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MAY 30, 2023



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MEETING NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WILL BE HELD
AT 12:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 AT THE
DISTRICT OFFICE, 6767 EAST MAIN STREET
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95215

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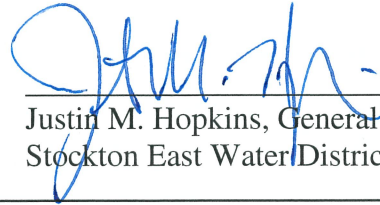
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Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager
Stockton East Water District

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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, MAY 23, 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 Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 05/16/23 Regular Meeting

Director McGurk made the following corrections to the minutes:

- Page 4, section 4, after 4th paragraph, insert “Director McGurk recommended staff use the High & Dry book as a reference for the District’s history”.
- Page 6, section 8, 2nd paragraph, the motion was revised to read as follows:
“A motion was moved and seconded to approve the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 from \$30,000 to \$40,500 to allow the proposed purchase of the Peters Pipeline Constant Head Vault Intertie Valve and authorize the General Manager approve the purchase of the Dezurik 48” buried service butterfly valve from Frank Olsen Company in the amount of \$36,742 plus a 10% contingency of \$3,674, for a total of \$40,416, as presented.”

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Panizza inquired on the expense on page 19, for Express Transmission and Auto Care, if this expense made sense for the lower end 2020 Ford Escape vehicle. Assistant Manager Vega explained that, with this particular model, the torque converter cannot be replaced on its own, so they have to replace the whole transmission, thus this expense amount is for the full transmission. Director Cortopassi inquired about whether there was a power train warranty for it. Manager Hopkins informed him the power train warranty was good up to 60,000 miles however, the Escape has 92,000 miles.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 16 for the Quill Corporation “charging station for maintenance” definition, and also about the \$62.48 expense for maintenance going to admin. Manager Hopkins replied that the charging station refers to a 10-port USB charging station for cell phones which falls under the Admin fund.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 14 for Keller Associates, Inc., asking if the Board had approved that before. District Engineer Evensen replied in the affirmative, and added that the District is now paying the expense and this is not an additional expense, but a final bill for the \$20,990.00 previously approved.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 16, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

3. Stockton East Water District – Low Lift Pump Station P1 Pump Upgrade Memo

Assistant Manager Vega presented the Low Lift Pump Station P1 Pump Upgrade Memo. This year the District’s budget includes P1 replacement which is budgeted for ’23 - ’24 fiscal year, but replacement with the same size pump is not considered the best option. Staff looked at upsizing the pump to be comparable to P3 or P4.

Peerless Pump has the lowest priced pump, at \$213,660.00 plus tax, with a lead time of 38 weeks. The budget is \$380,000.00 for this project. The remaining funds will be used for additional modifications necessary to install the pump.

President Atkins inquired what length of piping needs to be replaced. District Engineer Evensen replied close to 10 feet. Eventually a new VFD will be installed.

Director Watkins inquired about whether it will overload due to less lift. Stating since there will be 10 feet extra lift and no VFD on it. Discussion ensued, concluding that with only 10 feet, it may not be an issue, as it will be within 10% over the 250 hp capacity. Presently there is no funding to cover the VFD. Assistant Manager Vega advised the VFD will be added to the budget for the following fiscal year.

Director McGurk suggested keeping it on the bench until they need to substitute in.

President Atkins replied the District needs the pump now. Director McGurk agreed that the pump is needed now since the requirement is to reach 65 million gpd or higher between any three pumps

combined. The pump is not arriving right away and the VFD will be added in less than a year. So, the pump may not need to be turned on before the VFD is installed.

Director Cortopassi inquired if this station has one pump or multiple. Assistant Manager Vega replied multiple.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve the purchase of the Peerless Pump from PumpTech, Inc. in the amount of \$230,220, (which includes taxes) plus a 10% contingency of \$23,020 for a total amount of \$253,240, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

4. United States Army Corps of Engineers – Memorandum of Agreement Section 214, 10/04/22
Manager Hopkins presented the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Memorandum of Agreement. He stated that since October 2022, District staff and legal counsel have worked with the USACE to draft a Section 214 agreement which would allow the District to fund a position at the USACE to review our 408 permit applications which have been difficult to get. Staff have been waiting on the permit for Hosie Low Water Crossing since January of 2021, which led to a construction delay of 2 years. Through the 214 agreement and being able to fund the USACE work on our permit applications, staff can help ensure that the pending permit gets issued, as well as 3 additional low water crossing permits. All 4 crossings are being proposed as part of this agreement with funding from a DWR Grant of \$1.96 million. The funding has a 2024 deadline for use. Staff is working with DWR for an extension. The Prato Dam replacement is budgeted this current fiscal year for in-District work. Because it is in Mormon Slough, a 408 letter of permission would be required. The Project has not been designed yet, so full scope is unknown. However, to avoid having to amend the agreement later, staff is also proposing to include Prato Dam as the 5th project. The USACE provided cost estimates for each project. USACE bills on a time and materials basis. Therefore, the District will pay actual costs. USACE estimates the Hosie Low Water Crossing project, since it is substantially far along in the review process, will require \$15,675 more. The 3 subsequent crossings are estimated at \$41,250 each. The Prato Dam Replacement project is estimated at \$47,850. The estimates are based on project complexity. To move forward the District needs to approve the agreement. Staff recommends approval of the agreement and payment of the fees. Director McGurk commented there are no consequences for nonperformance on their part in the agreement, but the District will keep paying money annually until 2026. Legal Counsel Zolezzi added that the District can terminate it anytime, but then things will be back to square one. Director McGurk recommended approval to make the agreement with USACE.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the United States Army Corps of Engineers – Memorandum of Agreement Section 214, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza

Nays: Atkins, Cortopassi, Watkins

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

The motion failed to pass and the item will be brought back to the Board 05/30/23.

5. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Sodium Hypochlorite Project Monthly Update

District Engineer Evensen presented a PowerPoint presentation to Board on the Sodium Hypochlorite Project. The project is 90% complete. The presentation included an illustration showing the Hypochlorite Feed Building on the left, and the Hypochlorite Storage Facility on the right. The pumps have arrived, they are skid mounted and all the plumbing was completed. Someone on staff discovered that the ball valves weren't vented as they should be for use with Sodium Hypochlorite to prevent pump issues. Since this was the manufacturer's error they will be bringing the correct ball valves. This could have been a problem at start up, so it is good to have inspections. The fire control system is complete, and the Fire Marshall has approved all equipment. Photos were shown of the completed asphalt paving. Photos were also shown to illustrate the trucks area which includes storage and a drain for spills. The drain for spills will allow staff to determine whether it is storm water or chemicals before pumping, releasing, or disposition. The push is to get both gates operational. The turn at the tank farm area was widened for the trucks. Striping is complete.

Director Cortopassi inquired as to the pipes location and if there is a way to access for repairs. District Engineer Evensen clarified that they go to the filter building and then over the maintenance building and there is access for repairs.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Stockton East Water District – 75th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 05/17/23

Manager Hopkins reported the committee reached a consensus on the food vendor Fat City Barbecue for the June 9th Anniversary celebration and paid a deposit. Staff is waiting for additional RSVP's before selecting an appropriate package. Staff will be done sending invitations today. The invitation also went out in the Farm Bureau Newspaper. Assistant Manager Vega reported 10 submission and 22 RSVP's to date. The committee confirmed the invitee list and expect quite a few attendees. There was some discussion on the events for the day, the layout, parking, booths, and location for presentation of certifications received.

President Atkins commented that the banners look nice, and the committee overall has good ideas about the people, parking, etc.

Director Panizza inquired about the program timeframe. Manager Hopkins replied 12:30 p.m. until it is done, but before 3:00 p.m.

Finance Director Ram mentioned donations for the silent auction included Milwaukee tools, a picture frame, and a case of olive oil. Director McGurk added that a case of premium shelled walnuts was also donated.

2. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 05/17/23

Director McGurk reported on the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting. San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) presented their 218 process for zone 9 levee and channel maintenance, and it's benefits and alternatives. Kim Floyd and Seth Rosel, Outreach Consultants with Larson Wenzel

and Associates (LWA) gave the presentation which included pictures of maps outlining levee damage.

Director McGurk reported the San Joaquin County's rating is currently at a 7 which determines the premium for flood insurance. San Joaquin County determined that it would be more cost efficient to relocate specific homes in the flood zone in comparison to levee improvement costs. The cost-benefit ratio to the cost of the premiums is currently under consideration by the County.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/23/23

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 240,861 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 175 cfs. There is 1,709,538 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 3,114 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,505 cfs and release to all water users are set at 212 cfs. There are 11 irrigators on New Hogan, 2 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 36 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 23 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce – Linden Cherry Festival, 05/20/23

Manager Hopkins reported the festival was a successful event. The District booth contained promotional materials as prizes and a 50/50 raffle that raised \$188 of which \$94 replenished the expense fund for the event.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the DWR released draft award recommendations for the SGMA round 2 grant, for which the San Joaquin East Ground Water Authority submitted an application. The application, including two SEWD projects, is not being recommended for award. Out of all the applications being recommended for award, only one was for a critically overdraft basin. All the other awards were for medium and high priority basins.

Director Watkins inquired regarding the amount the District applied for. Manager Hopkins responded staff requested \$20M with the provision that the District would have accepted a lesser award, but they chose not to recommend the application.

Manager Hopkins reported meeting with growers off the Calaveras River to look at potential recharge opportunity at the SJC and Stanislaus County boundary. Unfortunately, one of the parcels is up for sale, and they are not comfortable having a temporary easement on it, so that did not work out. Staff are talking to three growers off Mormon Slough who are open to the idea of a collaborative project to install one new pump and provide some easements that will allow for all three to get water. A meeting will be arranged with the hope that all three parcels to be converted to surface water service.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Water Education Foundation – 2023 Bay Delta Tour Dinner, 05/17/23 – 05/19/23
Assistant Manager Vega, Director Sanguinetti, and Director Watkins attended. Dinner consisted of introductions, presentations, and guest speaker legal counsel Zolezzi. The crowd was engaged, asking good questions. Overall a successful event.
2. Stockton State of the City 2023, 05/18/23
President Atkins reported seven keys to the city were given out. The Mayor also addressed the homeless issues the City is facing. Sponsors were present. The Port gave a state of the port address and stated that last year was historically their best year. The port is working on getting new railway in and out of the port and electrifying their equipment to reduce emissions. Director McGurk stated the port mentioned they want to deepen the channel, enabling them to carry full ship loads.
3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 109th Annual Meeting, 05/18/23
President Atkins, Manager Hopkins and Director Sanguinetti attended. Director Watkins announced \$42,000 in scholarships were awarded to approximately 20 college students focused on agricultural studies. All the students were recognized and given certificates from the county and the legislators. Funding came from the wine tasting event held March 18th.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. SJFB Foundation for Agricultural Education – Sponsorship Thank you Letter
Manager Hopkins presented the Sponsorship Thank you letter for participation in the March wine tasting event.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 05/23/23
2. Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 05/24/23
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 05/25/23
4. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:15 p.m., 05/25/23
This meeting was cancelled

Meeting to be held at 1:15 p.m. going forward.

5. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 05/26/23
6. District Holiday - Memorial Day, 05/29/23

J. Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:35 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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**STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT
INVOICES FOR BOARD PACKAGE
CALPERS EFT REQUEST
MAY 30, 2023**

Vendor name	District Fund#	Account #	Description	Amount	Invoice No.
1 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	70	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 05/26/23-Admin	4,432.75	05/26/23 1245106351
2 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	70	10-2299-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 05/26/23-Admin	47.45	05/26/23 1245106351
			Total Fund 70 Admin	\$ 4,480.20	
3 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	71	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 05/26/23-W-S-NM	4,148.46	05/26/23 1245106351
4 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	71	10-5058-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 05/26/23-W-S-NH	1,891.62	05/26/23 1245106351
			Total Fund 71 Water Supply	\$ 6,040.08	
5 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	94	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 05/26/23-M&I	18,073.39	05/26/23 1245106351
			Total Fund 94 Municipal & Industrial	\$ 18,073.39	
Grand Total for Electronic Funds Transfer Request on RBM 05/30/2023				\$ 28,593.67	

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Justin Hopkins – General Manager
Juan Vega – Assistant General Manager
Darrel Evensen – District Engineer
Date: May 30, 2023
Re: USACE Final Memorandum of Agreement Section 214

Background

On October 4, 2022, the Board gave Staff guidance to develop a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that will allow the USACE to review Section 408 program permits for Stockton East Water District (District) as USACE has limited funding and extreme delays in processing. In recent years, the District has struggled to obtain approval from the USACE for projects requiring USACE 408 permitting. For example, the District has waited more than two years for approval for the Hosie Low Water Crossing permit even though the design work was prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The main cause for the delays according to the USACE is lack of funding from the Federal Government, specifically on Section 408 permitting project reviews.

Summary

Staff has the following projects budgeted and planned on the Mormon Slough that are anticipated to be delayed indefinitely under the current USACE position on Section 408 permits:

1. Hosie Low Water Crossing
2. George Watkins Low Water Crossing
3. Hogan Low Water Crossing
4. Fujinaka Low Water Crossing

Both the District's Legal counsel as well as legal counsel for USACE have reviewed and agreed upon the language of the attached final agreement.

Financial Impact

Under staff's proposal, an estimated \$139,425 would be set aside for payment of USACE review time for projects one through four listed above. The funding would be provided by the individual project budgets, which are currently funded by a \$1.96M DWR grant.

Recommendations

Staff respectfully recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with USACE per the terms delineated in the Memorandum of Agreement between Stockton East Water District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, and make all other necessary approvals and payments.

SUBJECT: Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Public Law I06-541 (WRDA 2000) Agreement for Stockton East Water District

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT AND
THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT**

SUBJECT: Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Section 214 Agreement for Stockton East Water District.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) is entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 2023 between Stockton East Water District, (hereinafter "SEWD") and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (hereinafter the "District"), collectively referred to as "the Parties”.

1. BACKGROUND:

a. The United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), has regulatory jurisdiction over certain activities affecting works of the United States, including, pursuant to Section 14 of the RHA (33 U.S.C. § 408) (hereinafter "Section 408"), over all temporary or permanent alterations built by the Corps; and

b. Section 214 of the federal Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Public Law 106-541 ("WRDA 2000"), as amended and codified at 33 U.S.C. 2352, authorizes the Secretary of the Army, after public notice, to accept and expend funds contributed by a non-Federal public entity to expedite the evaluation of a permit of that entity related to a project or activity for a public purpose under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army; and

c. The Secretary of the Army has delegated the responsibility of carrying out Section 214 of the WRDA 2000, as amended, to the Chief of Engineers and his delegated representatives; and

d. The Chief of Engineers, by memorandum dated April 18, 2018, has authorized the District and Division Engineers of the Corps to accept and expend funds contributed by non-federal entities subject to certain limitations; and

e. The District has indicated it is unable, without additional resources, to expedite the evaluation of requests for permission under Section 408 for SEWD-designated priority projects; and

f. SEWD is a non-Federal public entity and requires expedited and priority review of certain projects under Section 408 as more fully described in this MOA; and

g. The District issued an initial public notice, regarding its intent to accept and expend funds contributed by SEWD for evaluation of Section 408 requests for permission; and

h. The District has determined that expenditure of funds received from SEWD is appropriate, and will issue an informational public notice regarding its decision within thirty (30) days of executing this MOA; and

SUBJECT: Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Public Law I06-541 (WRDA 2000) Agreement for Stockton East Water District

i. It is understood and acknowledged by all Parties that District's review of Section 408 requests for permission for SEWD-designated priority projects will be completely impartial and in accordance with all applicable Federal laws and regulations; and

j. This MOA is intended to: (1) enable the Parties to fully consider, address, and protect environmental resources early in the development of proposed actions; (2) avoid conflicts late in project development through close coordination during early planning and development stages; (3) ensure sufficient information is provided to the District for timely analysis of project effects and to assist SEWD in developing appropriate mitigation measures; (4) maximize the effective use of limited District personnel resources by focusing attention on projects that would most affect aquatic resources; (5) provide a mechanism for expediting project coordination where necessary, and; (6) provide procedures for resolving disputes during the expedited review process.

2. REFERENCES/AUTHORITIES: The Parties enter into this MOA pursuant to the authority granted under 33 U.S.C. § 2352.

3. PURPOSE: Pursuant to Section 214 of WRDA 2000, as amended and codified at 33 U.S.C. § 2352, this MOA is entered into by the Parties for the purpose of establishing a mutual framework governing the respective responsibilities of the Parties for the District's acceptance and expenditure of funds contributed by SEWD ("SEWD Funds") to expedite the evaluation of Section 408 requests for SEWD-designated priority projects. This MOA is not intended as the exclusive means of obtaining District review of SEWD projects. This MOA is a vehicle by which SEWD may obtain expedited review of SEWD-designated priority projects identified pursuant to Section 6.a., outside of the District's standard review process.

4. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

a. The District will provide staff and resources to expedite the evaluation of Section 408 requests for permission for SEWD-designated priority projects under the jurisdiction of the District in exchange for the SEWD Funds as set forth below. The Corps' operations and maintenance expenses are funded as congressionally appropriated line items in the annual Federal budget. SEWD Funds will be added to the District's operations and maintenance budget in accordance with 33 U. S. C. § 2352, but may be spent only for the purposes set forth in this MOA.

b. The District will establish separate internal financial accounts to track receipt and expenditure of the SEWD Funds for review of SEWD-designated priority projects. The District's employees will charge their time and related expenses against the appropriate account(s) when they perform work to expedite review and evaluation Section 408 requests for SEWD-designated priority projects.

c. SEWD Funds shall be mainly expended to defray the costs of salary, associated benefits, overhead, and travel expenses for existing or additional personnel (including staff responsible for processing Section 408 requests for permission, support/clerical staff, and staff of other functional areas of the District) associated with expediting review of SEWD-designated priority projects under Section 408. As applicable and appropriate, such activities will include,

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but are not limited to, the following: early input and coordination on topics including engineering, environmental, regulatory, Section 408 request review, including all necessary engineering documentation, permit database entry, drawing correction, jurisdictional determinations, site visits, public notice preparation, preparation of correspondence, conduct of the public interest review, review and development of environmental compliance documents, preparation of draft permission decision documents and/or statement of findings, meetings with SEWD, stakeholders and applicants, mitigation monitoring, preparation of reports/audits of SEWD Funds expended, technical writing, training, travel, field office set up costs, copying, coordination activities, technical contracting, acquisition of GIS data, agency technical review, real estate evaluation, risk analysis and any other Section 408 request evaluation-related responsibilities that may be mutually agreed upon. The District will also provide an interagency and stakeholder forum and materials to describe Corps permission authorities and issues, if appropriate.

d. With SEWD's prior written approval, SEWD Funds may also be expended to hire contract staff for the purpose of augmenting the resources available to the District for the activities described in Paragraph 4.c. Should SEWD not approve hiring contract staff, the District will utilize District staff for the activities described herein. If SEWD approves hiring contract staff but such expenditures require funding in excess of the amount specified in this MOA, then said contractors shall not be hired until and unless additional funds are approved by SEWD and memorialized by written amendment to this MOA.

e. The District will not expend SEWD Funds for costs associated with the review of District work undertaken by supervisors or other persons or elements of the District in the decision-making chain of command; however, if a supervisor is performing staff work and not supervisory oversight, SEWD Funds may be used. The District will not expend SEWD Funds to defray the costs of activities related to the District's enforcement functions. "Enforcement functions" are defined as those activities related to investigating work not authorized by the District but which required District authorization. The District will not expend SEWD Funds accepted for Section 408 reviews for any purposes identified in Engineer Circular 1165-2-220, Appendix I, paragraph I-3.

f. If SEWD Funds are expended and are not replenished, the Parties will terminate this MOA in accordance with Paragraph 12. In the event of termination, any remaining Section 408 requests for SEWD-designated priority projects will be processed pursuant to the standard review procedures, in a manner decided by the District.

5. INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:

a. To provide for consistent and effective communication between the District and SEWD, each party will appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its central point of contact on matters relating to this MOA. Additional representatives may also be appointed to serve as points of contact on specific Section 408 requests. Each party will issue a letter to the other identifying its Principal Representative within fifteen (15) calendar days of the effective date of this MOA.

b. The Principal Representative for either party may be changed upon advance written notification to the other party.

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c. Any notice or communication required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally, delivered by nationally recognized overnight courier service or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, or (if an email address is provided) sent by electronic transmission (subject to confirmation of such electronic transmission). Any such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given (i) when delivered, if personally delivered, (ii) three (3) Business Days after it is deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier service, if sent by nationally recognized overnight courier service, (iii) the day of sending, if sent by email prior to 5:00 p.m. (PT) on any Business Day or the next succeeding Business Day if sent by email after 5:00 p.m. (PT) on any Business Day or on any day other than a Business Day or (iv) seven (7) Business Days after the date of mailing, if mailed by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, in each case, to the following address or email address, or to such other address or addresses or email address or addresses as such party may subsequently designate to the other Parties by notice given hereunder:

To SEWD: Stockton East Water District
 Attention: General Manager
 Post Office Box 5157
 6767 East Main Street
 Stockton, CA 95215
 Telephone: (209) 948-0333
 Email: jhopkins@sewd.net

To District: USACE
 Operations Division, 408 Permissions
 1325 J Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 Telephone: (916) 557-6634
 Email: Deborah.L.Lewis2@usace.army.mil

As used in this MOA, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal public holiday as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 6103.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

a. SEWD shall:

(1) Provide written notification to the District within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this MOA identifying which projects constitute priority projects for the purpose of this MOA. SEWD may revise the list of priority projects as necessary during the term of this MOA with reasonable notice to the District. Such changes shall be submitted to the District's Principal Representative in writing in the manner provided by Paragraph 5 and will be effective upon receipt thereof.

(2) Provide adequate information regarding SEWD-designated priority projects, scheduling requirements and other specific activities to initiate evaluation of Section 408 requests. Information required for the District to deem a Section 408 permission request complete, thereby allowing initiation of the permission request review process can be found in EC 1165-2-220. If additional information is required by the District to make a permission decision to proceed, SEWD shall provide such additional information within thirty (30) days from receipt of the District's request. If the additional information required to complete the request is not received within thirty (30) days, or if the information submitted is insufficient, the District may withdraw the request until sufficient information is received.

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(3) Make a reasonable effort to provide the District with information on other projects with SEWD involvement that may affect the District's workload and staff availability (e.g., schedules for projects with individual requests to modify federal projects).

(4) In consultation with the District, as appropriate, establish realistic schedules for the District's involvement in SEWD-designated priority projects. Work closely with the District to adjust priorities and schedules in order to make optimal use of available personnel resources. If overlaps or conflicts occur in schedules for SEWD-designated priority projects, SEWD will work with the District to resolve such overlaps or schedule conflicts.

(5) To the best of its ability, ensure the participation of all essential personnel and decision makers during the request for permission evaluation process.

(6) Participate in quarterly status meetings with the District to discuss SEWD-designated priority projects, schedules, workloads, proposed budgets, any upcoming priorities, and other related matters. To keep expectations accurate and current, SEWD will provide the District with updated information about SEWD-designated priority projects at the quarterly status meetings.

(7) Provide funding pursuant to the terms of this MOA and provide adequate resources to fund existing or additional District personnel for the purpose of expediting the review of SEWD-designated priority projects.

b. The District shall:

(1) Supplement or reassign its existing personnel, with qualified personnel within projected funding levels provided by the SEWD under this MOA.

(2) Expedite review of Section 408 requests for permission for SEWD-designated priority projects in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOA. The District shall not redirect resources from, or otherwise postpone, other SEWD projects submitted through the standard District review process or covered by a separate MOA under Section 214 of the WRDA 2000.

(3) Consult with SEWD regarding an adjustment of priorities or establishment of relative priorities if the current and/or projected workload of SEWD-designated priority projects and activities exceeds District's ability to provide the services specified in this MOA or negotiate additional funding in accordance with Paragraph 7, below.

(4) Provide SEWD a written quarterly summary report of progress made under this MOA. This report will describe achievements, including any improvements the District has documented in coordinating and improving the efficiency of environmental reviews, and will include an itemized statement of SEWD Funds received and expended to date, along with appropriate supporting documentation. The report also will identify any recommendations for improving consultation and coordination among the Parties to this MOA.

(5) Participate in quarterly status meetings with SEWD to discuss SEWD-

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designated priority projects, schedules, workloads, proposed budgets, any upcoming priorities, and other related matters.

(6) Designate a Section 408 Project Manager who will make his or her best efforts to attend periodic meetings with SEWD.

7. FUNDING:

a. No later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this MOA, SEWD shall make a lump sum payment to the District of \$139,425.00 (the "SEWD Funds"), the anticipated costs expected to be incurred by the District for review of Section 408 permission requests under this MOA through the end of federal fiscal year 2023 in accordance with the itemized budget estimate provided in Appendix A. The phrase "federal fiscal year" in this MOA refers to the period beginning October 1 of each year and ending on September 30 of the following year. For example, federal fiscal year 2023 is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The District will provide an invoice for upcoming Section 408 permissions no later than September 1 of each fiscal year.

b. No later than September 1, 2023 and annually thereafter, the District will provide SEWD with an anticipated cost estimate that provides an estimate of costs for the next federal fiscal year, including any proposed changes in the level of staffing. Upon receipt of the District's anticipated cost estimate and in advance of the District incurring any costs for the next federal fiscal year, SEWD will make a lump sum payment to the District in the total amount specified in the District's anticipated cost estimate (with any such future funds being additional "SEWD Funds" pursuant to this MOA).

c. Services under this MOA will continue until federal fiscal year 2026. In the event SEWD elects to continue services beyond federal fiscal year 2026, no later than August 1, 2026, and annually thereafter while this MOA remains in effect, SEWD shall provide written notice of this decision to the District's Principal Representative.

d. Costs incurred by the District under this MOA may increase due to the Federal Government's General Schedule increases and locality pay adjustments. In the event of such increases, the District will promptly notify SEWD in writing of the additional amount necessary to continue services under this MOA. Upon receipt of such notice, SEWD may either make a lump sum payment for the additional amount within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the notice, continue the same level of service until funds are expended, or agree to a reduced level of service.

e. The SEWD Funds specified in Paragraph 7.a. above will be payable in a lump sum payment in advance of the District incurring any financial obligations or performing work under this MOA and no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this MOA as defined in Paragraph 14. Payment will be made by check to the Finance and Accounting Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California, 95814-2922 or electronic funds transfer in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure UFC 08 (Appendix B).

f. For as long as the District provides services to SEWD under this MOA, the District will credit any SEWD Funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year to the following federal fiscal year's payment. If SEWD chooses not to continue services under this MOA or this MOA is terminated for any other reason, the District will return any remaining SEWD Funds, in

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accordance with Paragraph 12.

g. If, during any federal fiscal year, the District determines its actual costs for providing expedited reviews under this MOA through the end of the federal fiscal year will exceed the amount of the SEWD Funds available, at least ninety (90) days prior to the date the District expects the SEWD Funds to be exhausted, the District will notify the SEWD Principal Representative in writing of the additional amount(s) needed to continue to provide expedited reviews through the end of the federal fiscal year. SEWD will have the option of (i) making additional payment(s) to the District, within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of the notice, for continued services under the MOA through the end of the federal fiscal year; (ii) agreeing to continue to receive services under the MOA until SEWD Funds are exhausted, at which time any remaining SEWD-designated priority projects will be processed pursuant to the standard review procedures, in a manner decided by the District; or, (iii) agreeing to a reduced level of service under this MOA.

h. By signing this MOA, SEWD certifies that the necessary funds are available and will be transferred to the District in accordance with the terms of this MOA. The District shall not perform any services or incur any expenditures under this MOA unless and until SEWD has made the lump sum payment to the District and such SEWD Funds are available for use.

8. APPLICABLE LAWS: All applicable statutes, regulations, policies, directives, and procedures of the United States will govern this MOA and all documents and actions pursuant to it. Unless otherwise required by law, all expedited reviews of Section 408 requests for permission associated with SEWD-designated priority projects, undertaken by the District, will be governed by Corps national regulations, policies and procedures as well as local District policies and procedures.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The Parties agree that, in the event of a dispute between the Parties, the SEWD and the District shall use their best efforts to resolve the dispute in an informal fashion through consultation and communication, or other forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution mutually acceptable to the Parties. The Parties agree that, in the event such measures fail to resolve the dispute, they will proceed in accordance with Federal law.

10. PUBLIC INFORMATION: The District will not be responsible for justifying or explaining SEWD programs or projects before other agencies, departments and offices. The District may provide, upon request from SEWD, any assistance necessary to support justification or explanations of activities conducted under this MOA. In general, the District is responsible only for public information regarding the District's operations and maintenance activities. SEWD will give the District advance notice before making formal, official statements regarding District activities funded under this MOA.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. This MOA will not affect any pre-existing or independent relationships or obligations between SEWD and the District.

b. If any provision of this MOA is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in force and unaffected to the fullest extent permitted by law and regulation.

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c. The District's participation in this MOA does not imply endorsement of SEWD projects nor does it diminish, modify, or otherwise affect the District's statutory or regulatory authorities.

d. This MOA is entered into by the Parties and the rights and obligations herein cannot be transferred to any other entities.

12. AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION:

a. This MOA may be modified or amended only by written, mutual agreement of the Parties.

b. Either party may terminate this MOA by providing written notice to the other party. Such termination shall be effective upon the sixtieth (60th) calendar day following notice, unless a later date is set forth. In the event of termination, SEWD shall continue to be responsible for all costs incurred by the District under this MOA prior to the effective date of such termination and for the costs of closing out or transferring any on-going SEWD-designated priority projects. Any outstanding SEWD-designated priority permission requests will be processed pursuant to the standard review procedures, in a manner to be decided by the District.

c. Within ninety (90) days of termination of the MOA, the District shall conduct an accounting to determine the actual costs of the work. Within thirty (30) days of completion of this accounting, the District shall return to SEWD any SEWD Funds in excess of the actual costs, subject to compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq.). SEWD Funds may be provided to SEWD either by check or by electronic funds transfer.

13. REVIEW OF THE MOA: The Parties will review the terms of this MOA annually or on another frequency as determined by the Parties.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION: This MOA will become effective when signed by both SEWD and the District. This MOA shall remain in force until the MOA is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 12.

15. INTEGRATION: This MOA, including any documents incorporated by reference or attachments thereto, but excluding the pre-existing relationships or obligations between the Parties referenced in subparagraph 11.a. above, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, oral or written, are merged herein and shall be of no further force or effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agreement is executed by SEWD, acting by and through its Executive Director or his designee, and by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District through its authorized officer.

STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT:

Signature

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Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager Stockton East Water District

(Date)

FOR THE U. S. ARMY SACRAMENTO DISTRICT OF ENGINEERS:

Chad W. Caldwell, P.E.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commander and District Engineer

(Date)

Appendix A

ESTIMATE FOR STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT

\$139,425

Hosie Low Water Crossing

Task	Description	Hours	\$165/hr fully burdened	Start	Finish	Notes
1	Meetings (to include Site Visits)	15	\$2,475	10-Apr-23	30-Sep-23	Monthly Coordination Meetings, Weekly Construction Meetings, 5 Site Visits
2	NHPA Section 106 Consultations	40	\$6,600	10-Apr-23	30-Sep-23	Review cultural documentation
3	Operations PM Oversight	40	\$6,600	10-Apr-23	30-Sep-23	Prepare and route LOP documentation
	TOTAL	95	\$15,675			

George Watkins Low Water Crossing

Task	Description	Hours	\$165/hr fully burdened	Notes
1	Meetings (to include Site Visits)	35	\$5,775	Monthly Coordination Meetings, Weekly Construction Meetings, 5 Site Visits
2	NEPA Document Review	25	\$4,125	Review env documentation
3	ESA Section 7 Consultations	30	\$4,950	Review env documentation
4	NHPA Section 106 Consultations	30	\$4,950	Review cultural documentation
5	Operations PM Oversight	40	\$6,600	Prepare and route LOP documentation
6	Levee Safety Review	40	\$6,600	60/90% Comment Closeout + Memo + 100% Design Memos
7	Hydraulics Review	40	\$6,600	60/90% Comment Closeout + Memo + 100% Design Memos
8	Real Estate Review	10	\$1,650	Review RE property requirements
9	Structural Analysis		\$0	
10			\$0	
	TOTAL	250	\$41,250	

Hogan Low Water Crossing

Task	Description	Hours	\$165/hr fully burdened	Notes
1	Meetings (to include Site Visits)	35	\$5,775	Monthly Coordination Meetings, Weekly Construction Meetings, 5 Site Visits
2	NEPA Document Review	25	\$4,125	Review env documentation
3	ESA Section 7 Consultations	30	\$4,950	Review env documentation
4	NHPA Section 106 Consultations	30	\$4,950	Review cultural documentation
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7	Hydraulics Review	40	\$6,600	60/90% Comment Closeout + Memo + 100% Design Memos
8	Real Estate Review	10	\$1,650	Review RE property requirements
9	Structural Analysis		\$0	
10			\$0	

TOTAL	250	\$41,250	
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Fujinaka Low Water Crossing

Task	Description	Hours	\$165/hr fully burdened			Notes
1	Meetings (to include Site Visits)	35	\$5,775			Monthly Coordination Meetings, Weekly Construction Meetings, 5 Site Visits
2	NEPA Document Review	25	\$4,125			Review env documentation
3	ESA Section 7 Consultations	30	\$4,950			Review env documentation
4	NHPA Section 106 Consultations	30	\$4,950			Review cultural documentation
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9	Structural Analysis		\$0			
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	TOTAL	250	\$41,250			

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Memorandum

To: Board of Directors
From: Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager
Juan Vega – Assistant General Manager
Date: May 30, 2023
Re: Vehicle Purchase FY 2023-2024 and Proposed Budget Amendment

Background

As Part of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY 23-24) Budget, the Board of Directors (Board) approved funding for two vehicle purchases. One is a pickup truck which was meant to be used in the water supply department and the other was a pool vehicle that would allow the District to retire one of the older pool vehicles. The budgeted amounts for each vehicle were \$40,000 for the truck and \$27,000 for the pool vehicle. Historically, Stockton East Water District (District) has purchased full-sized trucks in order to accommodate sufficiently spacious truck tool boxes for maintenance staff.

Due to continuing supply chain issues, the state purchasing program has had a shortage of inventory, and work trucks continue to be in low supply or unavailable. Furthermore, lead times for these vehicles are unpredictable and have taken much longer than anticipated the last two times the District participated in this program. In June 2021 the District ordered 2 trucks that took 18 months to arrive. In February 2022 the District ordered one truck which took 12 months to arrive.

Additionally, on April 28 2023, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), formally adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation which requires that from 2024-2026, 50% of vehicles used by government entities be Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs). In 2027 and beyond the percentage rises to 100%.

Summary

After evaluating the needs of the water supply department, staff has reached the conclusion that a smaller truck is more desirable than a full-sized truck. Water supply staff does not have a need for a fully stocked service body; thus, a smaller bed is acceptable. The smaller body should also provide additional maneuverability, especially in adverse situations as was the case during the storm events of 2023. The smaller truck should lead to safer, more efficient transportation for operation of the District's conveyance systems.

With the upcoming CARB requirements, staff has shifted focus to a more strategic purchasing outlook. As such, staff believes that the purchase of a passenger pool vehicle may better serve the District in a future year, as there is a wider variety of vehicles that should be available across that category in 2024-2027. Optionally, if electric trucks do become viable and available, the district has flexibility to repurpose an existing vehicle to a pool vehicle in the future. Thus, staff has shifted its focus to purchasing an additional work truck. By freeing up two of the bigger body trucks from water supply, those trucks can be used by maintenance once equipped with the appropriate equipment.

Financial Impact

Staff looked at the availability and price of mid-sized trucks across some of the most common manufacturers, with the caveat that Ram’s smallest truck is a model 1500 full-sized truck. **Table 1** shows the expected price for an 4-wheel drive model and minimal optional upgrades (including taxes & registration).

MAKE	MODEL	TOTAL PRICE	STATE PROGRAM
TOYOTA	TACOMA	\$32,688.00	YES
CHEVY	COLORADO	\$37,112.00	NOT AVAILABLE
RAM	1500	\$40,539.00	YES
FORD	RANGER	\$45,850.00	NOT AVAILABLE

Table 1. Vehicle Pricing and State Purchasing Program Availability

The budgeted amount for FY23-24 is \$67,000 which would be short of the amount required if two trucks were to be purchased. As such a necessary budget amendment would be required as seen in **Table 2**.

Item	Fund	Account	Purpose	Beginning Balance	Transfer	Ending Balance
Transfer To	91	10-8021-0	Vehicle Purchases	\$ 67,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 82,000
Transfer From	91	10-2199-0	Fund Balance	\$ 138,000	\$ (15,000)	\$ 123,000

Table 2. Required amendment to purchase two mid-sized trucks.

Recommendation

Using the state purchase program usually leads to the best value when purchasing vehicles. However, the long and unpredictable lead times may result in the purchase of the vehicles to extend to 2024 which could create issues with the recent CARB requirements and push the vehicle purchase beyond the FY23-24 budget year. As such, staff recommends the following:

1. The Board authorize the General Manager to approve the purchase of two Chevy Colorado trucks, when they become available, from a dealer for a price each not to exceed \$37,112(which includes taxes and registration) plus a 10% contingency of \$3,711 for a total amount of \$40,823 each, and make all other necessary approvals. (Total of 81,646)
2. The Board approve a required budget amendment to as proposed in **Table 2** to allow the purchase of the vehicles as presented in the first recommendation.

Approving both recommendations would allow sufficient time and flexibility to both keep the purchase in the current fiscal year, and prevent any possible issues with CARB’s ACF regulation.



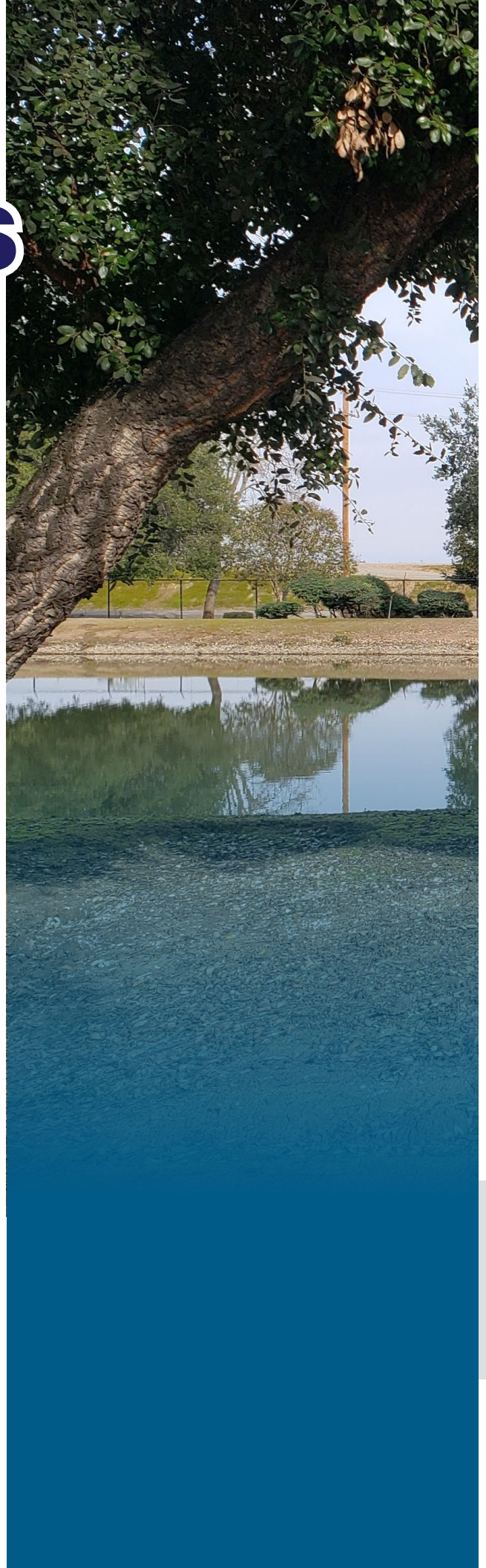
Strategic Plan

2023

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Strategic plan facilitation by:



Charting a Course Toward a Sustainable Water Future

A Message from the Directors

The Stockton East Water District (District) was created to ensure proper management of our groundwater basin and provide supplemental surface water supplies. When our mission was established in 1948, the then Stockton & East San Joaquin Water Conservation District had to rely on big ideas, regional collaboration, and unwavering fortitude to achieve the overarching goal. Through visionary foresight and tireless progression towards the District's mission, prior constituents, directors, and staff have contributed more to the groundwater basin than any other local conservation agency.

In 2014, the District was presented with a new challenge to our mission and accomplishment thereof – the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The SGMA requires the District to accomplish the mission of sustainable groundwater basin management by 2040. Achievement of the District's mission and SGMA requirement was further complicated in 2019 by approval of Bay-Delta Plan Amendments, which have the potential to reduce availability of necessary surface water supplies that previous generations of District Boards worked arduously to secure. Current threats to the District's water supplies warranted realignment of constituents, directors, and staff through a strategic plan process to ensure everyone was flowing in the same direction.

The Strategic Plan was developed through an engaging and collaborative process that included vision and feedback from the District's talented employees, management team, Board of Directors, and valued constituents: domestic well owners, agricultural customers, and the urban contractors. The Board of Directors appreciates the time and thoughtful input of all those involved. The resulting Strategic Plan provides valuable guidance for the District's path forward, maintaining focus on the most important strategic areas, such as our employees, while refining objectives for new strategic areas such as water supply reliability.



Richard Atkins

President, Stockton East Water District Board of Directors

I look forward to working with staff to turn our new vision into a reality. The path forward will be full of new challenges, but nothing is beyond our reach and I am certain the District's talented team is up for the challenge. The Board and I are ready to support staff and constituent efforts to make implementation of this Strategic Plan a success.



Justin Hopkins

General Manager, Stockton East Water District



Strategic Planning Process

The Stockton East Water District (District) initiated a strategic planning process in 2023, using a process designed to ensure:

- + A shared vision of the outcomes that the District sought to create. Organizations driven by clear purposes and shared values have a greater capacity to succeed than those that are not.
- + A collective understanding of the available resources, the operating context, and the principles upon which desired outcomes and strategies are based.
- + Acceptance of the direction and urgency of the strategic plan, which will be integrated into the way the District is operated on a day-to-day basis.



To achieve these conditions for success, the District’s strategic planning process involved input from a broad group of internal and external stakeholders. Major elements of the engagement process included:

- + Interviews and work sessions with the District’s Board of Directors
- + Interviews and work sessions with the General Manager and leadership team
- + A survey distributed to all District employees
- + Interviews with key stakeholders and a survey of the District’s agricultural customers

Input was used to develop the utility’s six strategic outcome areas, as well as the associated strategies for implementation over the next five years.

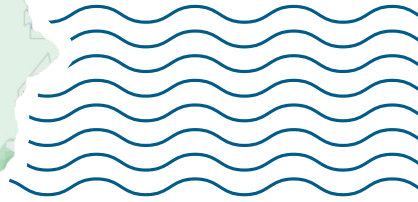
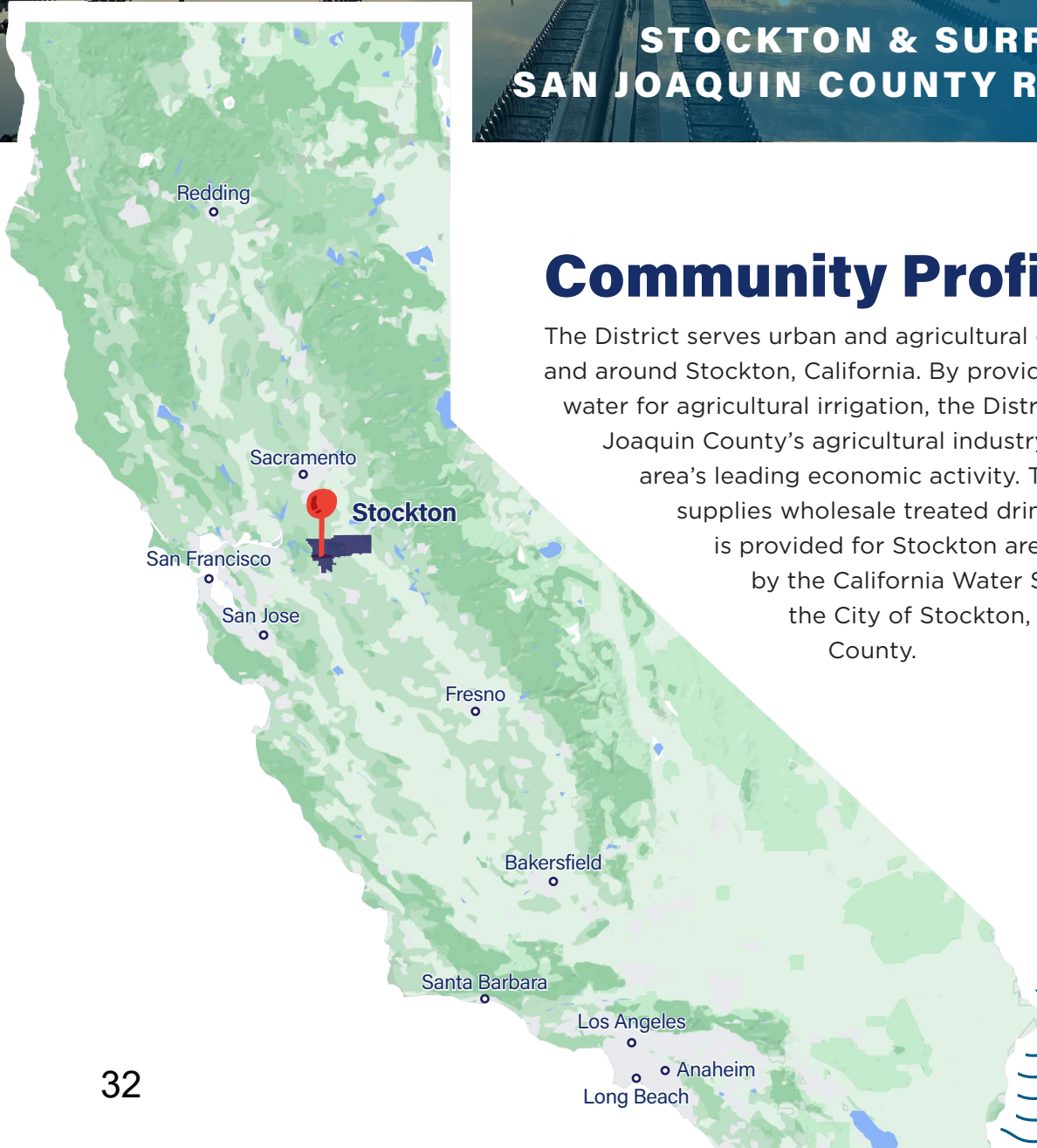


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**STOCKTON & SURROUNDING
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Community Profile

The District serves urban and agricultural customers in and around Stockton, California. By providing surface water for agricultural irrigation, the District supports San Joaquin County's agricultural industry, which is the area's leading economic activity. The District also supplies wholesale treated drinking water, which is provided for Stockton area retail customers by the California Water Service Company, the City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County.





2,100+

AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS

With a population of almost 325,000 people, the City of Stockton is the 11th largest in California and the 58th largest in the United States. Founded in 1849 as part of the California Gold Rush, Stockton is located on the San Joaquin River and served as an important inland seaport for ocean-going vessels and supply stop for prospectors. Thousands of miles of waterways in and around Stockton make up the California Delta, which sees approximately half of the total river flows in the state. The County seat for San Joaquin County, Stockton was the most diverse city in the United States in 2020, according to U.S. News and World Report. The City's median household income is \$63,916,

compared to \$84,097 in the State of California, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In addition to providing drinking water for the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County, the District has approximately 250 agricultural surface water, 1,900 agricultural groundwater, and 6,000 domestic well accounts. San Joaquin County, with 920,000 acres of agriculturally productive land, is California's 7th-largest agricultural producer, generating approximately \$3 billion for the region in 2020. Top crops and agricultural products include almonds, milk, grapes, walnuts, and cherries. Approximately 4,000 farms are located in San Joaquin County, with an average size of 202 acres.

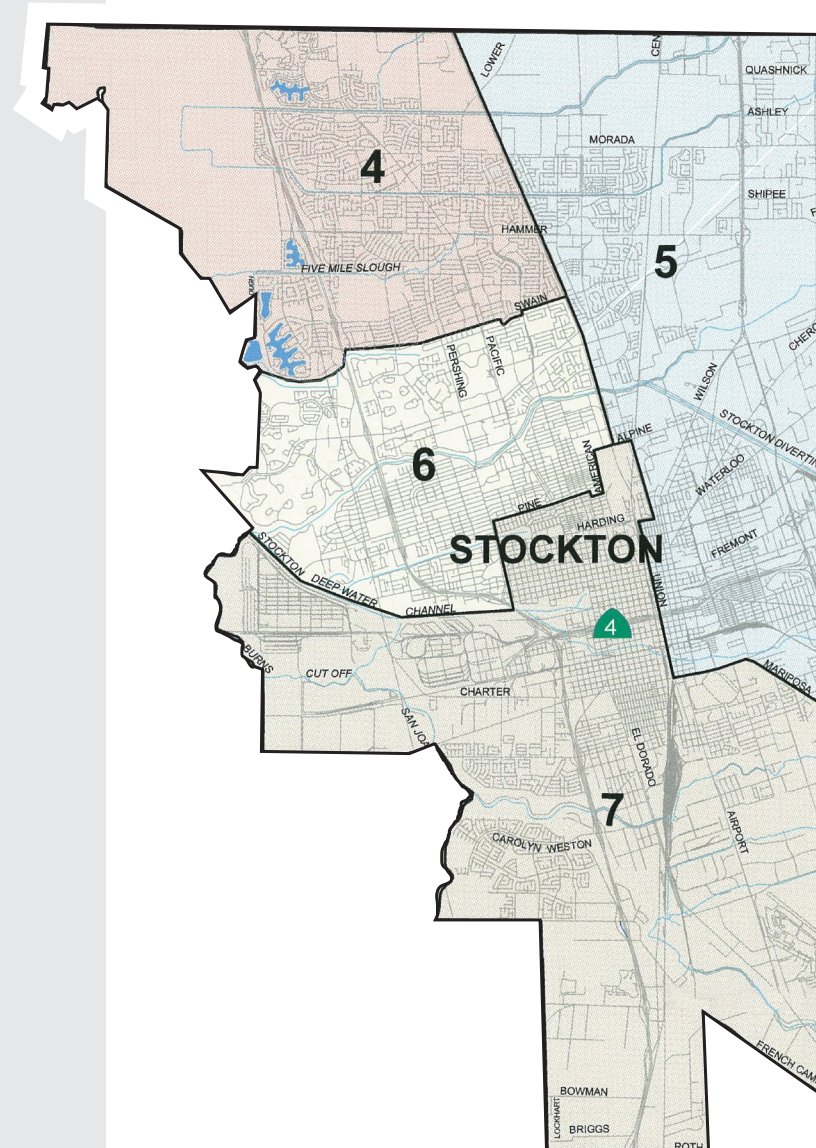


About the District

The District was formed in 1948 under the 1931 Water Conservation Act of the State of California, and was originally organized as the Stockton and East San Joaquin Water Conservation District, an independent political subdivision of the state government.

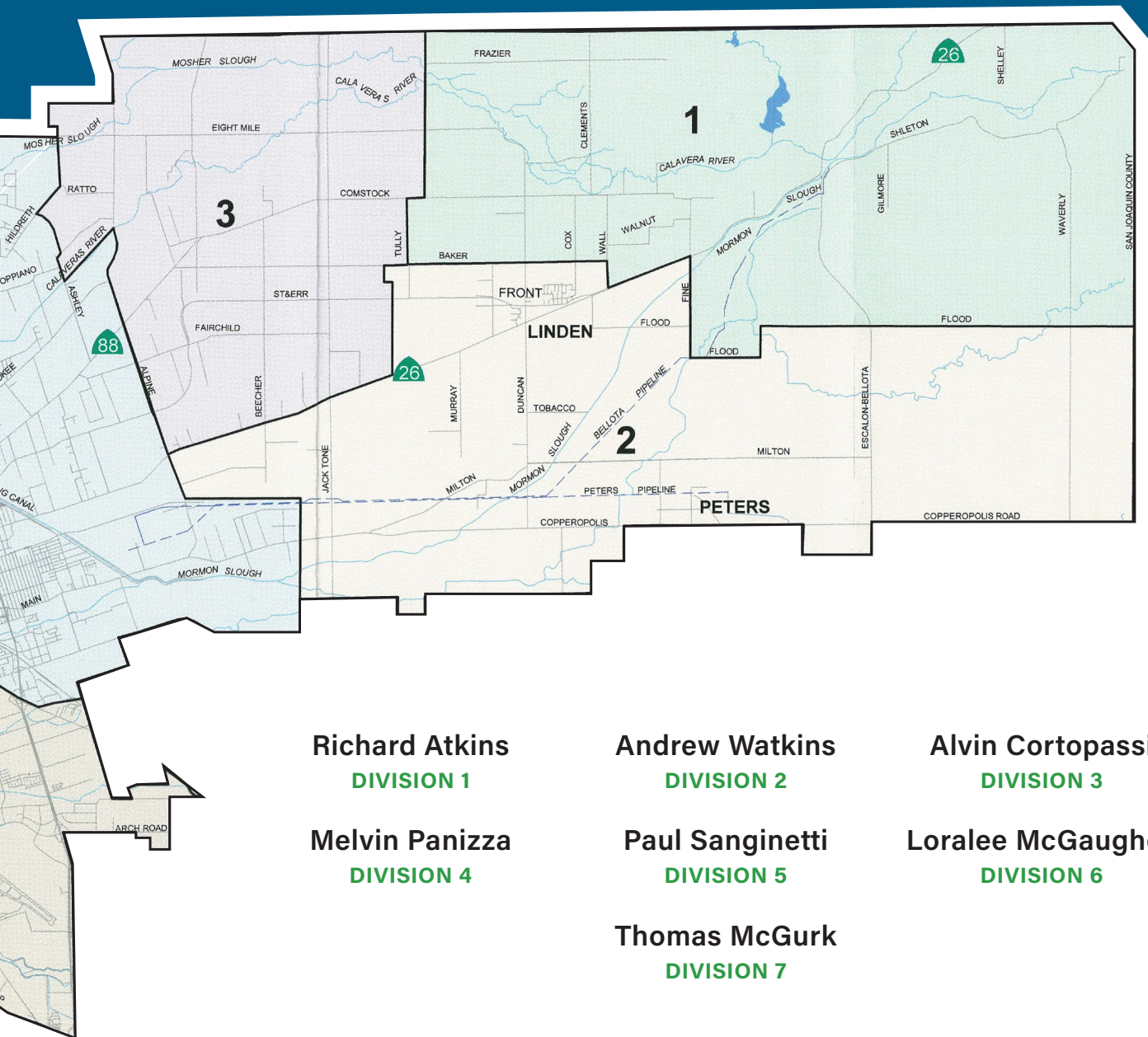
The District was responsible for acquiring a supplemental water supply and developing water use practices that would secure a balance between the District's surface water and its customer's groundwater supplies. From 1948 to 1963, the District focused its efforts on water resource planning by evaluating groundwater conditions and determining requirements for supplemental water. These intensive efforts by the District and other local agencies resulted in the construction of New Hogan Dam in 1964.

In 1971, District boundaries were expanded to include the entire Stockton urban area, and plans were initiated for a 30 million gallon per day (MGD) drinking water treatment plant. The plant has since been upgraded to 65 MGD, in recognition of increased demand from urban customers. After further expansion to encompass additional agricultural users, the District's service area now includes more than 143,000 acres.



District Governance

From a governance perspective, the District is divided into seven divisions, each of which is represented by an elected Director. Though each division's candidate for Director must reside within that division, every voter in the District's service area is eligible to vote on any and all contests, so Directors are elected by division but voted on at-large.



Creating a Vision for the Future

On March 14 2023, the District’s Board of Directors and leadership team met to articulate a strategic direction for the organization. The resulting framework includes the District’s vision, updated mission, and strategic outcome areas, thereby setting the course for future activities.

In looking to the future, each Director was asked to share what they believe to be true about the future of the District. Responses are captured in the following graphic.

STAY FOCUSED on OUR GOALS
THERE IS a LOT HAPPENING in WATER in the STATE

GOOD STAFF and PEOPLE
OPERATIONALLY WE are in GOOD SHAPE
NEED to BE PROACTIVE to ACQUIRE WATER
WE OWN SOME WATER

STOCKTON is GROWING...
GETTING PEOPLE to UNDERSTAND the FUTURE
WE ARE DOING WELL!

DELIVERING on our MISSION
BEING a DIRECTOR is MEANINGFUL to ME
IT TAKES a TEAM

WE ARE MOVING AHEAD
and OUR ISSUE is MONEY
EXPAND WHAT we HAVE...
IT COSTS MONEY to COMPLY, WE NEED FUNDING

GOOD STAFF and MANAGEMENT
as a BOARD, OUR MAIN FOCUS:
BE FORWARD LOOKING and IMAGINATIVE and TAKE SOME RISKS

WE NEED to COMMUNICATE OUR NEEDS...

WORK with OUR PARTNERS
to USE MORE SURFACE WATER

BUILD to BEING REGIONAL LEADERS

THEMES...

THIS I BELIEVE

Strategic Framework



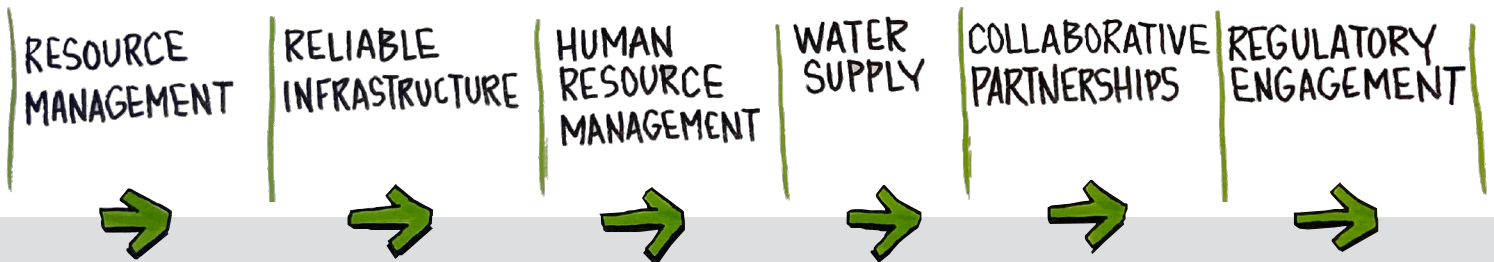
VISION

to be A REGIONAL LEADER and RELIABLE PARTNER *by* IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS for our AGRICULTURAL & URBAN CUSTOMERS, SECURING EXISTING and ADDITIONAL WATER RESOURCES, and ACHIEVING GROUNDWATER BASIN SUSTAINABILITY

MISSION

STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT ENSURES SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER, HIGH-QUALITY DRINKING WATER, and SUPPLEMENTAL SURFACE WATER for AGRICULTURAL USE

OUTCOME AREAS



Strategic Outcomes

Resource Management

Facilitating successful financing and grants for high-value projects through execution of thoughtful policies, long-term plans, and reasonable rates.

Strategies:

- + Review, update, and streamline District policies
- + Conduct long-term financial planning, to include grants, rate setting, and financing strategies
- + Review and optimize diversification of District investments

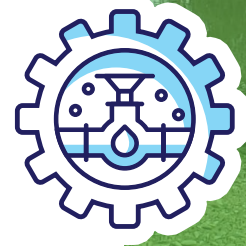


Reliable Infrastructure

Implementing plans to fully address aging infrastructure, promote technology enhancements, and provide reliable water supply for customers.

Strategies:

- + Develop and implement Master Plans for water supply, and water treatment
- + Apply efficient and proven technology enhancements to meet the changing needs of our customers and operations
- + Proactively address infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation through asset management



Human Resources Management

Attracting, developing, and retaining exceptional employees through professional development, employee recognition programs, and competitive compensation packages.

Strategies:

- + Promote a forward-looking and collaborative organizational culture
- + Identify and address knowledge and training gaps and institute incentive programs to support employee development
- + Develop and implement a holistic onboarding process



Water Supply

Ensuring groundwater sustainability by maximizing the use of surface water with agricultural and urban customers and improving drought resiliency.



Strategies:

- + Develop rates, assessments, and policies that encourage and maximize the use of surface water
- + Comply with SGMA through development and implementation of projects, partnerships, and groundwater recharge opportunities in the Basin
- + Increase water supply resiliency, including perfecting existing water rights applications

Regulatory Engagement

Collaborating with local, regional, state, and federal interest groups to enhance the District's ability to monitor, shape, and ultimately meet regulatory requirements.



Strategies:

- + Leverage industry associations and lobbying efforts to better understand and impact regulatory and legislative changes
- + Engage with regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with existing and upcoming regulations
- + Protect the existing water rights that benefit the District

Collaborative Partnerships

Fostering strong relationships through open and transparent communication and pursuit of shared goals.



Strategies:

- + Develop an external organizational identity and outreach program to build awareness of SEWD and the value provided by the District
- + Build regional consensus for high impact water projects
- + Encourage a stronger relationship with Urban Contractors through regular communication and the pursuit of mutually beneficial goals

Implementation & Next Steps

Each of the strategic outcome areas included in this plan contain a series of strategies and projects that will move the District toward achievement of its long-term priorities. However, it is important to note that for the desired results to be achieved, the strategies must be effectively implemented. Therefore, careful attention and focus on strategy implementation is essential for achieving success.

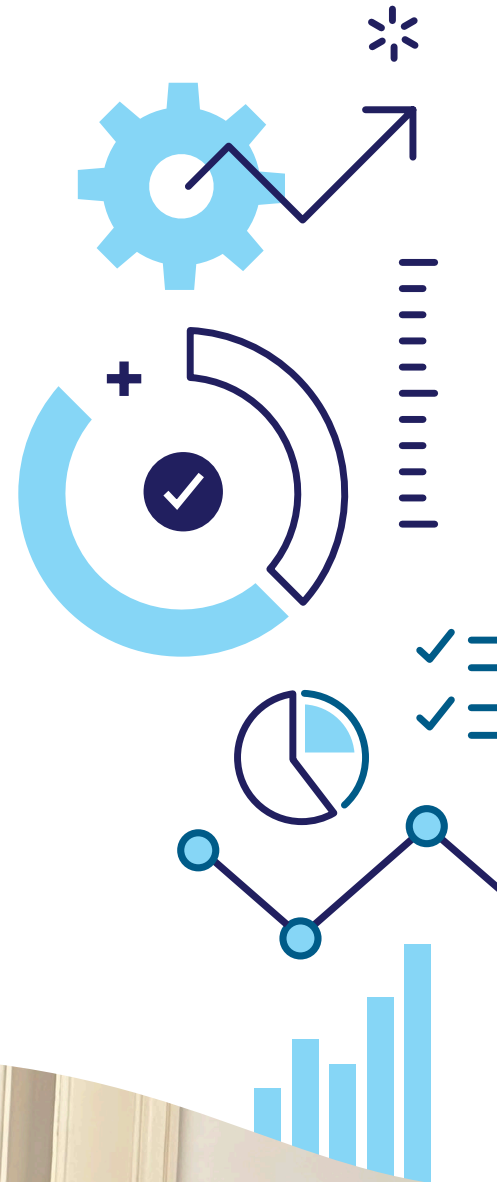
The District's Implementation Process Includes:

Leveraging internal subject matter expertise by continuing to use key staff and Board members that are knowledgeable, energized, and committed to the implementation of the strategies to draft implementation plans for each strategy, including:

- + Tasks and activities necessary for implementation
- + Assigned individuals or groups
- + Due dates and timelines for key tasks
- + Resource requirements

Monitoring and sharing implementation progress with organizational leadership and the Board of Directors

Reviewing and updating implementation tasks on at least an annual basis



+ A delegation of District representatives traveled to Washington DC in March 2023 to engage lawmakers around current and future regulatory requirements (left to right: Consultant Barkett, General Manager Hopkins, Board President Atkins, Representative Josh Harder, Director Watkins, and Director Sanguinetti)



Pictured above are the full Stockton East Water District Board of Directors and 38 of the 48 total employees.



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Water Advisory Committee

San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation

May 23, 2023, 5pm SJFB Office and via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85467861347?pwd=dFkweG5WRlg5V094Rjc2MUdndmdJdz09>

Meeting ID: 854 6786 1347

Passcode: 052323

Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 25, 2023 (*Attachment 1*)
3. DISTRICT REPORTS:
 - a) East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
 - b) North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD)
 - c) Central Delta
 - d) South Delta
 - e) Reclamation Districts
 - f) Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID)
 - g) Stockton East Water District (SEWD)
 - h) Oakdale Irrigation District (OID)
 - i) South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID)
 - j) Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - k) San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition (SJCDWQC)
 - l) San Joaquin County (SJC)
 - m) Delta Caucus
 - n) CAFB
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. AB 1337 (*Attachment 2*)
 - b. AB 460 (*Attachment 3*)
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Hot Topics for future meetings?

Next meeting: June 27, 2023

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Eastern Water Alliance

Post Office Box 5157, Stockton, CA 95205

An Alliance of Water Districts, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and Stockton East Water District, located over the critically overdrafted Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at Stockton East Water District, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California

MEETING OF THE DREAM MONITORING COMMITTEE

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM)
 - A. Project Update and Test Results
- 5) Other Business
- 6) Plan for Next Meeting
- 7) Adjournment

MEETING OF THE EASTERN WATER ALLIANCE

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) RRG Presentation

Action items:

- 5) Approve Minutes
 - a. June 21, 2021
 - b. November 18, 2021
- 6) Appoint Representative to DREAM Monitoring Committee
- 7) Approve Extension of Time to Complete the DREAM Project
- 8) Approve Additional Acres to be used for In-lieu Recharge for DREAM Project
- 9) Agenda Planning for Next Meeting
- 10) Adjournment



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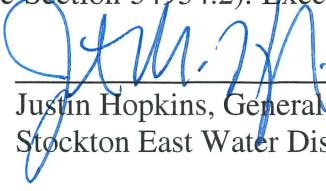
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Certification of Posting

I hereby certify that on May 19, 2023 I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the outside display case at the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Water Alliance (Government Code Section 54954.2). Executed at Stockton, California on May 19, 2023.



Justin Hopkins, General Manager
Stockton East Water District

Assistance for the Disabled: If you are disabled in any way and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please call Kristin Carido, Administrative Services Manager (209) 948-0333 for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made.



SPECIAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

1810 Hazelton Avenue Stockton CA 95205 Conference Room A

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Scheduled Items – *Presentation Materials to be Posted on ESJGroundwater.org and Emailed Prior to the Meeting.*

A. Discussion/Action Items

1. Approval of the April 12th 2023 minutes - [page 3](#)
2. Status of SGMA Round 2 Grant
3. Review of FY 23-24 GWA Budget Alternatives, Referral to the Board

III. Staff Reports

1. GWA Staff Report
 - a. SGMA Round 1 Grant and Progress
 - b. WAF Ad Hoc Committee Formation
 - c. Communications and Engagement Plan
2. DWR Report - [page 5](#)
3. Other Items

IV. Public Comment (non-agendized items)

V. Director Comments

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Steering Committee Meeting

AGENDA

(Continued)

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

8:30 am to 10:00 am

San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

Weekly Water Report	As of: May 23, 2023	As of: May 30, 2023
New Hogan (NHG) TOC	240,788	AF
Storage:	240,861	AF
Net Storage Change:	-763	AF
Inflow:	120	CFS
Release:	175	CFS
New Melones (NML) Allocation	75,000	AF
Storage:	1,709,538	AF
Net Storage change:	+97,313	AF
Inflow:	11,860	CFS
Release:	3,114	CFS
Source: CDEC Daily Reports		

Goodwin Diversion (GDW)		
Inflow (Tulloch Dam):	3,126	CFS
Release to Stanislaus River (S-98):	1,505	CFS
Release to OID (JT Main):	795	CFS
Release to SSJID (SO Main):	325	CFS
Release to SEWD:	<u>212</u>	CFS
Total Release	2,837	CFS
Source: Tri-Dam Operations Daily Report		
Farmington Dam (FRM)		
Diverted to SEWD:	N/A	CFS
Diverted to CSJWCD:	0	CFS
Source: USACE WCDS Hourly Report		

Surface Water Used		
Irrigators on New Hogan:	11	
Irrigators on New Melones:	2	
Out-Of-District Irrigators:	0	
DJWWTP Production:	36	MGD
North Stockton:	5	MGD
South Stockton:	8	MGD
Cal Water:	29	MGD
City of Stockton DWSP Production:	23	MGD

District Ground Water Extraction		
74-01	0	GPM
74-02	0	GPM
North	0	GPM
South	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 1	<u>0</u>	GPM
Total Well Water Extraction	0	GPM
Total Ground Water Production	0	MGD

Note: All other flow data reported here is preliminary, as of 10:30 a.m. on 05/23/23.

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ACWA State Legislative Committee

May 26th, 2023

Virtual Meeting Only

<https://acwa.zoom.us/j/89637613064?pwd=bnZ4eU9Wa3NlVXZqakZlWjRlMVUxLdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3761 3064

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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| 1. Welcome | Brian Poulsen, Chair |
| 2. Executive Director's Report | i. Lauren Layne, Vice-Chair
Dave Eggerton |
| 3. Deputy Executive Director Report | Cindy Tuck |
| 4. Review of Bill Packet | |
| 5. Legislative Updates | |
| 6. Regulatory Updates | Chelsea Haines |
| 7. Other Business | |
| 8. Adjourn | |

Reminder: Next State Legislative Committee Meeting on June 16th 2023 (In Person Only)

*Bill packets are also available online by logging on to www.acwa.com.

To access, go to the About My ACWA tab > ACWA Committees > State Legislative > 2023 State Legislative Committee Meeting Materials (Members Only)

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May 25, 2023

Honorable Josh Harder
District 9, U.S. House of Representatives
4701 Sisk Road, Suite 202
Modesto, CA 95356

RE: Unreasonable Review Timeframe for Section 408 Letter of Permission Requests

Dear Representative Harder:

The Stockton East Water District (District) desires to replace an existing low water crossing in Mormon Slough, San Joaquin County, which is a barrier to fish passage at normal flows. The proposed Hosie Low Water Crossing Fish Passage Improvement Project (Project) will construct a replacement farm road crossing of Mormon Slough that meets fish passage criteria for State and Federally protected salmonid species. To assist with costs, the District received \$1.96M from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and \$264,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund the Project and three additional fish barrier improvement projects.

The District submitted a 3615 Application for Encroachment Permit and request for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 Letter of Permission on January 21, 2021 with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) for the Project and received acknowledgement of receipt on February 8, 2021. The CVFPB advised in May 2022 the 408 Letter of Permission was anticipated around June 2022. Subsequently, the USACE advised in December 2022 the 408 Letter of Permission was unlikely to be provided before the end of year. As of the date of this letter, the District has yet to receive the 408 Letter of Permission and therefore cannot receive the CVFPB encroachment permit.

The Project was scheduled for construction during the summer of 2021; however due to delays with the outstanding permit, construction was postponed until summer 2022 and again postponed until summer 2023. The Project and three accompanying projects are key components of the Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan, which is part and parcel to Incidental Take Permit 23264 issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The Project is also the first of a four project series to improve fish passage between the San Joaquin Delta and the Calaveras River fisheries downstream of New Hogan Dam. Further construction delay of the Project, coupled with the current permit lead time for the future projects, will result in the District's inability to construct all projects within the grant award period.

The District has coordinated with the USACE for alternative project review options and was provided information about Section 214 agreements. The agreements allow the District to fund the USACE's Section 408 review of projects, which is an activity already funded within the federal budget. The District received an estimate of \$15,675 to complete review of the Project, which has been in review for 26 months. The three subsequent projects received review estimates of \$41,250 each, totaling \$139,425 for all four projects. The District's Board

of Directors has determined the amount to be unacceptable given the existing federal budget funding for the review work.

The District humbly requests your assistance with resolution of the current USACE Section 408 Letter of Permission delays and future requests. The Project is fully funded and fully permitted, excepting the Section 408 Letter of Permission from the USACE and corresponding CVFPB encroachment permit. Continued delay of the Project will result in a loss of DWR grant funding and the existing fish passage impediments will not be corrected.

Sincerely,



Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager



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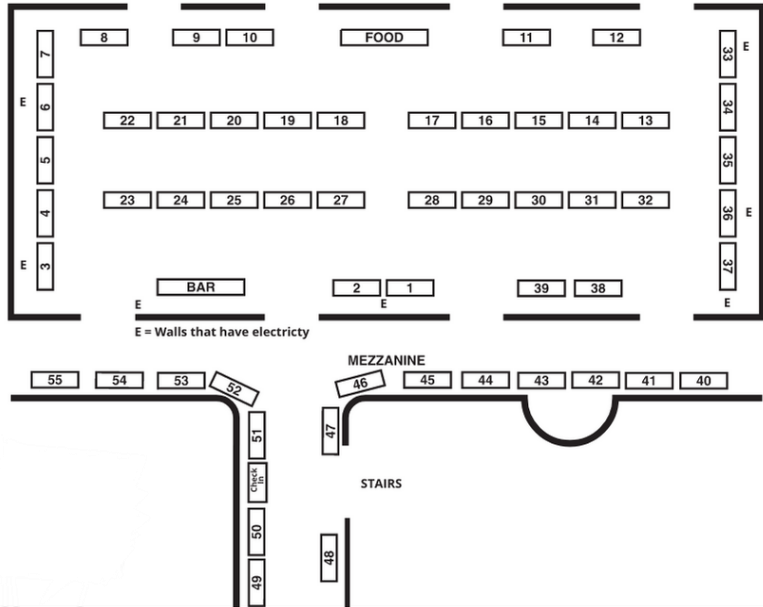
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Tradeshow Mixer Exhibitor Registration

Company: _____
 Contact Name: _____
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 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
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Exhibitor: Includes 6' or 8' covered table, 2 chairs.

\$300 Member \$375 Non-Member

Reserve by May 18th

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