

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****March 19, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.****MINUTES****1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call – 6:30 pm.**

BAWSCA Chair, Louis Vella, called the meeting to order. CEO/General Manager Tom Smegal called the roll. Nineteen (19) members of the Board were present at roll call with a Director for Brisbane and Gaudalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District participating by teleconference in accordance with the traditional Brown Act Rule. Five members arrived after roll call. A list of Directors present (24) and absent (2) is attached.

2. Comments by the Chair:

Chair Vella noted that all actions by the Board will be taken by roll call vote due to remote meeting participants in accordance with the traditional Brown Act Rule.

A public hearing is on the agenda to comply with AB2561 which requires a report on agency vacancies and recruitment, and retention efforts. The Board will receive reports on the Preliminary FY 2026-27 workplan and budget, the Wholesale Water Rate setting process as defined in the Water Supply Agreement, and an update on Strategy 2050.

BAWSCA's opening brief on the Bay Delta Plan was filed in early March and was distributed to all members. A response from the State is not expected immediately, and there are no new developments to report on the Bay Delta Plan. With no questions from members of the Board, Closed Session was removed from the agenda.

3. Board Policy Committee Report: Board Policy Committee (BPC) Chair Leslie Ragsdale reported that the Committee met on February 11, 2026. The Committee was presented with BAWSCA's review of the SFPUC's 10-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Water Enterprise and Hetch Hetchy System, accomplishments achieved in the development of Strategy 2050 in 2025, and a preliminary Work Plan for FY 2026-27. Details of the Committee's discussion on the items are reflected in the meeting summary included in the agenda packet.

Chair Vella thanked Directors Schneider and Zigterman for their service on the Committee for the past few years.

Director Schneider noted that the BPC Summary Report did not include the requests made by Millbrae City Manager under Public Comments.

Director Zigterman asked if the BPC Summary Report can be made available to the Board sooner than when the Board Agenda packet is published.

4. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

Public Comments were provided by Peter Drekmeier and Dave Warner.

- 5. SFPUC Report:** SFPUC's Liaison to BAWSCA, Alison Kastama, provided a water supply conditions report. Based on March 16th data, total system storage is above historical average at 89.6% due to some carry-over storage as well as rain and snow in the early part of the water year. State reservoirs are currently above historical averages for this time of the year. As of March 12th, the State drought monitor is showing some dry conditions in the northern part of the state. Hetch Hetchy precipitation is slightly under historical median, but current year total precipitation for Up-Country and Bay Area are above the 12-month median despite dry conditions in March. Upcountry Snowpack is under the median which is consistent with the trend seen in 2025. Water available to San Francisco is at 220 TAF versus the 431 TAF needed to fill the system by July 1st. Total system deliveries are at 181 mgd given the dry and high temperatures.

Comments and questions were received from members of the Board.

6. Consent Calendar:

Directory Hardy made a motion, seconded by Director Pierce, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar which includes, adoption of the January 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes; Receive and File the Budget Status Report and Investment Report as of January 31, 2026; Receive and File the Bond Surcharge Collection, Account Balance, and Payment Report as of December 31, 2025.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

Public comments were provided by Peter Drekmeier and Steve Ritchie.

7. Action Calendar:

Director Piccolotti made a motion, seconded by Director Jordan, that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-01, Concurring in Nomination of John H. Weed to the California Water Insurance Fund Board, an ACWA/JPIA Captive Insurance Company.

The motion passed by roll call vote.

There were no comments from members of the public.

8. Public Hearing:

The Board convened to a Public Hearing at 7:06pm to hear the status of BAWSCA's employee vacancies and recruitment, and retention efforts as required by AB 2561 (Government code section 3502.3).

Mr. Smegal reported that BAWSCA has nine (9) full-time positions, all of which are currently filled. An employee filling one (1) position, Office Assistant, is retiring at the

end of April. BAWSCA has a “temp to hire” shadowing and training with the employee. If the temp to hire employee does not become permanent, BAWSCA will diligently continue its recruitment efforts to find a permanent solution.

Legal Counsel, Allison Schutte, testified that on March 9, 2026, a Public Hearing Notice was posted on the agency’s website and shared with the Clerks of the Boards of member agencies for posting. Confirmation of the posting were received from agencies within BAWSCA’s jurisdiction in Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

There were no correspondence received during the comment period of March 9th through March 18th.

There were no testimonies from members of the Board and members of the public.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:09pm

9. Reports and Discussions:

- A. Preliminary FY 2026-27 Work Plan, Results to be Achieved and Operating Budget: CEO/General Manager Smegal presented the Preliminary Work Plan, Results to be Achieved, and Operating Budget for FY 2026-27.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were received from Peter Drekmeier.

- B. Wholesale Water Rate Setting in Accordance with the Water Supply Agreement: Finance Manager, Christina Tang, presented the wholesale water rate setting process in accordance with the Water Supply Agreement (WSA) between San Francisco and the wholesale customers.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

Public comments were received from Dave Warner.

- C. BAWSCA’s Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy 2050 First Year Year Accomplishments and Affordability Program Update: Sr. Water Resources Engineer, Negin Ashoori, presented the tasks completed in 2025 for developing Strategy 2050, and the upcoming activities scheduled in 2026.

Questions and comments were received from members of the Board.

There were no public comments.

The Chair called for a motion to extend the meeting to 9:15pm.

Director Manalo made a motion, seconded by Director Pierce, to extend the meeting to 9:15pm as recommended by the Chair.

The motion passed by roll call vote with one nay.

10. CEO Reports:

Mr. Smegal reported that on March 2nd, BAWSCA filed its opening brief in the appeal challenging the March 15, 2024 decision in the State Water Board Cases.

On March 18th, the California Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO) released a report titled "The Bay-Delta Plan and Voluntary Agreements: Ensuring Effective Legislative Oversight". The report provides recommendations for legislative oversight of the proposed Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) Plan. BAWSCA is reviewing the report.

There were no comments from members of the Board and members of the public.

11. Closed Session: No Closed Session was held.

12. Report from Closed Session: N/A.

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

There were no additional comments from members of the public.

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

Director Schneider reported that she received an update from the City of Millbrae's Vice Mayor and City Manager about their tour of the Millbrae Operations Center hosted by the SFPUC. She was asked by the City Manager to state that Millbrae unequivocally opposes the current plan in Millbrae, the plan is inadequate and lacking in true alternatives, and that the City of Millbrae offered to pay for a third party independent review of the SFPUC plans for Millbrae and any true alternatives, given that no true alternatives were included.

Director Jordan noted that at the NVIDIA conference, the Dell booth had servers which he was told can detect a leak in its cooling system at a rate of 7ml per second, which triggers an automatic shut off.

Director Hardy stated that the City of Santa Clara, which has the most data centers, has 20% of its total water usage as reclaimed water.


Director Ragsdale reported that the California Association of Youth Commissions is holding a free virtual conference on Saturday, March 21st.

Director Hamilton announced that the City of San Bruno will hold its first Climate Resilience Fair on April 7 at Belle Air Elementary. BAWSCA will be present.

15. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled on May 21, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Burlingame Community Center.

16. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

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: 19-Mar-26

							Weighted Voting ⁽²⁾	
Agency	Director	Present/ Absent	Item #6 Consent	Item #7 Concur w/ Nomination of JWeed	Extend the Meeting to 9:15pm	Other	Weighted "Yes" Votes	Weighted "No" Votes
Hayward	Andrews, Angela	0	0	0	0			
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	y	y	y	y			
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	Lincoln, Webster	0	0	0	0			
Daly City	Manalo, Juslyn	y	0	0	y			
Sunnyvale	Mehlinger, Richard	y	y	y	n			
Coastside	Mickelsen, Chris	y	y	y	y			
Milpitas	Montano, Carmen	y	y	y	y			
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	y	y	y	y			
Mountain View	Showalter, Pat	y	y	y	y			
Burlingame	Stevenson, Peter	y	0	0	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 (y)	No (n)	Absent (0)	Abstain (a)		"Yes"	"No"
Yes (y)	24	23	23	23			
No (n)					1		
Absent (0)	2	3	3	2			
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

Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

Board of Directors Meeting Attendance Roster

Director	Agency	Mar. 19, 2026	Jan. 15, 2026	Nov. 20, 2025	Sept. 18, 2025	July 17, 2025	May 15, 2025
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