

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****March 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.****MINUTES****1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call – 6:31 pm**

BAWSCA Chair, Tom Chambers, called the meeting to order. CEO/General Manager Tom Smegal called the roll. One member participated via teleconference in accordance with the traditional Brown Act Rule. Twenty-one (21) members of the Board were present at roll call. Four (4) members arrived after roll call. A list of Directors present (25) and absent (1) is attached.

2. Comments by Chair:

In light of the Board discussion on the FY 2025-26 Work Plan, and the new directors that have been appointed on the Board since 2021 and as recent as January 2025, Director Chambers reminded the Board of BAWSCA's position on Bay-Delta matters, particularly as it relates to ongoing litigation and the regulatory process at the State Water Board.

In 2018 the State Water Board adopted Phase 1 of the Bay-Delta Plan, which if implemented severely restricts flows that can be used for water supply purposes during droughts from the Tuolumne River. The Tuolumne River provides 85% of the San Francisco Regional Water System's water supply. Soon thereafter, as encouraged by the State Board in its adoption of phase 1, San Francisco and its Tuolumne River partners came forward with the Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (TRVA) which proposes that a combination of river flows, river operations, and habitat enhancements could provide better results for species protection with less impact to water supplies.

In January 2021, Director Pierce, then BAWSCA Board Chair, publicly stated BAWSCA's clear and sensible request: that the TRVA should be evaluated by the State Water Board to determine whether it was indeed equal to or better than the adopted Bay-Delta Plan in terms of the State's environmental objectives while maintaining a reliable supply of water at a fair price for the water customers that BAWSCA represents.

That evaluation of the TRVA, now called the Tuolumne River Healthy Rivers and Landscape Agreement, is currently taking place. BAWSCA's evaluation request is consistent with the mandate from the California Legislature to protect the water-supply needs of BAWSCA members. A reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price is BAWSCA's goal as it has been for more than 20 years.

In accordance with this same State legislative mandate, BAWSCA took legal action in 2018 to intervene in San Francisco and its Tuolumne River partners' lawsuit challenging the adopted 2018 Phase 1 Bay-Delta Plan. The Board's vote on this matter was unanimous and the Board's intention to protect the regions' water supply was clear then, and remains unchanged today.

3. Board Policy Committee Report:

Director Hardy reported that the Board Policy Committee meeting on February 12, 2025 was held as a Special Meeting because of the location change to the Burlingame Library. The Committee was presented with the preliminary FY 2025-26 work plan and results to be achieved for the Committee's discussion and feedback to the CEO/General Manager. The Committee's actions and discussions are reflected in the Board Policy Committee Summary Report included in the Board agenda packet

4. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

Comments were provided by Julianne Frizell, Dave Warner, Patty Regier, and Peter Drekmeier.

- 5. SFPUC Report:** Alison Kastama, SFPUC's BAWSCA Liaison, provided a Water Supply Conditions Report. Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager for Water Enterprise, provided a report on the SFPUC's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and its upcoming review process.

Questions were received from members of the Board.

There were no public comments.

6. Consent Calendar:

Director Vella made a motion, seconded by Director Hardy, that the Board approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting; receive and file the Budget Status Report and Investment Report as of January 31, 2025; Bond Surcharge Collection, Account Balance and Payment Report as of December 31, 2024; and Approve Adjustment to Staff-Level Top-Step Total Compensation for One Position.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

There were no comments from members of the public.

7. Action Calendar:

Director Piccolotti made a motion, seconded by Director Breault, that the Board adopt Resolution #2025-01 Concurring in Nomination of John H. Weed of Alameda County Water District to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Comments received from Board members expressed support of the recommendation.

There were no comments from members of the public.

8. Reports and Discussions:

- A. Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan, Results to be Achieved and Operating Budget: CEO/General Manager, Tom Smegal, presented the Preliminary FY 2025-26 Work Plan, Results to be Achieved, and Operating Budget to the Board for its feedback and discussion. Comments provided by the Board will be reflected in the Proposed Work Plan, Results to be Achieved, and Operating Budget that will be presented to the BPC for discussion at its April 9th meeting, and to the Board for consideration at its meeting on May 15th, 2025.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were provided by Dave Warner and Peter Drekmeier.

- B. BAWSCA's Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy 2050 (Strategy 2050): Water Resource Manager, Tom Francis, reported on the progress of BAWSCA's Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy 2050 and its engagement with the Water Management Representatives. The Board will be provided with a detailed report and discussion time on the Strategy's development at its meeting in May

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

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were provided by Dave Warner and Peter Drekmeier.

9. CEO Reports:

In response to questions received from Directors at the January Board meeting, Mr. Smegal reported BAWSCA's interaction with SFPUC staff in the development of their CIP.

Mr. Smegal provided a report on the State Water Board's completion of its series of eleven (11) technical working group meetings held between January through March. The working group meetings were focused on Phase 2 of the Bay Delta Plan. The SFPUC participated in all meetings as decisions made with respect to Phase 2 can directly impact Phase 1.

Sr. Water Resource Analyst, Danielle McPherson reported an update on information provided in the CEO letter regarding the new Tier 2 Plan and WSA Amendment adoption process. BAWSCA Staff and Legal Counsel are available to assist member agencies with the adoption process.

10. Closed Session: The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:38pm

11. Report from Closed Session: Ms. Schutte reported that Closed Session ended at 8:52pm and no reportable action was taken.

12. Additional Time for Public Comments (Time Permitting):

There were no comments from members of the public.

13. Directors' Discussion: Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests:

Director Jordan reported that Purissima Hills Water District is convening a public hearing with a few interested agencies including CalWater Los Altos, Santa Clara County Fire, Los Altos Hills Fire and the Town of Los Altos to evaluate what the water system can support in terms of wildfires.

Director Weed noted that as the insurance industry takes a closer look at cities' water supply capabilities for fighting fires, residents may look to water districts and cities, as representatives of the water system, as to why they can not get insurance coverage.

Director Schneider noted that Millbrae will be holding workshops on its high fire risks given the west side of Millbrae is next to Hetch Hetchy watershed and in addition, is downwind of one of the County's top 3 eucalyptus fire risks.

14. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled on May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Foster City Community Building, Wind Room.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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: 20-Mar-25

						Weighted Voting ⁽²⁾	
Agency	Director	Present/ Absent	Item #6 Consent	Item #7A Resolution #2025-01 Roll Call	Other	Weighted "Yes" Votes	Weighted "No" Votes
Hayward	Andrews, Angela	y	y	y			
Brisbane	Breault, Randy	y	y	y			
Guadalupe	Breault, Randy	y	y	y			
Westborough	Chambers, Tom	y	y	y			
San Jose	Cohen, David	y	y	y			
CalWater	Duncan, Darin	y	y	y			
San Bruno	Hamilton, Tom	y	y	y			
Santa Clara	Hardy, Karen	y	y	y			
Purissima	Jordan, Steve	y	y	y			
Foster City	Kiesel, Art	y	y	y			
East Palo Alto	Lincoln, Webster	y	y	y			
Daly City	Manalo, Juslyn	y	y	y			
Sunnyvale	Mehlinger, Richard	0	0	0			
Coastside	Mickelsen, Chris	y	y	y			
Milpitas	Montano, Carmen	y	y	y			
Menlo Park	Nash, Betsy	y	y	y			
North Coast	Piccolotti, Tom	y	y	y			
Redwood City	Pierce, Barbara	y	y	y			
Hillsborough	Ragsdale, Leslie	y	y	y			
Millbrae	Schneider, Ann	y	y	y			
Mountain View	Showalter, Pat	y	y	y			
Burlingame	Stevenson, Peter	y	y	y			
Palo Alto	Stone, Greer	y	y	y			
Mid-Peninsula	Vella, Louis	y	y	y			
ACWD	Weed, John	y	y	y			
Stanford	Zigterman, Tom	y	y	y			

Vote Tally

					Weighted Vote Summary	
	Yes (y)	No (n)	Absent (0)	Abstain (a)	"Yes"	"No"
Yes (y)	25	25	25			
No (n)						
Absent (0)	1	1	1			
Abstain (a)						
Item Carries by Simple Vote?						
Item Carries by 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

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Board of Directors Meeting Attendance Roster

Director	Agency	Mar. 20, 2025	Jan. 16, 2025	Nov. 21, 2024	Sept. 19, 2024	July 18, 2024	May 16, 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	✓	✓	*	✓*	✓*	*
Lincoln, Webster	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