

BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE
June 10, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Two members of the Committee participated in the meeting by teleconference in accordance with the traditional Brown Act Rule. A list of Committee members who were present (8), absent (1) and other attendees is attached.

The Committee took the following actions and discussed the following topics.

2. **Comments by Committee Chair:**

Committee Chair Ragsdale noted that two members of the Committee are participating remotely. She asked and received confirmation that there were no members of the public over 18 years old at the remote locations of Directors Duncan and Stevenson. She noted that all actions will be taken by roll call vote to comply with the requirements of the traditional Brown Act Rule.

Closed Session will be pulled out of the agenda as there are no new developments that require it. She thanked Committee members for providing advance notice of their schedules and need to teleconference in order to comply with the traditional Brown Act requirements and ensure there is quorum. She expressed her appreciation for the informative articles included in the correspondence packet.

3. **Consent Calendar:**

Director Vella made a motion, seconded by Director Hardy, that the Committee approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Board Policy Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. **Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda:**

Public comments were received from Dave Warner on SFPUC's Design Drought.

5. **Action Calendar:**

- A. **Authorization to Extend Office Lease:**

CEO/General Manager Smegal reported that BAWSCA's current lease at 155 Bovet Road, San Mateo expires on January 31, 2027, and an extension has been negotiated.

The negotiated terms include:

- As of February 1, 2027, a reduced gross lease rate of \$3.80/sq ft in comparison to the current lease rate of \$4.80/sq ft.
- annual 3% increase
- 64-month lease term
- 60 months paid with 4 months' rent abatement

- Effective rate of \$3.78/sq ft per month over entire term

The terms provide an estimated savings of \$53K in FY 2026-27.

BAWSCA has been at 155 Bovet Rd. in San Mateo for more than 20 years and has looked for comparable locations of the same type and size, and proximity to public transit. No alternative space which meets these requirements has been found to be as price-competitive as the current space. The location is central to the BAWSCA region and has been an effective space for BAWSCA staff.

Staff recommendation is for the Committee to recommend Board authorization of the CEO/General Manager to extend the current lease for a period of sixty-four months.

There were no comments from members of the public.

Director Vella made a motion, seconded by Director Hardy, that the Committee recommend the Board authorize the CEO/General Manager to extend the current lease for a period of sixty-four months.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Reports and Discussions:

A. Status of the SFPUC's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) as reported for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2025-26:

CEO/General Manager Smegal noted that in the early years of BAWSCA and the WSIP in 2003, there were comprehensive reports to the Board on the status of the WSIP projects. As the program approached almost full completion, the reviews, while remaining consistently thorough, evolved into a staff delegation with a broader report to the Board.

In response to the Board's expressed interest in the topic at previous meetings, BAWSCA staff prepared a presentation on SFPUC's 3rd Quarter Reports for FY 2025-26 to BAWSCA. The discussion is provided for the Committee's information and feedback on whether such a presentation should be provided to the full Board on a regular basis. Oversight of the SFPUC's CIPs is a major part of BAWSCA's work plan in accordance with the WSA, and staff is prepared to regularly inform the Board of its efforts as directed.

Tom Francis, Water Resources Manager, provided the report.

The SFPUC provides quarterly reports on three distinct efforts on the Regional Water System's infrastructure; the Hetch Hetchy CIP (HCIP), the Water Enterprise CIP (WECIP) and the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). The WSIP is the seismic upgrade to the San Francisco Regional Water System (SF RWS) that has been ongoing since 2003 and subject to AB1823. BAWSCA's oversight role of the two CIPs is defined in the amended and restated Water Supply Agreement (WSA) between San Francisco and the Wholesale Customers.

The SFPUC updates their 10-Year CIP every two years on even numbered years.

Requirements of the Water Supply Agreement

- 30 days prior to the first budget meeting of the Commission in January, SFPUC must meet with BAWSCA to discuss its 10-year CIP.
- 14 days prior to the first budget meeting of the Commission, final materials for the budget meeting must be provided to BAWSCA.
Upon receipt, BAWSCA conducts its review and provides written comments to San Francisco.
- SFPUC must respond, in writing, to all of BAWSCA's written comments on the 10-Year CIP before the Commission's second budget meeting, typically in February, in which the 10-year CIP will be considered for adoption.
- SFPUC must publish Quarterly CIP Reports that track work progress on each of the CIPs, including project costs and challenges. The reports are provided to BAWSCA via the Commission Packets that are published prior to regular Commission meetings.

BAWSCA does not have authority to change or approve SFPUC's CIPs. BAWSCA can make written comments and deliver statements to the Commission to present its concerns and recommendations for the Commission's consideration prior to its adoption of the SFPUC's CIPs.

BAWSCA staff meets with SFPUC staff and project managers to discuss contents of the Quarterly reports. Separate meetings are held every quarter for each of the three CIPs, where BAWSCA's questions and concerns are brought up with SFPUC.

Mr. Francis presented key updates on each of the CIPs based on information in SFPUC's 3rd Quarter Report for FY 2025-26.

The Committee consensus was for BAWSCA staff to provide an annual report to the Board on its review of SFPUC's 10-Year CIP and status of the WSIP.

Public comments were provided by Dave Warner.

B. BAWSCA's Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy (Strategy 5050) – Emergency Resilience Framework:

Dr. Ashoori presented findings of the analysis done to develop the BAWSCA region's emergency resilience framework that will inform Strategy 2050's decisions. The Committee was asked for feedback on the analysis and methodology, as well as for suggested changes to the information prepared for the full Board in July.

The purpose of Strategy 2050 is to identify the water supply management needs and opportunities for the BAWSCA region and establish a framework to collectively support water reliability and resilience. Establishing an emergency resilience framework is one of six objectives designed to achieve the purpose of Strategy 2050.

The objective of the analysis was to understand what emergency scenarios might occur and how it can be best addressed to ensure a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price.

The analysis evaluated existing and potential frameworks to build regional resilience to natural and human-induced threats such as fires, earthquakes, and cyber-attacks to name a few. The analysis produced three key outputs:

- An inventory of existing emergency resilience frameworks currently applicable to BAWSCA agencies and best practices from several other regions;
- Identified gaps and actionable opportunities to strengthen regional emergency resilience as part of Strategy 2050;
- Recommended next steps that include clear and prioritized actions for BAWSCA to advance.

The analysis was grounded with direct engagement of BAWSCA member agencies through the appointed Water Management Representatives (WMR). A workshop was held with the WMRs in February 2026 to gather input on existing strategies and identify collaborative opportunities.

From the survey, three key threats were apparent to the region;

- 1) Infrastructure failure due to condition (age) and/or earthquake, 68%
- 2) Cyber-attack, 13%, which is expected to increase with the sophistication of AI.
- 3) Wildfire, 7%, due to the geography and climate trends in the Bay Area.

These threat categories shaped how existing frameworks were evaluated and how potential opportunities were identified.

Existing frameworks were evaluated at 5 different levels; Local, Countywide, Regional, Statewide, and National level.

Regionally, the analysis found that there is an existing foundation around the identification of assets and operational practices for emergency response. Existing frameworks outside of California identified gaps that will be considered in the potential emergency resilience framework.

Potential areas of opportunities to build emergency resilience that are of interest to member agencies include:

- **Templates and Resources**
- **Training and Exercises**
- **Communication Plans and Protocols**
- **Peer Learning and Knowledge Sharing**

The findings are currently being reviewed by the WMRs, and a Technical Memo is being finalized for discussion at the July 9th WMR meeting.

The Committee provided feedback on the analysis and methodology, and for suggested changes to the information prepared for the full Board in July.

The Board will be asked for input on the appropriate scope of regional emergency resilience coordination and potential funding approaches to help inform the team on which opportunities, if any, are advanced as part of the final Strategy 2050 report, which is expected in FY 2026-27.

There were no comments from members of the public.

C. CEO/General Manager Performance Evaluation Process:

Director Vella reported that while the evaluation process in place will remain the same, he created an evaluation Committee consisting of Directors Chambers, Stone, Weed, Hardy and himself. He has reached out to the Directors who have graciously accepted.

Evaluation materials will be emailed to the Board following the July 16th Board meeting. He will work towards 100% participation.

There were no comments from members of the public.

7. CEO Reports:

A. Water Supply Conditions: CEO Smegal reported that Hetch Hetchy is 100% full and water supply situation is very good. BAWSCA received SFPUC's WSA required Water Availability letter in which a normal water year has been declared.

B. Bay Delta Plan/FERC Relicensing Process: CEO Smegal reminded the Committee that there are two Phases, Bay-Delta Plan Phase 1, which centers on the San Joaquin River (of which the Tuolumne River is a tributary) where BAWSCA has focused engagement and participation. Bay Delta Plan Phase 2 centers on the Sacramento System, which has moved slightly faster than Phase 1. No further action by the State Board has occurred in the past few months for either Phase. But as reported to the Board in March, BAWSCA filed its opening brief in the appeal challenging the March 15, 2024 decision in the State Water Board cases. The State Board must serve and file a respondent's brief by September 21st, and BAWSCA's reply brief will be due on October 12, 2026.

Tuolumne Irrigation District (TID) and Modesto Irrigation District (MID) were granted an extension to file their environmental documents, CWA 401 Certification for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project for the FERC relicensing process. The new deadline is December 31, 2026.

Public comments were provided by Dave Warner on SFPUC's water rate setting.

8. Closed Session: Closed session was removed from the agenda.

9. Report from Closed Session: N/A.

10. Comments by Committee Members:

Director Hardy was excited to report that the first FIFA game will be held at Santa Clara's Levi's Stadium which is served by Hetch Hetchy water. The City of Santa Clara has worked with stadium personnel on water efficiency, including having toilets that run on reclaimed

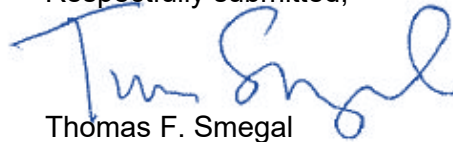
water. Additionally, the SFPUC is part of the discussion with Valley Water over the purified water treatment plant, which has received land approval.

In response to Director Hardy's inquiry on a Crystal Springs tour, CEO Smegal noted that a Peninsula Watershed Tour is scheduled with the SFPUC on September 24th. It will start at the Millbrae Operations Center at 9am. Spots will be limited to less than a quorum of the Board.

Additionally, SFPUC has provided BAWSCA with a second Hetch Hetchy tour date on September 29-30 to accommodate BAWSCA Board members who were unable to attend the June tour.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Smegal
CEO/General Manager

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Attachments: 1) Attendance Roster

Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

Board Policy Committee Meeting Attendance Roster

Agency	Director	Jun. 10, 2026	Apr. 8, 2026	Feb. 11, 2026	Dec. 10, 2025	Oct. 8, 2025	Aug. 13, 2025
Hillsborough	Ragsdale, Leslie (VC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Meeting Cancelled
San Bruno	Hamilton, Tom		✓	✓	n/a	n/a	
Hayward	Andrews, Angela	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	
Westborough	Chambers, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CalWater	Duncan, Darin	☎		✓	✓	✓	
Santa Clara	Hardy, Karen (C)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Redwood City	Pierce, Barbara	✓		☎	✓	✓	
Burlingame	Stevenson, Peter	☎	☎		✓		
MPWD	Vella, Louis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

✓: present

☎: Teleconference

June 10, 2026 Meeting Attendance (*In-Person Meeting*)

BAWSCA Staff:

Tom Smegal	CEO/General Manager
Tom Francis	Water Resources Manager
Christina Tang	Finance Manager
Danielle McPherson	Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Negin Ashoori	Sr. Water Resources Engineer
Kyle Ramey	Water Resources Analyst
Lourdes Enriquez	Asst. to the CEO/General Manager
Deborah Grimes	Office Manager
Sandra Johnson	Office Assistant
Allison Schutte	Legal Counsel, Hanson Bridgett

Members of the Public:

Alison Kastama	SFPUC
Jason Wang	Santa Clara
Dave Warner	Self