



# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2023**

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Ratterman  
Director Thomas

Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager  
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board  
Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager

Others Present:

Ralph Copeland

## **1. ROLL CALL**

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Director Davidson was absent and his alternate, Director Thomas, attended in his place.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3a Approval of Minutes for January 31, 2023, Committee Meeting  
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

The Committee tabled the Minutes for the next meeting.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

4a Federal Legislative Update  
(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey and Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**Discussion:** Mr. Minkler reported on the following items: 1) the Washington, D.C. visit; 2) the Army Corp of Engineers Section 219 funding; 2) the possibility for Hydropower relicensing reform; 3) the Bureau of Reclamation Warren Act. There was discussion between staff and the committee about the various items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4b State Legislative Update  
(Michael Minkler, General Manager)

**DISCUSSION:** Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations, gave a detailed update on the Clean Fleets Regulations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ralph Copeland commented on the Clean Fleets all electric regulations.

**DISCUSSION:** Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager, gave an update on the following items: 1) AB460 Interim Relief Order; 2) SB389 Determination of Water Rights; 3) SB676 Drought-Tolerant Landscaping; and 4) AB1337 Water Diversion Curtailment. There was discussion between staff and the Committee regarding these items. The Committee directed staff to propose positions on these bills at the next Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Minkler reported on the California Water Bond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ralph Copeland requested a list of the bills on the agenda for the future.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

6. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no further General Manager comments.

7. **DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Ratterman requested a more specific agenda in the future. He would like to see standard items such as the Bureau of Reclamations, Water Transfers, and Army Corps of Engineers.

Director Thomas enjoys attending the Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

8. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Tuesday June 6, 2022, 1:00 p.m.,

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Rebecca Hitchcock  
Clerk to the Board