun City

Mayor Ron Rowlett  
City of Vacaville

Mayor Bob Sampayan  
City of Vallejo

## GENERAL MANAGER:

Roland Sanford  
Solano County Water Agency

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, December 10, 2020

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting – Zoom Meeting

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042799235?pwd=KzRuZlFCY0JLanVCYXlWdmRVcGR4Zz09>

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*If you wish to make a Public Comment, please contact the Secretary at:*

*[clea@scwa2.com](mailto:clea@scwa2.com) to expedite the process, thank you. Public Comments may still be made during the virtual meeting without prior notice.*

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** (estimated time: 5 minutes)

(A) Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of November 12, 2020.

(B) Expenditure Approvals: Approval of the November 2020 checking account register.

(C) Purchase of Automation Control Boxes: Authorize General Manager to purchase two automation control boxes for “Highway” and “Alamo” control checks on Putah South Canal. Total cost not to exceed \$29,000.



6. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

7. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

8. **SOLANO WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution 2020-09 honoring former Solano Water Advisory Commission chair Felix Riesenbergs upon his retirement.

9. **2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM** *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt 2021 Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Legislative Committee Chair to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2021 Legislative Platform.
3. Authorize General Manager to sign and submit letters of support or opposition for pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2021 Legislative Platform, with the stipulation that the Legislative Committee Chair be given the opportunity to review all letters of support or opposition before release by the General Manager.
4. Direct General Manager to provide all Board members with copies of all letters of support or opposition within 24-hours of their submission/public release.

10. **TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE VACATION ACCRUAL POLICY** *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Suspend 320-hour maximum vacation accrual limit through December 31, 2021, with the caveat that on January 1, 2022 any remaining accrued vacation hours in excess of 320 hours would be forfeited by the employee.
2. For 2021 only, increase maximum annual vacation buy-back limit, from 80 hours to 160 hours, and eliminate the current requirement that employees must take at least 80 hours of vacation within the 12 month prior to any vacation buy-back.

**11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES** *(estimated time: 10 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Hear report from Committee Chair on activities of the SCWA Legislative Committee.
2. Hear report from Bob Reeb of Reeb Government Relations, LLC.

**12. WATER POLICY UPDATES** *(estimated time: 5 minutes)*

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Hear report from staff on current and emerging Delta and Water Policy issues and provide direction.
2. Hear status report from Committee Chair on activities of the SCWA Water Policy Committee.
3. Hear report from Supervisor Thomson on activities of the Delta Counties Coalition, Delta Protection Commission, and Delta Conservancy.
4. Hear report from staff on activities of the North Bay Watershed Association (see <https://www.nbwatershed.org> for additional information).

**13. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCWA offices.

***The Full Board of Directors packet with background materials for each agenda item can be viewed on the Agency's website at [www.scwa2.com](http://www.scwa2.com).***

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Board of Directors of Solano County Water Agency less than 72 hours before the public meeting are available for public inspection at the Agency's offices located at the following address: 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688. Upon request, these materials may be made available in an alternative format to persons with disabilities.

# CONSENT ITEMS

**SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING DATE: November 12, 2020**

The Solano County Water Agency Board of Directors met this evening via Zoom teleconferencing, in deference to the ongoing State and County COVID-19 “shelter in place” directives. Present were:

Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, City of Benicia  
Vice-Mayor Scott Pederson, City of Dixon  
Mayor Harry Price, City of Fairfield  
Mayor Ronald Kott, City of Rio Vista  
Mayor Lori Wilson, City of Suisun City  
Mayor Ron Rowlett, City of Vacaville  
Director Robert McConnell, City of Vallejo  
Supervisor Erin Hannigan, Solano County District 1  
Supervisor Monica Brown, Solano County District 2  
Supervisor Jim Spering, Solano County District 3  
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Supervisor Skip Thomson, Solano County District 5  
Director Dale Crossley, Reclamation District No. 2068  
Director J.D. Kluge, Solano Irrigation District

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kott at 6:41 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mayor Rowlett and a second by Supervisor Thomson the Board unanimously approved – by roll call vote - the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

On a motion by Vice Mayor Pederson and a second by Mayor Patterson the Board unanimously approved – by roll call vote - the following consent items:

- (A) Minutes
- (B) Expenditure Approvals
- (C) Submittal of Cal OES Form 130
- (D) Purchase of YSI Water Quality Sondes
- (E) Adoption
- (F) Contract Amendment with Streamwise

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no Board Member reports.

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

There were no additions to the General Manager’s written report.

**SOLANO WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION**

There were no additions to the Solano Water Advisory Commission meeting minutes provided in the Board packet.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Mayor Kott stated that the Legislative Committee met on November 5<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the annual legislative report submitted by the Water Agency’s Legislative Advocate, Bob Reeb. Mayor Kott noted that the committee is pleased with the report and feels that the Water Agency made a good choice in selecting Mr. Reeb to be the Water Agency’s Legislative Advocate.

**WATER POLICY UPDATES**

- 1. Staff had nothing to report on emerging Delta and Water Policy issues.
- 2. The Water Policy Committee did not meet.
- 3. Supervisor Thomson had nothing to report on activities of the Delta Counties Coalition, Delta Protection Commission, and Delta Conservancy.
- 4. Mayor Patterson stated that there were no additions to the notes of the North Bay Watershed Association meeting in the Board packet.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:49 pm.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54956.8)  
Property: Sackett Ranch Solano County Assessor Parcel Number 101-020-110  
Agency negotiator: Roland Sanford, Jeanne Zolezzi  
Negotiating parties: Solano County  
Under negotiation: Shared ownership and operation of Sackett Ranch

Supervisor Spring joined the meeting during Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9)  
*Initiation of Litigation:* 1 case

The Board returned to open session at 8:08 pm. Mayor Kott reported that while in Closed Session the Board created an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Supervisor Vasquez, Supervisor Brown, Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Pederson, and Director Crossley to discuss formation of a partnership with Solano County for ownership of the Sacket Ranch property. Mayor Kott also reported the Board unanimously voted, with Supervisor Vasquez abstaining, to initiate CEQA litigation in regards to the recently released Final Environmental Impact Report for the Lookout Slough Habitat Restoration Project.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the SCWA offices in Vacaville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Solano County Water Agency Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Roland Sanford  
General Manager & Secretary to the  
Solano County Water Agency

ACTION OF  
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Expenditures Approval

RECOMMENDATIONS:


Approve expenditures from the Water Agency checking accounts for November 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

All expenditures are within previously approved budget amounts.

BACKGROUND:

The Water Agency auditor has recommended that the Board of Directors approve all expenditures (in arrears). Attached is a summary of expenditures from the Water Agency’s checking accounts for November 2020. Additional backup information is available upon request.

Recommended:   
Roland Sanford, General Manager

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approved as<br>Recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other<br>(see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Continued on<br>next page |
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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Roland Sanford, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 10, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Roland Sanford  
General Manager & Secretary to the  
Solano County Water Agency

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| 11/2/20 | 34970V  | 2020SC     | Invoice: EXP REIM JULY 2020      |              | 10.15         |
|         |         | 1020SC     | JUSTIN PASCUAL                   | 10.15        |               |
| 11/2/20 | EFT     | 2020SC     | Invoice: NOV 2020 HEALTH         | 22,448.02    |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | CALPERS                          |              | 22,448.02     |
| 11/3/20 | 35331   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 494604-3                | 3,500.00     |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | ALPHA MEDIA FAR EAST BAY         |              | 3,500.00      |
| 11/3/20 | 35332   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 3443172                 | 650.47       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION       |              | 650.47        |
| 11/3/20 | 35333   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2033113                 | 100.07       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | THE REINALT-THOMAS CORP          |              | 100.07        |
| 11/3/20 | 35334   | 2020SC     | Invoice: EXP REIM OCT 2020       | 25.00        |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | JEFF BARICH                      |              | 25.00         |
| 11/3/20 | 35335   | 2020SC     | Invoice: P32636324               | 48.65        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: P32636139               | 106.88       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | BATTERIES PLUS BULBS             |              | 155.53        |
| 11/3/20 | 35336   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 13648115-COLIAS         | 782.91       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | CALPERS LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM   |              | 782.91        |
| 11/3/20 | 35337   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 5034099337              | 88.31        |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | CINTAS CORPORATION               |              | 88.31         |
| 11/3/20 | 35338   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 21-076-V SEP 2020       | 96,296.00    |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 20-026-T NOV 2020       | 520,766.00   |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 20-024-O NOV 2020       | 897.00       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES    |              | 617,959.00    |
| 11/3/20 | 35339   | 2020N      | Invoice: 3198449/1               | 1,458.15     |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP OF VACAVILLE |              | 1,458.15      |
| 11/3/20 | 35340   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 22645-13                | 4,962.50     |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | THE FRESHWATER TRUST             |              | 4,962.50      |
| 11/3/20 | 35341   | 2020SC     | Invoice: CL67857                 | 379.46       |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | INTERSTATE OIL COMPANY           |              | 379.46        |
| 11/3/20 | 35342   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 0114874                 | 96.00        |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | DARYL SISCO                      |              | 96.00         |
| 11/3/20 | 35343   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 173424                  | 78,941.25    |               |
|         |         | 1020SC     | LSA ASSOCIATES, INC.             |              | 78,941.25     |
| 11/3/20 | 35344   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 306931                  | 83.62        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 306932                  | 34.30        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307206                  | 32.80        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307218                  | 17.14        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 092252                  | 8.62         |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 092495                  | 850.48       |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307486                  | 36.45        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307984                  | 18.85        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 308050                  | 33.87        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 308220                  | 1.18         |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 094968                  | 22.19        |               |
|         |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307389                  | 30.01        |               |



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|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 307587                          | 101.18       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 308393                          | 4.27         |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | PACIFIC ACE<br>HARDWARE                  |              | 1,274.96      |
| 11/3/20  | 35345   | 2020SC     | Invoice: EXP REIM JULY<br>2020           | 10.15        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: EXP REIM OCT<br>2020            | 97.88        |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | JUSTIN PASCUAL                           |              | 108.03        |
| 11/3/20  | 35346   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2644800501                      | 35.67        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2647331901                      | 27.67        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2653505691                      | 52.98        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2663710841                      | 264.56       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | STAPLES                                  |              | 380.88        |
| 11/3/20  | 35347   | 2020N      | Invoice: 167599                          | 89.89        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 167636                          | 13.93        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 168464                          | 336.87       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | STERLING MAY<br>EQUIPMENT CO.            |              | 440.69        |
| 11/3/20  | 35348   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 04                              | 9,750.00     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | MICHAEL A. MELANSON                      |              | 9,750.00      |
| 11/3/20  | 35349   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9865806723                      | 2,956.02     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | VERIZON WIRELESS                         |              | 2,956.02      |
| 11/3/20  | 35350   | 2020SC     | Invoice:<br>DAVIS_FY2020-21-1            | 12,178.44    |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | KEN W. DAVIS, DBA                        |              | 12,178.44     |
| 11/3/20  | 35351   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 28                              | 12,434.48    |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | YOLO COUNTY RCD                          |              | 12,434.48     |
| 11/5/20  | EFT     | 2020SC     | Invoice: SIP PPE 10.31.2020              | 5,932.50     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | CALPERS                                  |              | 5,932.50      |
| 11/6/20  | EFT     | 2020SC     | Invoice: PPE 10.31.2020                  | 10,778.84    |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: PEPRA PPE<br>10.31.2020         | 4,043.68     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | CALPERS                                  |              | 14,822.52     |
| 11/10/20 | 10201   | 2020WC     | Invoice: 20-09-3868                      | 2,297.00     |               |
|          |         | 1010WC     | MBK ENGINEERS                            |              | 2,297.00      |
| 11/10/20 | 35352   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 0657080                         | 1,810.89     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | ACWA JOINT POWERS<br>INSURANCE AUTHORITY |              | 1,810.89      |
| 11/10/20 | 35353   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 20-854                          | 3,032.00     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | BARTEL ASSOCIATES,<br>LLC                |              | 3,032.00      |
| 11/10/20 | 35354   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 11832                           | 2,000.00     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | CHAVEZ TRANSPORT,<br>INC.                |              | 2,000.00      |
| 11/10/20 | 35355   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 7659867                         | 1,285.96     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | TIAA BANK                                |              | 1,285.96      |
| 11/10/20 | 35356   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 5075                            | 24,887.50    |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | EYASCO, INC.                             |              | 24,887.50     |
| 11/10/20 | 35357   | 2020SC     | Invoice: CAVAC70753                      | 2,342.74     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | FASTENAL COMPANY                         |              | 2,342.74      |
| 11/10/20 | 35358   | 2020SC     | Invoice: JULY-SEPT COVID                 | 153.35       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | MARCIE FEHRENKAMP                        |              | 153.35        |
| 11/10/20 | 35359   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 151211                          | 3,831.02     |               |

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|          |         | 1020SC     | GHD, INC.                             |              | 3,831.02      |
| 11/10/20 | 35360   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693682073                   | 56.67        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693682099                   | 5.58         |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693363476                   | 25.35        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693682081                   | 390.71       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693178064                   | 248.56       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9704015438                   | 29.33        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9693682107                   | 78.81        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9704015412                   | 153.74       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9698657427                   | 135.47       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9699556966                   | 12.14        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9704015420                   | 425.79       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9704015446                   | 29.33        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9695754706                   | 20.39        |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | GRAINGER                              |              | 1,611.87      |
| 11/10/20 | 35361   | 2020SC     | Invoice: SEP 2020                     | 2,729.00     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | MARK E. GRISMER PHD<br>PE             |              | 2,729.00      |
| 11/10/20 | 35362   | 2020N      | Invoice: 6524218                      | 354.96       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 5013832                      | 116.52       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 6015102                      | 128.51       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 3010042                      | 26.49        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 9016026                      | 39.64        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 9016027                      | 641.61       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 3010041                      | 22.88        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 2022831                      | 154.67       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 8024415                      | 154.83       |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 8024418                      | 54.39        |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | HOME DEPOT CREDIT<br>SERVICE          |              | 1,694.50      |
| 11/10/20 | 35363   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 1X223639                     | 406.73       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | HORIZON<br>DISTRIBUTORS, INC.         |              | 406.73        |
| 11/10/20 | 35364   | 2020SC     | Invoice: CL69234                      | 476.06       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | INTERSTATE OIL<br>COMPANY             |              | 476.06        |
| 11/10/20 | 35365   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 36587                        | 41,311.56    |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | LUHDORFF &<br>SCALMANINI              |              | 41,311.56     |
| 11/10/20 | 35366   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 20/21<br>MEMBERSHIP          | 15,000.00    |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | NORTH BAY<br>WATERSHED<br>ASSOCIATION |              | 15,000.00     |
| 11/10/20 | 35367   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 182937                       | 1,220.64     |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | ONSET COMPUTER CORP.                  |              | 1,220.64      |
| 11/10/20 | 35368   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889337                       | 277.77       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889891                       | 12.64        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889774                       | 15.80        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889693                       | 5.89         |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889929                       | 98.09        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 890642                       | 17.69        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 890623                       | 188.22       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 890685                       | 85.35        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 890622                       | 16.08        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891236                       | 44.48        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891319                       | 80.03        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891376                       | 30.91        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891435                       | 20.36        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891377                       | 9.20         |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 891436                       | 20.36        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 889917                       | 81.62        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 892059                       | 3.53         |               |

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|          |                | 1020SC     | BOB PISANI & SON                             |              | 1,008.02      |
| 11/10/20 | 35369          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 11242                               | 585.00       |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | REGIONAL<br>GOVERNMENT SERVICES<br>AUTHORITY |              | 585.00        |
| 11/10/20 | 35370          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 1444                                | 1,750.00     |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | DOUG NOLAN                                   |              | 1,750.00      |
| 11/10/20 | 35371          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 103120011                           | 11,745.00    |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | SHANDAM CONSULTING                           |              | 11,745.00     |
| 11/10/20 | 35372          | 2020U      | Invoice: OCT 2020                            | 1,682.96     |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | SOLANO COUNTY FLEET<br>MANAGEMENT            |              | 1,682.96      |
| 11/10/20 | 35373          | 2020SC     | Invoice: SCWA-PLSNTS-02                      | 28,872.32    |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | STREAMWISE                                   |              | 28,872.32     |
| 11/10/20 | 35374          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 799990                              | 4,504.12     |               |
|          |                | 2020SC     | Invoice: 800436                              | 6,864.98     |               |
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|          |                | 1020SC     | THINKING GREEN<br>CONSULTANTS                |              | 575.11        |
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|          |                | 1020SC     | GROW WEST                                    |              | 4,558.96      |
| 11/10/20 | 35379          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 140257                              | 2,573.47     |               |
|          |                | 1020SC     | WOOD RODGERS, INC.                           |              | 2,573.47      |
| 11/13/20 | EFT            | 2020SC     | Invoice: 22536722                            | 135.00       |               |
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|          |                | 1020SC     | A-2-Z LANDSCAPING                            |              | 12,420.44     |
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|          |                | 1020SC     | BOUCHER LAW                                  |              | 8,002.50      |
| 11/17/20 | 35383          | 2020SC     | Invoice: 000015616633                        | 164.95       |               |

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|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: NOV 2020 BOD MTG        | 100.00       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | DALE CROSSLEY                    |              | 200.00        |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | JOHN D. KLUGE                    |              | 100.00        |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | LA RANCHERA                      |              | 3,000.00      |
| 11/17/20 | 35391   | 2020SC     | Invoice: SEPT COVID              | 75.00        |               |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | LEE, CHRISTOPHER R.              |              | 150.00        |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | LSA ASSOCIATES, INC.             |              | 32,305.93     |
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| 11/17/20 | 35401   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 03018                   | 16.00        |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | SHELDON                          |              | 16.00         |

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|          |         | 1020SC     | SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT            |              | 15,512.20     |
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|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 67966                        | 36.75        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 67965                        | 67.35        |               |
|          |         | 2020N      | Invoice: 67981                        | 26.69        |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 68020                        | 222.08       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 68024                        | 163.92       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | SUISUN VALLEY FRUIT GROWERS AS        |              | 1,416.06      |
| 11/17/20 | 35406   | 2020SC     | Invoice: 2020-11-SCWA                 | 13,292.50    |               |
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|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 140                          | 150.00       |               |
|          |         | 2020SC     | Invoice: 138                          | 19,418.82    |               |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | TRPA FISH BIOLOGISTS                  |              | 43,623.60     |
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|          |         | 1020SC     | DONALD MROSLA                         |              | 855.00        |
| 11/17/20 | 35413   | 2020SC     | Invoice: MIGUEL SCHARMER              | 622.00       |               |
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| 11/17/20 | 35414   | 2020SC     | Invoice: BARBARA WRIGHT               | 406.00       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | BARBARA WRIGHT                        |              | 406.00        |
| 11/17/20 | 35415   | 2020SC     | Invoice: NOV 2020 BOD MTG             | 100.00       |               |
|          |         | 1020SC     | JOHN VASQUEZ                          |              | 100.00        |

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| 11/17/20 | 35417               | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: 9866385135<br>VERIZON WIRELESS                                                                              | 780.44                            | 780.44        |
| 11/17/20 | 35418               | 2020SC<br>2020SC<br>2020SC<br>1020SC | Invoice:<br>DAVIS_FY2020-21-2<br>Invoice:<br>DAVIS_FY2020-21-3<br>Invoice:<br>DAVIS_FY2020-21-4<br>KEN W. DAVIS, DBA | 5,575.08<br>7,800.40<br>10,374.10 | 23,749.58     |
| 11/17/20 | 35419               | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: 840611<br>YELLOW SPRINGS<br>INSTRUMENT CO.                                                                  | 1,090.17                          | 1,090.17      |
| 11/18/20 | EFT                 | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: 2020111801<br>PAYCHEX                                                                                       | 157.92                            | 157.92        |
| 11/19/20 | EFT                 | 2020SC<br>2020SC<br>2020SC<br>1020SC | Invoice: PPE 11.14.2020<br>Invoice: PEPR PPE<br>11.14.2020<br>Invoice: SIP PPE 11.14.2020<br>CALPERS                 | 10,778.84<br>4,083.52<br>5,932.50 | 20,794.86     |
| 11/25/20 | ASHLEY OCT 2020     | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: ASHLEY OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                              | 582.18                            | 582.18        |
| 11/25/20 | COLIAS OCT 2020     | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: COLIAS OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                              | 194.88                            | 194.88        |
| 11/25/20 | CUETARA OCT 2020    | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: CUETARA OCT<br>2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                          | 670.21                            | 670.21        |
| 11/25/20 | FEHRENKAMP OCT 2020 | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: FEHRENKAMP<br>OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                       | 315.00                            | 315.00        |
| 11/25/20 | FLORENDO OCT 2020   | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: FLORENDO OCT<br>2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                         | 135.29                            | 135.29        |
| 11/25/20 | HERR OCT 2020       | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: HERR OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                                | 9.99                              | 9.99          |
| 11/25/20 | HYER OCT 2020       | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: HYER OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                                | 1,596.11                          | 1,596.11      |
| 11/25/20 | JONES OCT 2020      | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: JONES OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                               | 41.21                             | 41.21         |
| 11/25/20 | LEE OCT 2020        | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: LEE OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                                 | 193.05                            | 193.05        |
| 11/25/20 | NGUYEN OCT 2020     | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: NGUYEN OCT<br>2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                           | 1,683.03                          | 1,683.03      |
| 11/25/20 | PASCUAL OCT 2020    | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: PASCUAL OCT<br>2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                          | 70.68                             | 70.68         |
| 11/25/20 | RABIDOUX OCT 2020   | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: RABIDOUX OCT<br>2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                         | 47.30                             | 47.30         |
| 11/25/20 | SNYDER OCT 2020     | 2020SC<br>1020SC                     | Invoice: SNYDER OCT 2020<br>UMPQUA BANK                                                                              | 3,269.35                          | 3,269.35      |

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| 11/25/20 | WILLINGMYRE OCT 2020 | 2020SC     | Invoice: WILLINGMYRE<br>OCT 2020       | 377.21              |                     |
|          |                      | 1020SC     | UMPQUA BANK                            |                     | 377.21              |
| 11/28/20 | EFT 11.28.2020       | 2024AC     | EMPLOYEE LIABILITIES<br>PPE 11.28.2020 | 31,194.49           |                     |
|          |                      | 6012AC     | EMPLOYER LIABILITIES<br>PPE 11.28.2020 | 1,973.30            |                     |
|          |                      | 1020SC     | PAYROLL TAXES                          |                     | 33,167.79           |
| 11/30/20 | EFT                  | 2020SC     | Invoice: 9/10/20-10/11/20              | 2,753.98            |                     |
|          |                      | 1020SC     | PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC<br>CO,          |                     | 2,753.98            |
|          | Total                |            |                                        | <u>1,389,061.87</u> | <u>1,389,061.87</u> |

ACTION OF  
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Purchase of two Automation Control Boxes for Putah South Canal

RECOMMENDATIONS:


Authorize General Manager to approve \$29,000 Purchase Order for two Automaton Control Boxes to be installed at the “Highway” and “Alamo” control checks on the Putah South Canal, respectively.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding is programmed and available in the FY 2020-2021 Solano Project budget for this expense.

BACKGROUND:

The Putah Diversion Dam (PDD) and Putah South Canal (PSC) are part of the federally owned Solano Project. The Water Agency, pursuant to a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, is responsible for operation, maintenance, and routine replacement of facility components, including the 12 “control checks” along the PSC. Control checks consist of radial gates that are used to monitor and regulate the flow of water along the canal. Currently, most of the control checks are operated manually. Installation of the proposed Automation Boxes at the “Highway” and “Alamo” control checks is part of a long-term project to automate operation of the PSC control checks. Each Automation Box contains electronic instrumentation used to monitor and remotely adjust radial gate openings.

Recommended:   
Roland Sanford, General Manager

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Continued on next page |
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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Roland Sanford, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 10, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Roland Sanford  
General Manager & Secretary to the  
Solano County Water Agency



# SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Roland Sanford, General Manager**

**DATE: December 5, 2020**

**SUBJECT: December General Manager's Report**

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### North Bay Aqueduct Water Supply Outlook

As expected, given the slow start to the rainy season, the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) initial estimate of the 2021 North Bay Aqueduct Table A allocation is just 15% of the full contractual annual entitlement. DWR's estimate is based on the assumption that the balance of the rainy season will remain relatively dry and as such, is considered a worst case scenario. Long range weather forecasts continue to point toward below average precipitation through at least December. Conditions in January are less certain.

### Chinook Salmon Returning to Lower Putah Creek

The 2020-2021 Chinook Salmon run is also off to a slow start. Throughout much of the Sacramento basin the numbers of returning adult Chinook Salmon are down from last year. As of this writing approximately 40 adult Chinook Salmon have been observed in Lower Putah Creek – a relatively modest number in comparison to recent years.

### Post LNU Fire Preparations

The lack of rain has allowed staff to continue installing rock vanes along Pleasants Creek for erosion control purposes. Within the next week it is anticipated that all of the rock vanes staff had hoped to install on Pleasants Creek will be in place. Should conditions remain dry staff may begin rock vane installation on Cold Canyon and/or Thomson Canyon, both of which burned in the LNU Fire and drain to Putah Creek, immediately downstream of Monticello Dam.

Late last month staff received initial computer rainfall-runoff simulation results for the Alamo and Ulati watersheds immediately upstream of Vacaville. As expected given the intensity of the LNU Fire and the generally steep terrain, the outlook is not good. Substantial increases in the rate and volume of runoff over “pre-fire” conditions are projected. Water Agency staff have shared the initial simulation results with County and Vacaville staff.

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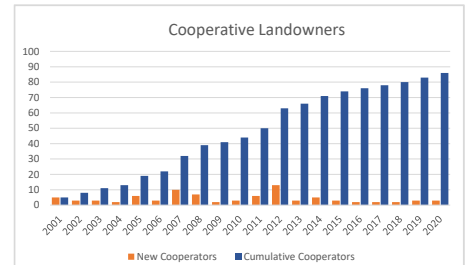
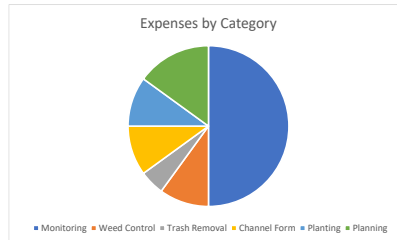
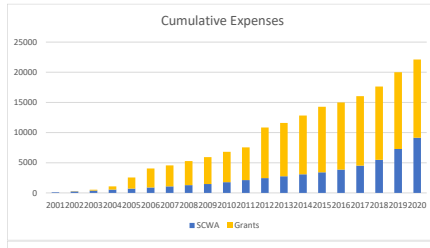
In November, staff conducted walking surveys of Alamo and Ulati creeks at and in the immediate vicinity of Vacaville to locate potential obstructions to flood flows (typically large accumulations of woody debris). No significant obstructions were observed. Access permitting, staff will continue similar walking surveys of Alamo and Ulati Creek, upstream of Vacaville.

Also in November, staff installed a new stream flow monitoring station on Ulati Creek, at the Pleasants Valley Road Bridge, upstream of Vacaville. Real-time data from the new station, along with other stream flow monitoring stations operated by the Water Agency, are available online ([www.scwa2.com](http://www.scwa2.com)).

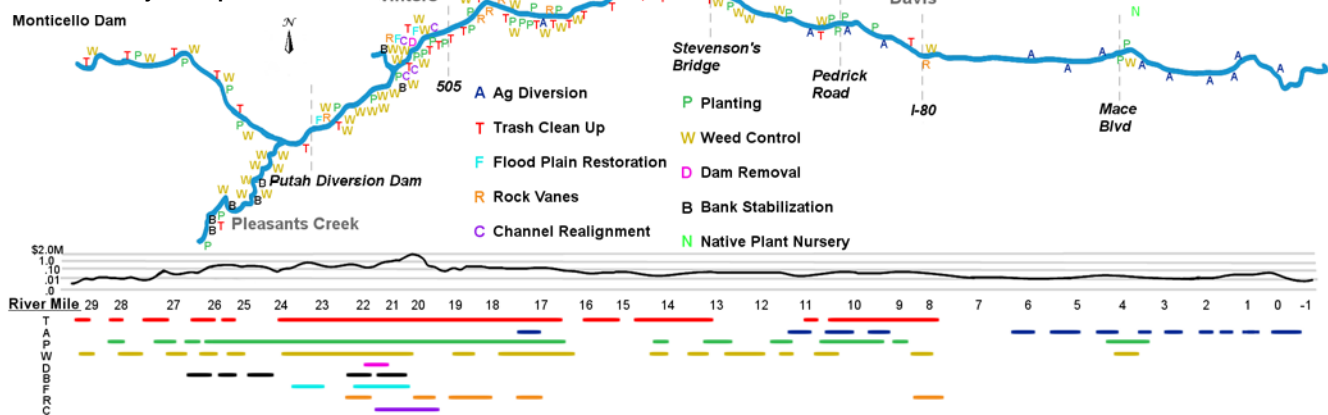
# Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) Annual Report 2019-2020

The LPCCC is required by the Accord<sup>1</sup> to produce an annual report to the court<sup>2</sup> and parties to the settlement<sup>3</sup>. This report covers the period 7/1/19 to 6/30/20. Over the life of the Accord, the LPCCC has made significant progress on its mission<sup>4</sup>.

## 2000-2020 Summary



## 2000-2020 Project Map



## 2019-2020 Projects

This past year, the LPCCC spent \$2.190 million: \$0.259 million in Accord funds, \$1.849 million in additional non-Accord SCWA funds and \$0.241 million in grant funds with the following highlights:

- **River Parkway 5 and NAWCA 3** – Revegetation completed, projects closed out.
- **Planning Grant** – We completed 28 conceptual restoration plans for all of Lower Putah Creek and select tributaries.

## Annual Programs

- **Flow Monitoring:** No flow violations this year
- **Fish Monitoring:** 42 salmon spawned this year reduced from prior years due to delays removing Los Rios Check Dam.
- **Wildlife Monitoring:** 15 species of bats were detected by their distinctive echo location sounds.
- **Vegetation Management:** Transplanted sapling trees with tree spades and removed over 100 eucalyptus trees.

<sup>1</sup> Second Amended Putah Creek Judgment, Sacramento County Superior Court No. 515766. November 14, 2002

<sup>2</sup> Sacramento County Superior Court

<sup>3</sup> Membership consists of five members representing the “Yolo Parties” (Putah Creek Council, City of Davis, U.C. Davis) and five members representing the “Solano Parties” (Solano County Water Agency, Solano Irrigation District, Maine Prairie Water District, Cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, Vallejo and Suisun City).

<sup>4</sup> To protect, monitor, and enhance the resources of lower Putah Creek, within the framework of the Accord, while respecting property rights, serving as a forum for dialogue about issues, and promoting synergy among stakeholders in the Creek community.

**REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS AND  
CONTRACTS APPROVED BY GENERAL MANAGER UNDER  
DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**Construction Contract Change Orders (15% of original project costs or \$50,000, whichever is less) - None**

**Construction Contracts (\$45,000 and less) – None**

**Professional Service Agreements (\$45,000 and less) - None**

**Non-Professional Service Agreements (\$45,000 and less) – None**

**Construction contracts resulting from informal bids authorized by SCWA Ordinance- None**

Note: Cumulative change orders or amendments resulting in exceeding the dollar limit need Board approval.

# NEWS ARTICLES



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FAIRFIELD-SUISUN CITY, CALIFORNIA



The boards were pulled at the Los Rios Check Dam and the earthen dam at Road 106A was broken this week, allowing salmon to return to Putah Creek. (Daily Republic file)

## Is 2020 the year Putah-borne salmon return to the creek?

By Todd R. Hansen

WINTERS — The boards were pulled at the Los Rios Check Dam and the earthen dam at the Road 106A crossing was broken down this week, allowing salmon to return to Putah Creek.

Officials are eager to see this year's spawn because it is possible that those born during the 1,700-fish run in 2017 could be returning.

The early signs are good, but Rich Marovich cautioned the official count will not be completed until January.

Marovich, streamkeeper for the Solano County Water Agency and Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, said more than 20 fish were seen coming upstream Nov. 9.

He said workers at the check dam watched the fish come through.

"It wasn't a precise count, just an impression that it was more than 20 (salmon)," Marovich said.

The 2017 spawn resulted in 30,000 juveniles being trapped and counted in the spring of 2018, with many of those fish getting internal tags that will tell researchers if they return to spawn.

"So this year, it could be significant," Marovich said.

Researchers and local officials have been waiting a number of years to get the proof that Putah Creek is generating its own "race" of salmon.

The study of the otoliths — a small inner ear bone next to the brain — from fish that have completed their spawn and died have been inconclusive.

UC Davis has been doing research for several years.

The ultimate question is whether the salmon that have hatched in Putah Creek are coming back to spawn. Marovich has called the discovery, if it happens, the "holy grail."

Putah Creek experienced three straight record years of fall-run Chinook salmon in the creek. The number was 200 in 2014. That increased to 800 in 2015 and the creek had as many as 2,000 in 2016.

The numbers have been on the decline ever since, with a 75% decline in 2018 – maybe 1,500 fish – and just 550 fish were counted in 2019.

However, the 2017 count was still strong, and salmon generally stay in the ocean three to four years before returning to spawn. The 2016 spawn also could be in play.

In fact, a 45-pound female salmon was found in Putah Creek in 2018, the largest fish ever taken during the research programs. Researchers said that fish likely spent as many as five years in the ocean. But like most of the fish in the creek, it was a hatchery fish.

Marovich said they will have a better idea of the early salmon run when the fish get to the diversion dam pool at Lake Solano.

“When they realize they can’t go any farther, they will pair up and look for redds down below,” Marovich said.



# WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATES

**Solano Water Advisory Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2020**

Present: Roland Sanford, Chris Lee, Thomas Pate, Alex Rabidoux, and Jeff Barich, SCWA; Felix Riesenberger and Michael Heather, Fairfield; Curtis Paxton and Justen Cole, Vacaville; Kyle Ochendusko, Benicia; Kevin Brown and Melissa Cansdale, Vallejo; Misty Kaltreider, Solano County; Talyon Sortor, FSSD; Bryan Busch, RD 2068; Kelly Huff, Dixon RCD; Cary Keaten, SID.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Emerging Issues

Alex gave a brief presentation on the LNU Complex. The Water Agency's top three post-fire concerns are flood control issues, debris jams that could impact either flood or water supply operations, and municipal water quality. The Water Agency is currently working with a consultant to conduct rapid post-fire modeling of the Ulatis Watershed and potential impacts to the City of Vacaville. The Water Agency also maintains a real-time flood monitoring network to monitor both rainfall and creek stage. The Agency is currently installing emergency rock weirs in Pleasants Creek to reduce operational impacts to the Solano Project. Lastly, the Water Agency is planning to conduct post-fire water quality monitoring around Lake Berryessa, the Interdam Reach, and along the Putah South Canal.

3. SCWA General Manager's Report

Roland informed the Commission that the November Board meeting will be fairly short, with Lookout Slough being a key point of discussion. The concern with Lookout Slough is should the Agency pursue litigation, how does that fit into the Area of Origin issues, and how big of an issue is organic carbon for the NBA users. These topics will also be discussed at the next SWAC meeting, which will be an NBA Summit. The purpose of the NBA Summit will be to think about the future of the NBA. Particularly, as the pumping window continues to get shorter, the annual variability in Table A continues to increase, and our ability to store NBA is limited.

On Flood Control issues, the Board assigned the Water Policy Committee to develop policy on creek cleaning on private property, and how best to deal with this complex issue. The issue came up because of the LNU Complex, where the vegetative channels provided a conduit for wildfire to spread. Roland is working with the Water Policy Committee to setup the first meeting.

4. Groundwater Planning

Chris provide a brief update on groundwater planning. There was a recent townhall meeting with 65 participants. The meeting had a strong turnout, and everyone was well informed. There will be additional townhall meetings scheduled once a quarter over the next year.

5. Solano County Report

Misty provided an update to the Commission on post-fire activities. Solano County is working with state agencies to finish Phase 1, household hazardous waste cleanup. The County is now beginning Phase 2, ash and debris cleanup, which will have two options, an opt-out private cleanup process or a public process which will start in December. The Phase 2 program will be through CalOES. There are currently 120 structures signed up for the private option and 50 structures for the public option. On other issues, the County has started the public outreach process for the Cache Slough HCP. The first virtual meeting had about 20 people, and the County received some good feedback. For Flannery Associates, total purchased acreage is about 27,000-acres all still focused on the southeast region of the County.

6. PSC/NBA Maintenance

The annual PSC cleanout is underway and will continue through Christmas.

7. Legislative/Initiative/Court Decision Issues Not Discussed Above

The Commission will need to select a new member for the Legislative Committee, as Felix will be retiring.

8. New Business

The Commission recommended the need to have a rotating chair, and to add this to the December agenda. The Solano Water Authority will also be having its annual meeting, which should be fairly short as the Authority is currently idle.

9. Public Comments

None

The next meeting will be December 2, 2020 at 12:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-09**

**Resolution of the Solano County Water Agency  
In Appreciation of**

**Felix Riesenberg**

**WHEREAS**, Felix served as chair of the Solano Water Advisory Commission for nine years, from January 2011 to December 2020 and for four years as the Solano Water Advisory Commission's representative on the Solano County Water Agency Board of Directors Legislative Committee, from January 2017 to December 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Felix's leadership and extensive knowledge of municipal water operations has been invaluable, particularly as Solano County navigated through recent droughts and floods; and

**WHEREAS**, Felix has always been more than willing to share his knowledge with others and mentor technical staff and policy makers; and

**WHEREAS**, Felix will be retiring from the City of Fairfield at the close of 2020, where he served with distinction as the Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities for ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, Felix's new regulatory restrictions particularly those implemented by the State Water Resources, will be missed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Solano County Water Agency and members of the Solano Water Advisory Commission extend their deep appreciation to Felix Riesenberg for his service to the Solano County Water Agency and the people of Solano County, and wish him well in retirement and his future endeavors.

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Approved and adopted the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

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Ron Kott, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Roland Sanford,  
General Manager and Secretary to  
Solano County Water Agency

ACTION OF  
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 10, 2020  
SUBJECT: 2021 Legislative Platform

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Adopt 2021 Legislative Platform.
- 2. Authorize Legislative Committee Chair to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2021 Legislative Platform.
- 3. Authorize General Manager to sign and submit letters of support or opposition to pending Federal, State and local legislation or proposed policy guidelines that pertain to the priority issues and policy positions identified in the 2021 Legislative Platform, with the stipulation that the Legislative Committee Chair be given the opportunity to review all letters of support or opposition before release by the General Manager.
- 4. Direct General Manager to provide all Board members with copies of all letters of support or opposition within 24-hours of their submission/public release.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Water Agency is frequently asked to respond on short notice to pending legislation or proposed policy guidelines. In many cases the proposed legislation or policy guideline is clearly beneficial or detrimental to the Water Agency’s operations and/or Board directives, and therefore, little or no Board discussion is necessary. Because the Board typically meets only monthly, there are many instances when staff is requested to submit a letter of support or opposition, but is unable to do so because the deadline to submit the letter is well before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Recommended:   
Roland Sanford, General Manager

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Roland Sanford, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 10, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Abstain:  
Absent:

Roland Sanford  
General Manager & Secretary to the  
Solano County Water Agency

In addition to articulating the Water Agency's priority issues and policies to legislators and other interested parties, the proposed 2021 Legislative Platform provides a mechanism that allows for timely responses to requests for letters of support or opposition – as long as the issue at hand is addressed in the adopted 2021 Legislative Platform. Pending legislation or proposed policy guidelines that are not addressed by the 2021 Legislative Platform must be brought to the full Board for discussion (see attached memo by Herum\Crabtree\Suntag dated April 3, 2017).

The proposed 2021 Legislative Platform is based on the priorities outlined in the Water Agency's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan (<http://www.scwa2.com/resources-management/strategic-plan>) and to the degree possible, also mirrors the recommendations and policy guidelines set forth in the California Water Plan Update 2018 (<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Update-2018>) prepared by the California Department of Water Resources, and Governor Newsom's 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio (<http://waterresilience.ca.gov>).

RELEVANCE TO 2016-2025 SCWA STRATEGIC PLAN:

Adoption of the proposed 2021 Legislative Platform is consistent with Objective A (*Develop legislative/advocacy priorities*) of Goal #9 (*Expand proactive advocacy at regional, state and federal levels to achieve the objectives of SCWA*)





# Solano County Water Agency 2021 STATE LEGISLATURE Priority Issues and Policy Guidelines



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# SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

## PROPRITY ISSUES & POLICY POSITIONS

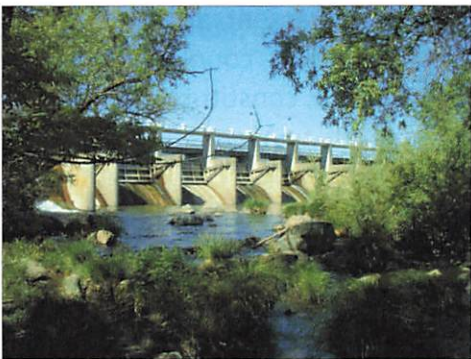
The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) is dependent on the support of policymakers at all levels of government to provide Solano county cities and agriculture with reliable access to water, flood management, and habitat conservation services. State financial and technical resources, and legislative support for infrastructure, are needed to fulfill SCWA's commitment to the County's residents, businesses and agricultural users. Accordingly, SCWA supports the priority issues and policy positions as outlined below.

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### *Water Supply Reliability*

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**Summary:** Water is fundamental to our quality of life in Solano County. The resources of the Delta, food and fiber production, and the County's urban communities are all shaped in part by reliable water supplies. Today we collectively benefit from the foresight and fortitude of those who championed construction of the Solano Project, the North Bay Aqueduct, local water supply projects, and protected our water rights – projects that required substantial long-term planning and coordination.



- Support State and local legislative and regulatory actions that protect local water resources and allow local control of water management activities.
- Support legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance for development and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
- Support conservation and water use efficiency solutions, and regulatory actions, that recognize local water supply conditions, preserve and protect existing water rights, and maintain local decision-making authority for water supply management.
- Support legislative actions that provide funding and non-regulatory incentives that enhance conservation efforts.

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### *Infrastructure*

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**Summary:** Solano County's water supply and flood management infrastructure is aging and in some cases not well suited to address today's water management challenges, particularly with

respect to flood management. In addition to simply maintaining existing infrastructure there is a need to retrofit and construct new infrastructure.

- Support existing and new funding sources for construction and maintenance of green and structural water infrastructure.
- Support Federal, State and local efforts to address causes of sea level rise and to accomplish necessary infrastructure adaptations.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide timely funding to complete the North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake Project and support regional water conveyance needs.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide timely funding to construct the Rio Vista Flood Wall or alternative flood protection measures.



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## ***Flood Management***

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**Summary:** Flood management has evolved over time to encompass multiple objectives and disciplines. Over the years, Solano County's flood management facilities have been increasingly used to capture and convey agricultural return flows, urban storm water runoff, and discharge tertiary treated wastewater. In the future these facilities will assume a role in groundwater



recharge, habitat enhancement, and public recreation. These new roles, coupled with climate change and sea level rise, constitute new challenges and are likely to necessitate the retrofitting and/or repurposing of existing infrastructure, as well as the construction and integration of new infrastructure.

- Support policies that provide funding for the design, implementation, and maintenance of flood management systems and facilities - canals, levees, and green infrastructure for groundwater recharge and stormwater capture.
- Support legislation and policies that provide funding for flood protection and preparedness, and emergency systems and procedures.
- Support actions and activities that facilitate communication among local, state and federal flood management entities.

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## ***Habitat Conservation and Stewardship***

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**Summary:** The Solano County Water Agency is committed to policies and projects that protect the environment and preserve vital water supplies.



- Support legislation and policies that provide funding for implementation of the Solano Project Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Support legislation and policies that promote Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) programs and projects.
- Support legislation and policies that protect the County's waterways from invasive species such as the Nutria Rat, Zebra and Quagga mussels.

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### ***Integrated Regional Water Management***

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**Summary:** The Solano County Water Agency embraces integrated water resources management and is party to both the Westside Sac Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

- Seek author to propose legislation and policies that provide consistent and reliable funding for integrated regional water management planning.
- Support legislation and policies that provide funding for implementation of integrated regional water management plans

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### ***Agricultural Sustainability***

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**Summary:** Agriculture is an essential component of Solano County's economy and culture. Over the last 30 years the County has experienced significant urbanization and an associated reallocation of agricultural water supplies for urban uses, as well as the reallocation of agricultural water supplies for environmental purposes. In Solano County, the diminishment of agricultural water supplies, coupled with the conversion of agricultural properties to urban and more recently, large scale habitat restoration projects, threatens the long-term viability of agriculture.



- Support legislation and policies that preserve reliable and affordable agricultural water supplies.

- Support legislation and policies that minimize the disruption of agricultural operations by habitat restoration projects.
- Support legislation and policies that facilitate the construction, maintenance and operation of agricultural drainage and water supply conveyance and storage infrastructure.

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### ***Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex***

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**Summary:** The Cache Slough Complex (CSC), located at the downstream end of the Yolo Bypass, is widely perceived by State and Federal resource agencies as an ideal setting for large scale habitat conservation and restoration. These habitat conservation and restoration activities can at times conflict with the flood management, water supply, and agricultural functions of the CSC.

- Support State and Federal funding for and implementation of the Corridor Management Framework – the locally preferred approach to achieving Federal, State and local policy objectives in the region.
- Oppose Federal and State efforts that restrict local control.
- Support legislation and initiatives that provide funding for development of a detailed Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Management Plan that includes implementation of flood protection improvements, preservation of agriculture, conservation of habitats and their functionality, and implementation of water supply and drainage improvements.

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### ***State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Plan Update***

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**Summary:** The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is conducting a lengthy review and update of the 2006 Bay-Delta Plan to ensure that beneficial uses of water in the Bay-Delta watershed are reasonably protected. The outcome of this effort is likely to impact the Solano County Water Agency's operations and water supply portfolio.



Source: Anthony Dunn / Alamy Stock Photo

- Support efforts to ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water in a way that is consistent with the coequal goals of improving water supply reliability and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Bay-Delta ecosystem.
- Support policies that are consistent with the principles of collaboration, comprehensive solutions, science, functional flows, economic considerations, and consistency with State policy.



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### ***Post Wildland Fire Remediation***

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- Support legislation and policies that provide funding and technical assistance for post fire watershed restoration and source water protection
- Support State and Federal funding for development and implementation of wildland fire management plans

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### *Summary of Specific Funding Needs*

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- Development and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans **for Solano Sub-basin**
- North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake Project feasibility studies and preliminary design
- Construction of Rio Vista Flood Wall or alternative flood protection measures
- Implementation of Solano Project Habitat Conservation Plan
- **Implementation of Cache Slough Complex Habitat Conservation Plan**
- Development of Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Management Plan
- Implementation of Dixon Regional Watershed Management Plan



- **Post wildland fire remediation and watershed restoration**

**Date:** April 3, 2017  
**To:** JEANNE M. ZOLEZZI  
**From:** Janelle S.H. Krattiger  
**Subject:** Solano County Water Agency/General  
**File:** 1079-006

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**ISSUE:**

Whether the Board of Directors for the Solano County Water Agency (“SCWA”) should adopt a policy allowing the General Manager or the Chair of the SCWA Legislative Committee to send letters of support or opposition regarding pending legislation, especially in situations where a letter explaining the Board’s position is necessary, but there is insufficient time to include the matter on the agenda of a regular, noticed meeting of the Board.

**SHORT ANSWER:**

The legislative body of a local public agency is statutorily allowed to voice its position on legislative and administrative matters to the Legislature directly or through a representative. (Cal. Gov. Code § 50023). Thus, a policy allowing the General Manager to send letters of legislative support or opposition is permissible under the Brown Act. I would avoid a policy that direct the Chair of the SCWA Legislative Committee to send correspondence if the Chair is an elected official. Any adopted policy should specify that any communication regarding legislation sent to the Legislature from the General Manager must be pursuant to a specific Board policy or directive that was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Directors.

**BACKGROUND:**

There is a case of interest involving the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; however, the case does not set precedent because a court ruling was never issued. The LACBS adopted a policy that allowed staff to oppose any bills that abridge or eliminate any of the Board of Supervisors’ powers and duties.

Assembly Bill 194 (Campos) (“AB 194”) was introduced to the Assembly in 2013. AB 194 sought to amend the Brown Act by clarifying certain public rights regarding public comment at meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies. On August 20, 2014, the LACBS sent a letter to the Legislature, signed by all five supervisors, opposing the bill. The bill passed both houses. Thereafter, the LACBS sent a second letter signed by the Board directly to the Governor, asking him to veto AB 194. Neither letter appeared on any LACBS Agenda.

After learning that the Board had taken a position on AB 194 outside of a noticed, public meeting, CalAware’s General Counsel asked the LACBS to cease and desist from that practice in the future.

County Counsel responded that the practice was not a Brown Act violation because the Board annually adopts a State Legislative Policy during a public meeting, and that the Board's approval of the legislative policies and procedures during its public meeting on December 3, 2013 was broad enough to authorize all actions taken to oppose AB 194. County Counsel relied on two of the LACBS's legislative policies to support the Board's opposition letters: General Policy 7, which allows the CEO and Sacramento advocates to oppose bills that abridge or eliminate the Board of Supervisors' powers and duties, unless the change promotes a higher priority of the Board; and Policy 3.14.1, which allows opposition to legislation that imposes unreasonable burdens or creates unfunded mandates to provide access to records and information managed and maintained by County agencies.

After the LACBS's failure to cease and desist, CalAware filed a Petition and Complaint against the County Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2015, alleging that the Legislative Policy could not support the Board's letters opposing AB 194, because the Policy did not specifically mention or apply to AB 194. CalAware's Petition relies partially on Government Code Section 54952(b)(1), which prohibits **serial meetings**:

**"A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body."**

Under Government Code Section 54952.6, "action taken" is defined as:

**"a collective decision made by a majority of the members of a legislative body, a collective commitment or promise by a majority of the members of a legislative body to make a positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a legislative body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or ordinance."**

CalAware claimed that the LACBS violated the Brown Act by using a series of communications, either directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, and take action on specific legislation, including AB 194, outside of a noticed public meeting. Just as before, the parties settled out of court. The settlement agreement requires the LACBS to update its Legislative Policy on sending letters, and to pay attorney's fees to CalAware.

On August 23, 2016, pursuant to the second settlement agreement with CalAware, The Board of Supervisors adopted a new policy requiring the Board's public vote before sending letters of support or opposition for legislation that would be signed by a majority of the Board.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The action taken by the LACBS described above was a clear violation of the Brown Act because the letter was signed by the entire Board of Supervisors, and was not adopted at a noticed public meeting. In essence, the LACBS did not follow its own adopted policy, which allowed staff to send such letters.

The policy contemplated by SCWA here would allow the General Manager or the Chair of the Legislative Committee to send letters on behalf of SCWA regarding SCWA's position on specific legislation. This would allow the legislative staff to put SCWA on the record as opposing or supporting a piece of legislation, without any public action being taken by the Board. This policy is likely consistent with the Brown Act, which allows that:



“The legislative body of a local agency, directly, or *through a representative*, may attend the Legislature and Congress, and any committee thereof, and present information to aid the passage of legislation which the legislative body deems beneficial to the local agency or to prevent the passage of legislation that the legislative body deems detrimental to the local agency.”

(Cal. Gov. Code § 50023 [italics added].) Section 50023 allows SCWA, through the use of a representative (e.g., the General Manager or the Chair of the Legislative Committee) to communicate directly with the legislature regarding pending legislation. Thus the legislative policy SCWA is considering appears to be consistent with the Brown Act.

As an aside, the LACBS case discussed herein demonstrate that it is important that the SCWA Board of Directors do not sign any letters without first adopting them at a noticed public meeting. This is because the Brown Act requires that the public be included in the deliberative process or allowed to monitor the action taken for any legislation opposed or supported *directly by the Board*. Both the deliberation and the action taken must be held at a public meeting. However, this public meeting requirement *does not* apply to the policy contemplated by the SCWA Board here, because the General Manager would be acting pursuant to the SCWA Board’s directives, and the SCWA Board itself would not be taking any action. Thus, there is no need for a noticed, public meeting. If the Chair of the Legislative Committee is an elected public official, I would advise against having him or her sign such letters.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

It is understood that the intent behind the policy is to have flexibility to respond to legislation without waiting for a noticed, regular public meeting of the SCWA Board. The text of the Brown Act appears to allow this legislative policy. In sum, SCWA may adopt a policy allowing the General Manager to send letters regarding legislation on behalf of SCWA without first having the Board approve the letter at a regular, noticed public meeting of the Board of Directors. The caveat to this policy, as demonstrated by the LACBS case, is that no letter may be sent directly from the Board of Directors without prior adoption at a noticed meeting, and the General Manager should avoid communicating with the Board outside of noticed meetings regarding the comments or position of other Board members on the pending legislation or letters prepared to address pending legislation. In addition, the adopted policy should specify that the General Manager may only communicate with the Legislature regarding pending legislation pursuant to a specific policy or directive duly adopted by the Board of Directors at a noticed, public meeting of the Board.

ACTION OF  
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DATE: December 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Temporary Modification of Employee Vacation Accrual Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Suspend 320-hour maximum vacation accrual limit through December 31, 2021, with the caveat that on January 1, 2022 any remaining accrued vacation hours in excess of 320 hours would be forfeited by the employee.
- 2. For 2021 only, increase maximum annual vacation buy-back limit, from 80 hours to 160 hours, and eliminate the current requirement that employees must take at least 80 hours of vacation within the 12 month prior to any vacation buy-back.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Upon their departure from the Water Agency, employees are paid for any unused vacation leave time they have accrued. Currently, an individual can accrue up to 320 hours. There are seven individuals (out of twenty-one) who to date have accrued at least 300 hours of vacation leave time and are therefore likely to exceed the current 320-hour vacation accrual criterion in 2021 (assuming the 320-hour vacation accrual criterion is suspended as proposed). If any individual left the Water Agency in 2021 with more than 320 hours of accrued vacation time, the Water Agency would be obligated to pay that individual for the 320 hours of unused vacation leave time (consistent with existing policy), and whatever vacation leave time they accrued in excess of 320 hours (pursuant to proposed policy modification).

BACKGROUND:

The Water Agency currently allows employees to accrue a maximum of 320 hours of vacation leave time. Due to the shelter-in-place orders and the general nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the increased workload associated with the LNU Lightning Complex Fire, Water Agency employees have taken less vacation time than typical.

Recommended:   
Roland Sanford, General Manager

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Roland Sanford, General Manager and Secretary to the Solano County Water Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

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Absent:

Roland Sanford  
General Manager & Secretary to the  
Solano County Water Agency

Staff is proposing a temporary modification of the existing vacation accrual policy to give employees an opportunity to reduce their accumulated vacation time without penalty and with minimal disruption of Water Agency activities.

Employees currently accrue vacation at the following rates:

- First 3 years of full-time employment: 15 days of vacation per year, accrued at 4.62 hours per pay period.
- 3+ years of full-time employment: 20 days of vacation per year, accrued at 6.15 hours per pay period.

RELEVANCE TO 2016-2025 SCWA STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal # 10 (Funding and Staffing), Objective C, Strategy 4 (Provided appropriate resources and incentives to staff to promote retention and longevity of SCWA investments in staff).

# WATER POLICY UPDATES

# North Bay Watershed Association

## Board of Directors Meeting -

### Draft Summary

November 6, 2020 | 9:30 – 11:30 A.m.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING SERVICE — NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Zoom Meeting

[www.nbwatershed.org](http://www.nbwatershed.org)

#### 1. **Welcome and Call to Order—Directors or Member Representatives Present Included:**

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| Michael Boorstein – Central Marin Sanitation Agency/<br>Ross Valley Sanitary District | Grant Davis – Sonoma Water                    |
| Jason Dow- Central Marin Sanitation Agency                                            | Gustavo Crus - Sonoma Water                   |
| Paul Jensen - City of San Rafael                                                      | Jay Jasperse - Sonoma Water                   |
| Susan Gorin - County of Sonoma                                                        | Roger Leventhal, County of Marin              |
| Rob Carson – MCSTOPP                                                                  | Chris Choo – County of Marin                  |
| Megan Clark – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District                                   | Liz Lotz - County of Marin                    |
| Jack Gibson (Chair) – Marin Municipal Water District                                  | Ashley Llewellyn - County of Marin            |
| Larry Russell - Marin Municipal Water District                                        | Elizabeth Lewis - County of Marin             |
| Paul Sellier - Marin Municipal Water District                                         | Joanna Dixon - County of Marin                |
| Leon Garcia – American Canyon/Napa County Flood<br>Control & Conservation District    | Steve Moore - Ross Valley Sanitation District |
| Rick Fraites – North Marin Water District                                             | Pamela Meigs – Ross Valley Sanitary District  |
| Jean Mariani - Novato Sanitary District                                               | Ken Schwarz - Horizon Water & Environment     |
| Tony Williams - North Marin Water District                                            | Lisa Micheli - Pepperwood Preserve            |
| Elizabeth Patterson – Solano County Water Agency                                      | Andy Rodgers – NBWA                           |
| Roland Sanford - Solano County Water Agency                                           | Sabrina Marson – NBWA                         |

Eleven NBWA board members attended the meeting comprised of 42 agency staff, stakeholders, partners, and interested members of the public. Roger Roberts, Felix Hernandez III, Ashley Morris, Kate Powers, Laurie Williams, Scott Weinstock, Ann Thomas, Stephen Keese -and Gustavo Goncalves were also in attendance.

Call to Order – Jack Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:31 am via Zoom.

2. **Public Comment** - One public comment from Roger Roberts- He brought up an article in the SF Chronical regarding continuing drought in northern California. Does the watershed committee have a coordinated program for drought preparation? What is it?
  - Gibson- No. But the committee shares information with each other. There is no policy.
  - Rodgers- If there are coordinated efforts between members, the NBWA can help highlight information and and connect with other groups.
3. **Approval of Agenda - Unanimously approved**
4. **Approval of October 2, 2020 Summary - Unanimously approved**
5. **Accepted Treasure's Report** - Reimbursement requests from the cancelled 2020 conference have been processed and is reflected in the report. Unanimously accepted.

6. **Guest Presentation—San Francisco Bay Area Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information System (AQPI) and Benefits to Rainfall-Based Flood Warning System in Marin County**

Jay Jasperse (Sonoma Water) provided an overview and progress update on Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information System (AQPI), an advanced weather and water forecasting system for precipitation and coastal flooding in the San Francisco Bay Area. The impacts of atmospheric rivers, a new technology to respond to extreme weather: SF Bay Area AQPI System Overview, Bay Area Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) Project Prop 84 grant awarded by DWR—\$19M over 4 years; Sonoma Water is grant administrator; Involves NOAA, CSU, USGS, & Scripps; Bay Planning Coalition provides stakeholder/partner coordination & outreach services; Local Partner Agency Committee.

SF Bay Area AQPI System Components—Advanced weather radars and surface meteorology deployments; Integration of observations and forecast models; Precipitation, streamflow, and coastal storm surge forecasts; Decision Support Tools - Integrate & disseminate observations & forecast information.

AQPI Benefits Summary: NOAA estimates \$60.9m in avoided costs per year; provides severe weather detection, tracking, & forecasting; improved situational awareness reduces risks to public safety & protects water quality and resources; improves early warning and emergency response support; leverages investments in observation networks established by local agencies; supports NOAA's Weather Ready Nation Initiative.

Roger Leventhal (Marin County) presented Rainfall Based Flash Flood Trigger Model - Based on Statistical Analysis of Historic Storm Events for Marin County, California and how AQPI will greatly improve a unique flash flood forecasting model developed for Marin. Dept of Public Works has been awarded Phase 1 of a FEMA grant for 2 new x-band radars in Marin and Sonoma County. They're currently narrowing down locations.

Marin looked to Contra Costa County's Flood Control & Water Conservation District flood forecasting but it didn't really work for Marin—too conservative and doesn't account for Marin rainfall variability; based on analysis of two or maybe events (so not statistically valid?). Marin is attempting a statistically valid flooding tool; it's been useful for now. First draft done last November but unable to test in 2019 – maybe in 2020? Need to make many improvements to interface and model; Hire a statistician evaluate methods and results.

Questions:

Moore: How does the improved resolution from the radar technology improve environmental and ecosystem benefits?

Jay- from Sonoma Water's perspective. The radars will help work with partners, like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to inform operations.

Roberts: How significant in analysis are wind velocity direction and duration in the effects of potential flooding

Leventhal: Have not done it yet, but they have the data now. They're will be opportunity to view additional data in the future now that data sets are available.

Patterson: DWR has some wind data and Mike Anderson would know if there is historical data that may be useful. Will AQPI system be useful for central valley?

Jay: yes, AQPI will provide importation information and sees a regional benefit that can be combined with additional data sources. There are other multi-benefits that are being discovered as they progress.

Keese: Have you considered using AI and big data analysis to speed up finding usable correlations?

Leventhal: a simple machine learning routine (which is AI) was tried and it didn't work as well. I am not sure that 600 or 700 data points is big enough for ML. Often used for millions of points, but I want to hire someone to check that. I did a very simple run that is built into Mathematica.

Powers: Beyond use for future design of stormwater infrastructure, how might information from AQPI info and modeling inform planning and policies in cities and developed areas for prioritizing space for restoring more meandering and flood plains of where creeks flow into the flatlands and urban corridors?

Leventhal: Does not have a specific answer, but the process is going to give some data that will help better inform the future for intelligent green design.

## **7. Executive Director Report**

Andy reported on activities that have taken place since the last meeting:

Administrative Activities—updates to the standardizing meeting formats and communication and documentation

Communications, and Committees—identify compelling topics/projects supportive of NBWA roles, provide direct tangible member agency and regional benefits, leverage archive of NBWA successes, schedule regular jtc meetings starting early 2021.

One Water Approach for North Bay – Next Steps include distribution of a summary memo to Board and Technical Committee and topics for committee to further consider.

Andy beginning to plan for FY 21/22 Work Plan and 2021 Annual conference.

## **8. NBWA Information Sharing - Board members**

Gibson: Still in COVID-19 mode with 40 % of staff still working from home. 60% are primarily out in the field. Mitigate and prevent wildfires work continues. At the next board meeting, the response to grand jury request for climate change reaction and plans is up for approval. The Districts' last rate increase had a couple built-in planned increases; one was planned for July- which was postponed due to COVID to January 2021.

Garcia: Question regarding wildfires and water quality.

Andy: Planning is still being done and when more resources and information become available, he will forward that on. May be at the December or January meeting.

Meigs: Finalized scholarship program and three students were just awarded the first round.

Patterson: Approved and will be installing a water quality instrument directly as a result of the fires. Restoration activities are also taking place. They have concerns with draining into the Delta and its impact to water quality. Elizabeth is helping US system develop a legislative

program for resilient landscapes. She is also retiring from City Council and Solano County assignment, but her role may be shifting to represent them as a private citizen.

Ryan: Congrats to all the recently re-elected. They are in good shape and are finalizing their rate study. They may have issues with this and are looking for a PR group that can help them navigate the process.

Fraites: Salinity intrusion on their wells; Moving further up Lagunitas Creek. No state or federal violations.

Boorstein: Cogeneration engine-Next Tuesday they hope to award the contract to get it installed and running. They are producing recycled water for Ross Valley San District's use.

Jensen: They are opening their doors for 8 hours a week starting next week, but they are still encouraging online interaction. They launched a virtual counter, where folks can Zoom with staff from various departments. Adaptation planning, local hazards mitigation (including fire prevention) being drafted.

Carson: Stormwater Phase 2 from state is being delayed, probably due to COVID and other permits ahead of them. BASSMA is going through organizational changes beginning next year. Can NBWA step in and provide continued collaboration if BASMAA isn't a viable option?

Keese: Marin grand jury issues a new report that a new JPA to prevent wildfires. Tax passed back in March and is up and running as Marin Wildfire Prevention authority 19 mill a year. Broad public support.

## **9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Wildfires recovery actions; Measure A activities, Restoration activities; stormwater management

## **10. Announcements and Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

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Next Meeting: December 6, 2020, Zoom

SUBMITTED BY: Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, NBWA



## AGENDA

| Time | Agenda Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Proposed Action |
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| 9:30 | <b>Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions</b><br><i>Jack Gibson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | N/A             |
| 9:35 | <b>General Public Comments</b><br>This time is reserved for the public to address the Committee about matters NOT on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A             |
| 9:40 | <b>Agenda Review and Approve Past Meeting Minutes</b><br><i>Jack Gibson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>Approve</i>  |
| 9:45 | <b>Treasure’s Report</b><br><i>Jack Gibson, Chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Accept</i>   |
| 9:50 | <b>Guest Presentation– Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) Update</b><br><i>Amy Hutzel, Deputy Executive Officer, State Coastal Conservancy</i><br><i>Luisa Valiela, EPA Region 9, San Francisco Bay Program Lead</i><br><i>Ali Weber-Stover, BRRIT NOAA representative</i><br><br>Amy, Luisa, and Ali will provide an overview of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) process formed to improve the permitting process for multi-benefit wetland restoration, associated flood management and public access infrastructure projects in the San Francisco Bay and along the bay shoreline. | Presentation    |

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| 10:45 | <b>Executive Director Report</b><br><i>Andy Rodgers, Executive Director</i><br><br>Andy will provide an update on active projects, communications, committees, activities, and developing initiatives since the November 6 Board meeting. | Questions/input |
| 10:55 | <b>Board Information Exchange</b><br><i>Members</i><br><br>Members will highlight issues and share items of interest.                                                                                                                     | N/A             |
| 11:15 | <b>Agenda Items for Future Meetings</b><br><i>Andy Rodgers, ED</i>                                                                                                                                                                        | N/A             |
| 11:25 | <b>Announcements/Adjourn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBWA Distribution list update process</li> </ul> <b>Next Board Meeting:</b> January 8, 2021?                                                                          | N/A             |