

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
6767 EAST MAIN STREET, STOCKTON, CA  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 12:30 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Director Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, and Panizza. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Administrative Assistant McKinney, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Sanguinetti was absent. Director Watkins was present via teleconference.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and determined that
  - (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the member to meet safely in person and/or
  - (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Sanguinetti

2. Strategic Plan Presentation

Manager Hopkins introduced Catherine Carter and Rebekka Hosken from Raftelis, the District's strategic planning consultant. Ms. Carter discussed the Strategic Plan development purpose and process with the Board and advised a similar presentation was provided to the leadership team earlier in the day.

Ms. Carter discussed the overview and proposed timeline for the different tasks of the Strategic Plan. The Stakeholder Engagement will be scheduled between February and March with a Strategic Plan Workshop tentatively set for March 14, 2023. The process involves conversations and feedback with the different stakeholder groups (focus groups), and individual conversations that will impact and be impacted by the District activities. A survey of the agricultural customers is included in the SEWD 2023 Spring/Summer Newsletter. The Municipal customers will be interviewed during February and March. The leadership workshop on March 14th will include review of all stakeholder input received and then a draft Strategic Plan framework phase will follow. At the end of March, Raftelis will work

with staff to discuss implementation plans and the draft Strategic Plan that can be used internally and externally. Ms. Carter acknowledged the District currently has elements of a strategic plan by the mission and values and offered the reason for developing strategic planning is to answer three questions: 1) What do we know to be true today, 2) What we hope will be true in the future, and 3) What needs to go well to make that future come true. More details covering the vision, mission, priorities and measures, strategies and core values will be covered at the workshop scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

President Atkins asked how municipal customers will be interviewed. Ms. Carter replied virtual interviews will be held with urban contractors. Director McGurk asked if Ms. Carter will have direct and intentional conversation with the directors; Ms. Carter replied there will be deep conversations to cover the reasons for the stated values and goals to agree on common solutions. Director Cortopassi noted this Strategic Plan could help the District move forward in a positive way. Discussion followed.

Manager Hopkins proposed cancelling the regular board meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> to schedule a Special Board Meeting for the retreat on this date. None of the Board objected.

➤ Please note: Director Watkins lost connection via teleconference at 12:42 p.m.

### 3. Minutes 01/31/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 31, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti, Watkins

### 4. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 7, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti, Watkins

### 5. Stockton East Water District Draft 2023 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Manager Hopkins reported the draft newsletter handout is offered for review by Directors. Manager Hopkins stated that approval is not needed at this time, but any changes or corrections will be needed as soon as possible as the newsletter is scheduled to be sent out for printing this week.

Director McGurk asked when will New Hogan start reducing the releases to the District for dam installations beginning on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Manager Hopkins replied the USACE expects to have control returned to the District by next week. The District will then have control over releases from then until April depending on any new storm systems. The District will be reducing the release next week to meet the needs of the District. Then, a few days before Bellota Weir work, the release is reduced to about 20 cfs.

Director Cortopassi asked if the USACE is still responsible for the flood control portion. Manager Hopkins replied the District will operate the flow releases if the storage is below TOC. Once it rises above TOC, then the USACE takes over again.

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Sodium Hypochlorite Project Monthly Update  
Manager Hopkins introduced District Engineer Evensen to discuss the presentation. District Engineer Evensen reported the project is at approximately 70% completion. The storage tanks for the sodium hypochlorite were installed with LED lighting along with the installation of the fire suppression system. One of the injection quills was installed with a hot tap on one of the sides of the raw water pipeline from the Low Light Pumping Station to the Sedimentation Basins. The other two injection quills were installed in the Filter Building basement after the pipelines were drained and those installations did not require a hot tap. At startup, the District will have the capability of using both sodium hypochlorite and gas chlorine for disinfection redundancy. After startup, the gas chlorine system will be kept in place for approximately one month to verify that the new sodium hypochlorite system is functioning without failure. Director McGurk asked if a change order was required. District Engineer Evensen replied a change order was not needed because this work is part of the contract documents. Director Cortopassi asked if there are any open troughs. Manager Hopkins replied the troughs are open, but are covered with grates. District Engineer Evensen added some have concrete lids and others are covered with grates. District Engineer stated there is a factory delay with the Motor Central Control component, but should be delivered by the end of May. Discussion followed.
7. Resolution No. 22-23-18 – Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Flood and Weather Conditions  
Manager Hopkins reported District Staff is recommending the Board consider adopting this resolution that will declare a state of emergency due to flood and weather conditions within Stockton East Water District to support the FEMA process for reimbursement funding for the repair work being performed on the District’s facilities. This allows the District to circumvent some standard state and federal contracting guidelines because this is an emergency, and provides exception to the normal procurement process. As stated in No. 2 of the resolution, the General Manager will have authority to take immediate action to repair and replace public facilities, etc. However, the General Manager shall take these actions in consultation with the District’s Board of Directors. So, staff will still be bringing items to the Board. A lot of times concerning federal funding, there are bidding and solicitation requirements that must be met with the use of their funds. Assistant Manager Vega added San Joaquin County is already covered, but by working with the engineering consultant KSN, the District will have a stronger case to submit to FEMA that will be more favorable towards the District and will help the District deal with funding and streamlining issues.  
Director McGurk asked how the damage is verified. Manager Hopkins replied the District has been taking a lot of photographic evidence.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution No. 22-23-18 – Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Flood and Weather Conditions, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti, Watkins

8. Stockton East Water District – Concrete Construction Steel Form-work Purchase, 02/07/23  
Manager Hopkins reported this item was presented to the Board a few weeks back. There were some questions regarding the applicability and use, and references for these forms. District Staff completed further investigation to answer all the questions raised (specifically on page 12, update section). Board Meeting – 02/07/23

Assistant Manager Vega presented the amount to be purchased is 132, 2x8 panels which totals 1,056 linear feet. Based on the manufacturer information and other literature received with the quote, a steel concrete form should last for 3,000 individual uses. But based on the nature of construction work, there is no real warranty besides the free-from-defect warranty for three years. District Staff reached out for references and Fresno Irrigation District had good reviews for this particular type of steel form as being more adaptable and durable which can be reused and that the product is common in the market.

Director McGurk asked if there is extra maintenance required for the length of use. Assistant Manager Vega replied regular cleaning and applying the rust protective spray will be used for maintenance. President Atkins asked if they require equipment or can the steel forms be handled by manpower. Assistant Manager Vega replied they can be put together by hand and do not require equipment. President Atkins asked if the steel can be left outside without rusting. Also, is there room for the steel to be stored inside. District Engineer Evensen stated this would be best to store the panels inside, but this is material used for dams which are outside, so the rust should not be an issue as long as the protective spray is utilized. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to purchase the quoted steel forms from Southern Carlson for \$36,418, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$40,060, and make all other necessary approvals.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti, Watkins

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

#### 1. Water Supply Report as of 01/30/23

Manager Hopkins provided a handout of the Water Supply Report for information only that included storage, release, and production data collected from various sources as of midnight last night.

There is 169,583 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 172 cfs. There is 1,013,419 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 74 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 208 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 18 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 10 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 0 gpm (~0 mgd).

#### 2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1 and F2a-2

#### 3. Report on General Manager Activities

##### a. Stockton East Water District Employee Potluck, 02/03/23

Manager Hopkins reported the District held the annual souper bowl employee potluck. There were eight entries. Manager Hopkins announced Mouy King, a District employee in Finance, was nominated for Honesty (one of the District's Values) by the nominating committee. She received a \$50 incentive.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported District Staff and Manager Hopkins met with Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (Central) General Manager Reid Roberts, and Manager Roberts finally understands the District's budget. Central is now waiting for a list of conditions from SEWD which will be discussed next week.

Manager Hopkins discussed North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) regarding a potential water exchange. One of the District's water customers trying to get surface water is Elk Horn Golf Course. The District has no way of delivering water to them, but NSJWCD can. And, NSJWCD has a customer on Bear Creek that wants surface water, but cannot get from NSJWCD. The details are being worked out for the District to deliver water for this potential exchange. Manager Hopkins stated he had District Staff perform a calculation of the San Joaquin Valley Index, based on the precipitation received to date. If there is no more precipitation, the index number is 2.77, and the threshold for a below-normal-year is 2.5. So, if the District is correct, there is a guaranteed full-supply allocation from New Melones as long as the bureau adheres to their policy.

Lastly, Manager Hopkins presented pictures of the update on flood damage. District Engineer Evensen stated there was a lot of sloughing off of the banks, and undercutting the bridges. Fortunately, none of the bridges were washed away, and held up. Director McGurk asked if the damage in the photos are part of the District's claim with FEMA. Manager Hopkins replied the District files with San Joaquin County and hopes to receive funding from FEMA and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Director Cortopassi stated he attended a FEMA meeting at the Cabral Center. Assistant Manager Vega stated he attended also, and noted the threshold by FEMA, and the coordinated funding process. Assistant Manager Vega added the District's list of damages has been submitted to San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Discussion followed.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer - Bob Hope Theatre, 02/02/13  
It was reported no one attended.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 02/08/23
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 02/10/23
3. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 02/10/23
4. District Holiday – Lincoln's Birthday, 02/13/23

**REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

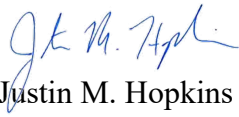
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:45 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m., with the no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board  
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