

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****January 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.****MINUTES****1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call – 6:33 pm.**

BAWSCA Chair, Tom Chambers, called the meeting to order. CEO/General Manager Tom Smegal called the roll. Nineteen (19) members of the Board were present at roll call. A list of Directors present (19) and absent (7) is attached.

**2. Special Order of Business – Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2025**

Vice Chair Vella called for nominations for the position of Chair of the BAWSCA Board. Director Pierce nominated Tom Chambers for Chair. Director Hardy seconded the nomination. Director Tom Chambers accepted.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed by consensus.

**The Board voted unanimously to elect Tom Chambers as Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board of Directors for calendar year 2025, to commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which he was elected.**

Chair Chambers called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Director Hardy nominated Louis Vella. Director Ragsdale seconded the nomination. Director Louis Vella accepted.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed by consensus.

**The Board voted unanimously to elect Louis Vella as Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board of Directors for calendar year 2025 to commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which he was elected.**

**3. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm to convene the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority Board of Directors Meeting.****4. The meeting reconvened at 6:47 pm****5. Comments by the Chair:**

Chair Chambers noted that the agenda includes items that are important in continuing the successful operation of the agency, including a mid-year work plan and budget review, and a planning session for board member input on the development of the results to be achieved in FY 2025-26.

**6. Board Policy Committee Report:** Director Hardy reported that the Committee met on December 11, 2024 where it had discussions on what the Committee is recommending to the Board. The reports and discussions are presented in the

Board Policy Committee Summary Report.

7. **SFPUC Report:** Steve Ritchie, SFPUC Assistant General Manager for Water Enterprise, provided a water supply update reporting that total system storage is at 79% of maximum storage in a normal year. Precipitation to date is average, and snowpack is currently below average.

Public Comments were provided by Peter Drekmeier of Tuolumne River Trust.

8. **Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:**

Public Comments were provided by Rush Rehm of Foster City, Dave Warner, Peter Drekmeier of Tuolumne River Trust, and Jason Foster.

9. **Consent Calendar:**

**Director Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Director Pierce, that the Board affirm the Minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting; receive and file the Budget Status Report as of November 30, 2024; Investment Report as of December 31, 2024; Bond Surcharge Collection, Account Balance and Payment Report as of September 30, 2024; Directors' Reimbursement Report, and Employees' Reimbursement Report as of December 31, 2024; and approve the Proposed FY 2025-26 Bond Surcharges.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

There were no comments or questions from members of the Board or from members of the public.

10. **Action Item:**

- A. FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Work Plan, Budget and General Reserve Review and Recommended Changes: Tom Smegal presented the findings of the mid-year work plan, budget and general reserve review and recommended changes. Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were received from Peter Drekmeier of Tuolumne River Trust and Rush Rehm of Redwood City.

**Director Hardy made a motion, seconded by Director Ragsdale, that the Board approve the recommended changes to the FY 2024-25 work plan including:**

- **Addition of new Work Plan Item 11e "Recruit, hire, and transition to a new CEO/GM".**
- **Add new Work Plan Item 11f "Consideration of Board policy directive for an adjustment to Board member compensation".**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**11. CEO Reports:**

BAWSCA Sr. Water Resources Engineer, Negin Ashoori provided an update on BAWSCA's Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy (Strategy 2050).

BAWSCA Water Resources Manager, Tom Francis reported on the status of the new Tier 2 Plan and WSA Amendment action items and on the State Water Resource Control Board's (SWRCB) workshops on the Bay Delta Plan.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were provided by Dave Warner and Peter Drekmeier of Tuolumne River Trust.

**12. Closed Session:** The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03pm

**13. Report from Closed Session:** Ms. Schutte reported that Closed Session ended at 8:18pm and no reportable action was taken.

**14. Discussion Item: Fiscal Year 2025-26 work plan and budget planning session**

Mr. Smegal presented BAWSCA's budget process and asked for Board feedback on additional near- and long-term issues for consideration. Directors Andrews, Weed, Pierce, Stevenson, Showalter, and Jordan provided questions and comments.

There were no public comments.

**15. Proclamation for Nicole Sandkulla:** Director Pierce presented a proclamation honoring Nicole Sandkulla's service to the water customers of the Bay Area for three decades and as CEO/General Manager of BAWSCA from September 2013 through December 2024.

Ms. Sandkulla thanked the BAWSCA Board for the kind words and the Staff for their dedication to the agency. She stated that it has been an honor to work for BAWSCA and its member agencies, and to serve the community in which she is rooted in. She is proud to have served the BAWSCA region, and is thankful for the mentors she had along the way.

**16. Additional Time for Public Comments (Time Permitting):**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**17. Directors' Discussion: Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests:**

Director Andrews announced that the City of Hayward has a new City Manager.

Director Jordan commented on stress tests in areas with similar topography to Pacific Palisades to see how it can withstand fire of the same magnitude.

**18. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled on March 20, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Burlingame Community Center.

**19. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Smegal  
CEO/General Manager

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Attachments: 1) Roll Call & Voting Log  
2) Attendance Roster

## Roll Call & Voting Log - BAWSCA

Meeting Date: Jan 16, 2025

|                |                    |                    |                              |                                  |                                |       | Weighted Voting <sup>(2)</sup> |                           |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Agency         | Director           | Present/<br>Absent | Item #2<br>Election<br>Chair | Item #2<br>Election<br>ViceChair | Item #9<br>Consent<br>Calendar | Other | Weighted<br>"Yes"<br>Votes     | Weighted<br>"No"<br>Votes |
| Hayward        | Andrews, Angela    | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Brisbane       | Breault, Randy     | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Guadalupe      | Breault, Randy     | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Westborough    | Chambers, Tom      | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| San Jose       | Cohen, David       | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| CalWater       | Duncan, Darin      | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| San Bruno      | Hamilton, Tom      | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Santa Clara    | Hardy, Karen       | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Purissima      | Jordan, Steve      | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Foster City    | Kiesel, Art        | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| East Palo Alto | Lopez, Antonio     | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Daly City      | Manalo, Juslyn     | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Sunnyvale      | Mehlinger, Richard | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Coastside      | Mickelsen, Chris   | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Milpitas       | Montano, Carmen    | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Menlo Park     | Nash, Betsy        | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| North Coast    | Piccolotti, Tom    | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Redwood City   | Pierce, Barbara    | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Hillsborough   | Ragsdale, Leslie   | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Millbrae       | Schneider, Ann     | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                | 0                              |       |                                |                           |
| Mountain View  | Showalter, Pat     | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Burlingame     | Stevenson, Peter   | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Palo Alto      | Stone, Greer       | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Mid-Peninsula  | Vella, Louis       | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| ACWD           | Weed, John         | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |
| Stanford       | Zigterman, Tom     | y                  | y                            | y                                | y                              |       |                                |                           |

### Vote Tally

|                                   |    |    |    |    |  | Weighted Vote Summary |      |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|--|-----------------------|------|
|                                   |    |    |    |    |  | "Yes"                 | "No" |
| Yes (y)                           | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |  |                       |      |
| No (n)                            |    |    |    |    |  |                       |      |
| Absent (0)                        | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  |  |                       |      |
| Abstain (a)                       |    |    |    |    |  |                       |      |
| Item Carries by<br>Simple Vote?   |    |    |    |    |  |                       |      |
| Item Carries by<br>Weighted Vote? |    |    |    |    |  |                       |      |

(1) Under simple voting, item carries if it receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the total membership (15 votes)

(2) Under weighted voting, item carries if it receives the affirmative vote of directors representing both

a) A majority of the members present and voting, and

b) a majority of the number of votes represented by directors present

## Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

### Board of Directors Meeting Attendance Roster

| Director            | Agency         | Jan. 16,<br>2025 | Nov. 21,<br>2024 | Sept. 19,<br>2024 | July 18,<br>2024 | May 16,<br>2024 | Mar. 21,<br>2024 |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Andrews, Angela     | Hayward        | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Breault, Randy      | Guadalupe      | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Breault, Randy      | Brisbane       | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Chambers, Tom       | Westborough    | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Cohen, David        | San Jose       |                  | ✓                |                   |                  |                 |                  |
| Duncan, Darin       | Cal Water      | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Hamilton, Tom       | San Bruno      | ✓                | ✓                |                   | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Hardy, Karen        | Santa Clara    | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Jordan, Steve       | Purissima      | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                |                 | ☎                |
| Kiesel, Art         | Foster City    | ✓                | *                | ✓*                | ✓*               | *               | *                |
| Lopez, Antonio      | East Palo Alto |                  |                  | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Manalo, Juslyn      | Daly City      |                  | ✓                | ✓                 |                  | ☎               |                  |
| Mehlinger, Richard  | Sunnyvale      |                  | ✓                | ✓                 |                  | ✓               |                  |
| Mickelsen, Chris    | Coastside      |                  | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Montano, Carmen     | Milpitas       |                  | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               |                  |
| Nash, Betsy         | Menlo Park     | ✓                | ☎*               | *                 | ✓*               | ✓*              | ✓*               |
| Piccolotti, Tom     | North Coast    | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 |                  | ✓               | ✓                |
| Pierce, Barbara     | Redwood City   | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Ragsdale, Leslie    | Hillsborough   | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Schneider, Ann      | Millbrae       |                  | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ☎                |
| Showalter, Patricia | Mountain View  | ✓                | ✓*               | ✓*                | ✓*               | ✓*              | ✓*               |
| Stevenson, Peter    | Burlingame     | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                |                 |                  |
| Stone, Greer        | Palo Alto      | ✓                | ✓                |                   |                  | ✓               | ✓                |
| Vella, Louis        | Mid-Peninsula  | ✓                |                  | ✓                 | ☎                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Weed, John          | ACWD           | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ✓                | ✓               | ✓                |
| Zigterman, Tom      | Stanford       | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                 | ☎                | ✓               | ✓                |

✓ : Present

\* : Predecessor

☎ : Teleconference