



**Regular Meeting (Conducted In-Person and via GoToMeeting)**

In Person Attendance:

Board:

J. Marc Kurowski, P.E., Chairperson  
Andrew M. Enders, Vice-Chairperson  
Garvey Presley, Jr., Secretary  
Karen M. Balaban, Treasurer  
Nathan W. Davidson, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Staff:

Charlotte Katzenmoyer, Chief Executive Officer  
Douglas E. Keith, Chief Financial Officer  
David W. Stewart, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Michelle Bethel-Miller, Director of Shared Services  
Tanya Dierolf, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Jess Rosentel, Director of Operations  
Rebecca Laufer, External Affairs Manager  
Claire Maulhardt, City Beautiful H2O Program Manager  
Tammie Sheaffer, Office Manager  
Karen McKillip, Archivist

General Counsel:

Scott Wyland, Esquire (Salzmann Hughes, P.C.)

Virtual Attendance:

Staff:

Sheri Berilla, Asset Manager  
Jeffrey Bowra, P.E., Lead Engineer  
Alesha Vonada, Accounting Manager  
Thomas York, GIS Manager  
Sean Sauro, Community Outreach Specialist

Others:

Caleb Krauter, P.E. (HRG)  
Matt Crow, P.E. (Hazen and Sawyer)  
Caitlin Cavanagh, EIT (AECOM)  
Sarah Folk Ehrman, EIT (Gannett Fleming)  
Jeff Thompson, P.E6 (WRA)

## **I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kurowski at 6:03 p.m.

Chairperson Kurowski stated that all five Board members were present in person.

General housekeeping items were addressed by the chairperson advising that CRW is using the GoToMeeting platform for virtual meetings for the public. Under CRW's rules of decorum, all persons participating virtually must sign in with their name to properly identify themselves.

CRW posted the Agenda 24 hours in advance on the website and accepted public comments via email until 4:00 p.m. the day of the Board meeting. The chairperson reported that CRW did not receive any public comments, therefore, no comments were read into the record.

The chairperson advised that the meeting was being recorded and will be posted on CRW's website at [capitalregionwater.com](http://capitalregionwater.com) on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

## **II. Chairperson's Announcements**

- A.** An executive session under Section 708(a) of the Sunshine Act was held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and potential claims against Capital Region Water with General Counsel.
- B.** Today's regular meeting was advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act.
- C.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in-person and virtually.

## **III. Committee Reports**

**Budget and Finance:** Mr. Kurowski requested Mr. Keith provide the update this month. Mr. Keith reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met on February 15, 2023, and highlighted the items listed below.

- Amendments to the Lines of Credit for Water and Wastewater with First National Bank and the continued engagement of Raftelis for as-needed services in 2023 were vetted.
- Collections Policy was discussed during both the Budget and Finance and Legal and Risk Management Committees. This matter will continue to be discussed over the next couple of months as to how Capital Region Water will address the accounts receivable balance.

Mr. Keith provided a report on the overview of the January financial reports, along with a slide outlining CRW's financial position and provided the highlights below.

- CRW's accounts receivable balance through January was \$8.4M.
- Both Budget and Finance and Legal and Risk Management Committees were briefed on the accounts receivable balance.
- Board members asked if there is a cap on the accounts receivable balance regarding CRW's bond indentures that mandates collection efforts. Mr. Keith stated that bondholders are primarily concerned that revenues brought in will pay for the bonds issued, so if the rates support the revenues, bondholders typically won't be looking at the accounts receivable balances.

Mr. Kurowski stated he left the committee meeting early but highlighted these additional comments.

- CRW has been requested by two developers for a reduction in costs associated to connect to our system.
- CRW's Accounts Receivable Manager provided an overview of CRW's collection efforts in 2022 as follows:
  - Customer Assistance Program: 120 applications were approved resulting in CRW's total credit assistance of \$153,000 in 2022.
  - CRW's Lateral Assistance Program: Discussion on responsibilities for laterals between ratepayers and CRW resulted in CRW paying \$219,733 for water laterals and \$221,460 for wastewater laterals in 2022. Ms. Katzenmoyer confirmed that it is still the responsibility of the property owner for the full lateral to the main, and CRW has not assumed maintenance responsibilities of service line or laterals, but clearly has been able to help our customers through this program.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

**Personnel and Shared Services**: Mr. Presley reported the committee meeting was held on February 14, 2023, and highlighted the items listed below.

- One of the six customer service representatives is currently acting as Interim Customer Service Assistant Manager, as needed.
- Ms. Miller reported there were 4,091 credit card transactions in January.
- There were 1,620 calls received with an average talk time of 3.29 minutes.
- There were 346 drive-thru and walk-in payments in January.
- There were 168 MoneyGram payments in January. Mr. Presley stated that the payment method of MoneyGram is being utilized by our customers, and that CRW does not charge a service fee for this method of payment. CRW is the only utility in the area absorbing this fee.

- Customer Assistance Program: There were 40 applications submitted in January at a 91% approval rate.
- Other Customer Assistance Programs: Other state assistance programs have been paused or have run out of funding, so until those programs are funded or reinstated, CRW's Customer Assistance Program is the only program currently available for our customers.
- CRW's Customer Assistance Program issued \$4,900 in January 2023, along with assistance through the Leak Adjustment Program and Lateral Assistance Program up to \$50,000.
- A new Employee Assistance Program provider has been brought on for CRW's employees.
- Amendment to the Purchasing Guide for Bid Threshold: Ms. Miller explained the purpose of Resolution No. 2023-003 on tonight's Agenda. This amendment would no longer require three written or telephonic quotes to be obtained for purchases under \$5,000. This should make the process for maintenance of our assets more efficient for staff.
- Recruiting Update: Two new employees will be joining CRW. Jodi Freeburn as the new Human Resource Analyst will begin on April 3rd, and a candidate for the Drinking Water Superintendent has been hired, however, the name and starting date have not been released yet.
- AFSCME Employees: An issue regarding laborers moving up was discussed with Human Resources. More discussions will follow.
- Compensation Study: Ms. Katzenmoyer reported that the results from the compensation study recently conducted by NJ Hess Associates has been received and she will share the results with board members. Generally, there were a handful of positions that were low in salary for non-bargaining unit professional positions. Bargaining unit positions were generally within the recommended ranges, however, there are a few positions that will be discussed with AFSCME during upcoming negotiations.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

**Operations and Engineering**: Mr. Kurowski reported the committee meeting was held on February 8, 2023, and highlighted the items listed below.

- All change orders, procurement items and task orders on tonight's agenda under Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater were fully vetted during the meeting.
- Status of the position of the Superintendent of the Drinking Water department was discussed.
- An update on the Front Street Interceptor Project was provided regarding the bypass piping that the public sees along River Front Park. Since we have had a mild winter, this project is progressing very well.

- Last month, it was reported that a court decision regarding a West Chester case involving stormwater fees was handed down. Mr. Kurowski stated that CRW is aggressively pursuing our ability to charge stormwater fees to the Commonwealth, the way CRW believes it was intended to be billed to be fair.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

**Legal and Risk Management:** Mr. Enders reported the committee meeting was held on February 2, 2023, and highlighted the items listed below.

- A lengthy discussion was held regarding the customer assistance programs and collection activities by CRW. Thank you to Mr. Keith and Wendy Shollenberger who updated the committee on CRW's collection activity for 2022.
- The committee is concerned about the growing accounts receivable balance which is now at \$8.4M and what steps can be taken to encourage payment by our customers, while taking into consideration the time of year and making sure our customers have the essential services needed throughout the winter. CRW's best tool is the shut-off process, however CRW still needs to make efforts to protect our customers during the winter.
- Party lines were discussed and how CRW is handling these issues.
- He was happy to see someone ask a previous question about whether our bondholders will raise concerns about our accounts receivable balance, noting it was a very good question. He doesn't think its outside the realm that someone could pose that question at some point.
- The establishment of a possible amnesty program could be another method CRW could use to collect. The committee was provided with a lot of ideas and would take all of these issues into consideration.
- The committee was updated on insurance claims. Currently CRW is without a Risk Manager. There is currently one workmen's compensation claim which is actively being monitored.
- The court decision involving payment of stormwater fees by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of West Chester Borough v. the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education was discussed. CRW continues to monitor this issue.
- Open litigation issues were also discussed with General Counsel.
- Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that while CRW is not ready to move on requests by developers to reduce the cost to connect to our systems, management will be seeking proposals to review CRW's ready-to-serve fees to see if any adjustments should be made to them.

- An update on the Resource Recovery litigation was touched upon with Ms. Balaban stating that on January 23, 2023, the Judge issued a Court Order advising the parties when briefs are due one year from now. Upon a brief discussion, it was noted that any settlement proceeds are liened by the Department of Community and Economic Development as part of the City of Harrisburg's Strong Plan. For point of clarification this means that any settlement proceeds from this litigation would now go through DCED's lien, not to Capital Region Water.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

**Public Outreach and M/W/DBE:** Mr. Enders reported the committee meeting was held on February 9, 2023, and highlighted the items listed below.

- The first public feedback session on modification to the Partial Consent Decree was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Attendance was good with 17 members of the community attending. CRW is receiving positive feedback on the event. Additional public feedback sessions will be forthcoming with the community.
- Thank you to Ms. Dierolf and Ms. Laufer and their collective team for organizing the event. Mr. Enders stated It appears there is still a lot of uncertainty within the community as to what Capital Region Water does, and these types of events allow the community to come in and ask questions and to provide input as to what they'd like to see within the many projects we are contemplating. Engaging the public allows for healthy conversations.
- A short presentation on CRW's Minority Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (M/W/DBE) Plan was provided by Jarvis Brown. CRW's minimum participation levels are established at 15% Minority (MBE) and 5% Women or Disadvantaged Business Plan (WBE or DBE). CRW is now seeing data reflecting those participation numbers continue to increase over the years since the program has been in place. Kudos to Jarvis Brown for his good faith efforts in continuing to reach out to educating prime and subcontractors on CRW's M/W/DBE Plan.
- Ms. Dierolf provided a more formal update on CRW's Customer Assistance Program, along with an update on upcoming community events.
- Mr. Davidson stated the public feedback session on February 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended and he looks forward to future public meetings with the community on the Partial Consent Decree.

There were no questions or further comments from the Board.

#### **IV. Management Report**

The monthly Management Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting and posted on CRW's website. Ms. Katzenmoyer provided the following additions to that report.

- After her update on the Partial Consent Decree, senior leadership will be available for any questions on the management report.
- After many years of negotiation, Capital Region Water, the City of Harrisburg and the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection reached an agreement to file a material modification to the 2015 Partial Consent Decree for Clean.
- This modification to the Partial Consent Decree will guide our wastewater and stormwater work for the next decade. The court filing occurred last week in Federal District Court in Harrisburg, and formal Notice of Lodging opened a 30-day public comment period, which will run through March 20, 2023.
- To share some background, in 2015, after decades of infrastructure neglect and inaction by previous city administrations, a formal complaint against CRW and the City of Harrisburg and agreed upon Partial Consent Decree were filed in court.
- The 2015 Partial Consent Decree required specific compliance measures to control discharges from the sewer system, conveyance and treatment system, and the municipal separate stormwater sewer system within the City of Harrisburg.
- The intent of the Partial Consent Decree was to allow sufficient time for Capital Region Water to develop an approvable Long-Term Control Plan. However, it was acknowledged that the inherited system suffered from decades of neglect and disinvestment. Additional measures were and are necessary to bring the system to a functional baseline, to ensure it can meet everyday service needs, and long-term goals.
- This modification to the Partial Consent Decree is drafted to address alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law primarily due to sewer overflows and the discharge of polluted stormwater, and to incorporate steps that are being taken and will be taken to achieve baseline conditions for an acceptable Long-Term Control Plan.
- The goal remains the same, improved water quality and implementation of defined compliance measures. Capital Region Water has projected about \$200 million of improvements over the next ten years memorialized in the Appendix B-Project list to the Consent Decree modification. That is in addition to approximately \$100 million over what CRW has invested into the system to date.
- Our expectation is that the completion of these projects should increase our systemwide CSO capture to nearly 85% capture, currently capturing is in the mid 50%.

- Capital Region Water will develop and submit a revised long-term control plan to control CSO discharges by December 31, 2024. A corresponding alternative analysis must be completed by March 31, 2024. This analysis will provide an evaluation of various approaches to control CSO activity, to comply with regulations.
- Capital Region Water looks forward to meeting its clean water obligations, as it has since its inception, and ensuring that customers and stakeholders are partners in the process.
- The filing can be found at the U.S. Department of Justice website: [www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decree/us-et-al-v-capital-region-water-and-city-harrisburg-pa](http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decree/us-et-al-v-capital-region-water-and-city-harrisburg-pa).
- There are options for members of the public to comment on the modifications. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:
  - Email: [pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov)
  - Mail: Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD  
P.O. Box 7611  
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to United States and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection v. Capital Region Water and City of Harrisburg, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-10157. **The public comment period ends March 20, 2023.**

- CRW's is also accepting informal feedback. This information informs our public planning and public outreach. See the following link on CRW's website for further information: <https://capitalregionwater.com/news/historic-moment-for-clean-water-as-modification-to-the-partial-consent-decree-is-filed/>
- Postcards are available outside the board meeting room that has the QR code to link to the form.
- After consideration of public comments on any final changes, the partner agencies led by the Department of Justice (DOJ) will ask the Court to approve and answer the modification to the Partial Consent Decree. Once the court grants the motion, the Consent Decree will be final.
- Capital Region Water will continue to report progress on a semi-annual basis to the agencies and to the city, and information will be available through CRW's website, and associated public notification procedures.

There were no questions or comments from the Board.



**V. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Presley, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the Minutes of the January 25, 2023, Regular Meeting be entered into the record as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes.

**VI. Modifications or Deletions to the Agenda – None.**

**VII. Public Comment - Agenda and Non-Agenda (3 Minutes) – None.**

**VIII. Old/New Business**

**Administrative**

A motion was made by Mr. Presley, seconded by Ms. Balaban, that the following item be adopted, Administrative Item A.

**A. Resolution No. 2023-003 – Purchasing Guide for Bid Threshold, Effective January 1, 2023**

**Motion:** The Board approves the Revised Purchasing Guide for quotation thresholds, effective January 1, 2023, to no longer require three (3) written or three (3) telephonic quotes for purchases less than \$5,000. Funding Source: N/A.

The Board unanimously adopted Administrative Item A.

A motion was made by Mr. Presley, seconded by Ms. Balaban, that the following item be adopted, Administrative Item B.

**B. Resolution No. 2023-004 – Amendment to Employee Handbook – Leave Time Policy, Effective January 1, 2023**

**Motion:** The Board adopts Resolution No. 2023-004 to approve the Amendment to the Employee Handbook regarding the Policy for Leave Time, effective January 1, 2023.

The Board unanimously adopted Administrative Item B.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Administrative Item C.

**C. FY2023 As-Needed Services – Raftelis**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to approve the continued engagement of Raftelis to provide financial and technical assistance on an as-needed basis for FY2023 under the rate schedule provided in Raftelis' Proposal, dated December 9, 2022. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Admin #10504541-54103 – Adm Financial Advisor Services.

The Board unanimously approved Administrative Item C.

## **Drinking Water**

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item A.

**A. Second Amendments to Water/Wastewater Lines of Credit with First National Bank**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to execute the Second Amendments to Loan Documents with First National Bank of Pennsylvania. Term date extended to October 20, 2024. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Water #60700705-70502 – Water Trustee/Bank Fees and Wastewater #80700705-70502 – Ww Trustee/Bank Fees.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item A.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item B.

**B. Change Order No. 1 with Heisey Mechanical, Ltd. – WSC Flocculator Improvements Project**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Engineering to execute Change Order No. 1 with Heisey Mechanical, Ltd. in the amount of \$21,225.44 and extending the substantial and final completion dates by 64 and 62 days, respectively. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Water #60800803-80300-00303 – Flocculator Equipment Upgrade.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item B.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Enders, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item C.

**C. Change Order No. 1 with WYElectric, LLC – WSC Flocculator Improvements Project**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Engineering to execute Change Order No. 1 with WYElectric, LLC in the amount of \$0.00 and extending the substantial and final completion dates by 64 and 62 days, respectively. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Water #60800803-80300-00303 – Flocculator Equipment Upgrade.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item C.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item D.

**D. Change Order No. 2 with Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc. – 2022 Street Restoration Project**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Engineering to execute Change Order No. 2 with Shiloh Paving & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$259,121.72 and no change to the contract times. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$0.00 / 0.00%. Funding Source: Water #60800803-80300-00310 – City Street Restorations and Wastewater #80800803-80300-00310 - City Street Restorations and Wastewater #80800801-80100-00127 – Ww Sewer Rehab Pennvest \$21M.

Board members asked for clarification on this change order. Mr. Stewart noted that this change order reflects the paving to be finalized in the Spring of 2023. There may also be a possible future compensating change order, but he wasn't sure at this time.

Mr. Enders stated there was a question about numbers being transposed during the bidding process. Was the transposing on the part of CRW or the contractor? Mr. Stewart stated the issue was between CRW and PennBid, not the contractor. The wrong quantity was entered and CRW was low. The issue has since been resolved.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item D.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item E.

**E. Procurement of ROTORK Backwash, Filter-to-Waste and Isolation Valve Actuators from Edwin Elliot & Co., Inc. through COSTARS**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Operation to procure ROTORK Backwash, Filter-to-Waste and Isolation Valve Actuators from Edwin Elliot & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$116,839 through COSTARS. Funding Source: Water #60800804-80400-00212 – Actuators (Influent, Backwash).

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item E.

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Drinking Water Item F.

**F. Procurement of Zinc Orthophosphate from Shannon Chemical Corporation, a Sole Source Provider**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Operations' procurement of Zinc Orthophosphate from Shannon Chemical Corporation, a sole source provider, in the amount of \$77,046.48. Funding Source: Water #60231513-51301 – Water Treatment Chemicals.

Upon inquiry Mr. Rosentel confirmed that this chemical had a substantial price increase, however, this purchase will cover a full year of Zinc Orthophosphate supplies.

The Board unanimously approved Drinking Water Item F.

## **Wastewater**

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Wastewater Item A.

**A. Task Order 2023-05-01: Engineering Services for IDIQ Construction Management with HRG Engineering, Inc.**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Engineering to execute Task Order 2023-05-01 with HRG Engineering, Inc., as outlined in HRG's Proposal, dated February 5, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$398,170. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$69,350 / 17.4% MBE and \$20,150 / 5.1% WBE. Funding Source: Wastewater #80800801-80100-00026 – Collection System Rehab.

Board members thanked HRG for their M/W/DBE participation commitments to this project.

The Board unanimously approved Wastewater Item A.

## **Stormwater**

A motion was made by Mr. Kurowski, seconded by Mr. Presley, that the following item be approved, Stormwater Item A.

**A. Task Order 2021-08-04: Engineering Services for CBH20PP Phase 4 PENNVEST SW Pro-Fi Design with WRT LLC – Amendment No. 3**

**Motion:** The Board authorizes the Director of Engineering to execute Task Order 2021-08-04 with WRT, LLC as outlined in WRT’s Proposal, February 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$233,768. M/W/DBE Commitment: \$45,240 / 19.3% WBE and \$115,600 / 49.5% DBE.

Board members thanked WRT for their M/W/DBE participation commitment on this project.

The Board unanimously approved Stormwater Item A.

**IX. Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items (3 Minutes) – None.**

**X. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Balaban enjoyed attending the public comment and feedback session on February 9<sup>th</sup>. She was very impressed with CRW’s staff who had excellent illustrations about various aspects of CRW’s operations and the event gave her an opportunity to meet and know staff. She felt that when non-CRW personnel left the event, no one left with unanswered questions. She thanked the staff for the illustrations and the hands-on approach with the community. That made the event a success.

Ms. Katzenmoyer acknowledged Tanya Dierolf, Rebecca Laufer and Claire Maulhardt for their work on organizing the event.

Mr. Presley, welcomed Jodi Freeburn who will be joining our current HR team when she starts on April 3, 2023.

PMAA's Authority magazine has a cover story this month on Asset Management. Mr. Presley wanted to take this opportunity to commend CRW's Asset Management Team in what they have been able to do in a relatively short period of time. The industry is watching CRW.

Mr. Davidson thanked CRW staff for all their work in getting CRW through the modifications to the Partial Consent Decree. It is a collaboration with a lot of partners and he is looking forward to seeing the public comments and encourages the community to reach out to both CRW and the Department of Justice. Many hands make for light work and we have a long road ahead of us on this issue, but are all committed to a collaborative partnership. We now have a roadmap, and he looks forward to the community's comments.

Mr. Enders wanted to publicly thank State Representatives Patty Kim, Dave Madsen, Justin Fleming, Joe Kerwin and Senator John DiSanto for taking meetings with CRW on February 13, 2023, and commended Mr. Stewart for his presentations that day. It was an exercise in engineering with people who knew nothing about the complicated project we wanted to discuss and Mr. Stewart made the information easy to understand and was able to get a lot of good questions from the legislators. Special thanks to our State Representatives and State Senator for taking the time to meet with CRW to discuss portions of the Paxton Creek Watershed and specifically CRW's Paxton Creek Interceptor project that parallels Paxton Creek. It was a day well spent and he came out of that meeting feeling very informed about CRW's processes. Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Enders for the recognition.

Mr. Kurowski says the modifications to the Consent Decree cannot be understated. This is now the tail end of the process to have it officially lodged since this is the results of years of effort to get here. While no one is excited about spending over \$200 million. But at the end of the day, early in the original discussion, the original numbers were over \$1 billion. Alternatives were introduced and a lot of engagement and conversations, and in the end while it is still \$200 million, it could have been a lot worse and achieves what is needed for CRW to provide clean water discharge with over 85% capture. As Mr. Davidson stated, CRW now has a roadmap, so let's see the public comments. The original action began in 2015 so thanks to everyone who was instrumental in getting us to where we are today. Now we can begin the projects and the continuous efforts to seek funding to lessen the burden on our ratepayers.



**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Enders, seconded by Mr. Presley, for the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The motion was unanimously approved.

CAPITAL REGION WATER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garvey Presley, Jr." is written over a horizontal line.

Garvey Presley, Jr.  
Secretary