

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, JUNE 14, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Interim Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Accountant Ram and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/07/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 14, 2022 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Resolution No. 22-23-04 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects (Funding No. R23AS00005) For Fiscal Year 2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 22-23-04. Interim Manager Hopkins reported there is funding in the current fiscal year for design and to start construction of a new extraction well on the Water Treatment Plant campus. Additionally, there is a new grant funding available from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation under the Drought Response Program that will fund drought response measures such as aquifer storage and recovery wells. Interim Manager Hopkins reported staff is proposing to apply for the grant to match our funding which can then fund construction of an aquifer storage and recovery well that will allow the District to put water

into the ground when we have it, and draw it back out when we need it. Director Cortopassi inquired how the water will be put into the ground. President Watkins replied down the well. Director McGurk asked if staff has a location identified. Interim Manager Hopkins replied somewhere on this campus. District Engineer Evensen commented proposing to construct near the North Pond, just south of where the two existing irrigation pumps are located. District Engineer Evensen reported this location is close to where it needs to be discharged and not too far away to get potable water that will need to be dechlorinated before it is injected into the groundwater. District Engineer reported on flows of ~4,000 gpm. Director Cortopassi inquired for clarification if chlorinated water is going to be used. President Watkins replied we will use treated surface water after it has been dechlorinated. Director Atkins inquired if this was a 50/50 grant. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes. Director McGurk inquired on the depth of the proposed aquifer storage and recovery well, specifically if it will be deeper than the typical percolation. President Watkins replied it will be different aquifer.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-04 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects (Funding No. R23AS00005) For Fiscal Year 2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a picture presentation on the status of the Sodium Hypochlorite Project. District Engineer Evensen reported the construction progress is going well and provided an update of the project progress that included identifying underground utilities; developing the construction access road south of the Administration Building; excavation of the foundation for the hypochlorite tank storage building; noting pouring the foundation this Friday. District Engineer also reported on District staff locating the 8-inch utility waterline running between the sedimentation basin and filter building. District Engineer Evensen mentioned that everything is going great and the soil density test results have come back and they have all passed. Director McGurk inquired if the rebar was tested. District Engineer Evensen replied yes and that Terracon is under contract for materials testing. This item was for information only.

5. Stockton East Water District – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Exhibit A)

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Exhibit A). Interim Manager Hopkins reported this is just the announcement and will bring the Resolution with Exhibit A back to the Board on July 5th for consideration and approval. This information has to be made available to the public 15-days prior to the meeting establishing the Limit for any public comment. This item was for information only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 06/13/22
This meeting was cancelled.

2. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Staffing, 06/13/22
Directors Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the June 13, 2022 Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported the Committee met and reviewed the submittals; and, reported bringing back to the Board at a later date.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/06/22

Interim 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 113,652 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 247 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,851 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 14 irrigators on New Hogan. The water treatment plant is currently processing 52 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 4,612 gpm (~6.91 mgd).

2. Information Items:

Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4 and F2a-5.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. California State Assembly Local Government Committee Hearing – SB656 (Eggman), 06/08/22

Interim Manager Hopkins and Legal Counsel Zolezzi attended the June 8, 2022 California State Assembly Local Government Committee Hearing. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Legislation was presented by Senator Eggman and Legal Counsel Zolezzi provided testimony to the Committee. Interim Manager Hopkins also reported the Legislation received public comment support from San Joaquin County, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and the California Special District Association and reported the Committee voted 6-0 to pass it through.

- b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 06/10/22

Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 10, 2022 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported primary discussions focused on 2 bills AB1717, classifying forest fuel reduction as prevailing wage. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ACWA staff is proposing to change the position from “proposed unless amended” to “watch” out of concern that if they oppose, it could impact labor organization support for dam safety money. Interim Manager Hopkins reported other discussions focused on SB1205 that would require the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) to require climate change as part of Water Availability Analysis (WAA) that is part of water right application(s), emphasizing as currently written, the Legislation would grant SWRCB authority to require existing water rights be revised so that they incorporate impacts from climate change. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the language was amended for future water rights. Interim Manager Hopkins reported since these bills just went to Committee, ACWA scheduled a special State Legislative Committee Meeting on June 20th to discuss SB1205, SB1157 – Reducing indoor water use to 42 gallons/per person daily and AB2201 – Executive Order for GSAs authorizing Well Permitting becoming permanent. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022.

- c. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 06/10/22

Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 10, 2022 Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported primary discussions focused on public outreach to promote conservation. The City of Stockton (COS) is taking an educational approach to the customers who are not meeting the upcoming conservation requirements and the COS will be presenting to City Council at the July 12th City Council Meeting for approval of additional outreach materials. Interim Manager Hopkins inquired on the conservation levels for each of the Urban Contractors and the COS did not have any figures however California Water Service (Cal Water) reported their demand year-over-year has increased and have not seen that conservation yet from the customers. Director McGaughey reported Cal Water has to do something more serious. Director Panizza commented Cal Water has imposed restrictions on outdoor watering to twice a week, effective May 22nd however, has not heard of the COS imposing similar restrictions. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the COS also has water restrictions in place however there is some confusion with their customers because in some locations Cal Water serves part of a block and the COS serves the other so the customers are confused when their neighbors are irrigating different days than they are, so the Urban Contractors are working on coordinating their efforts. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2022.

d. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkins provided a handout to the Board of a proposed Press Release to post to the District website to address the recent curtailment from the State. The District has received a lot of phone calls from customers who are confused about their ability to continue to pump our stored New Hogan water. Interim Manager Hopkins commented if there are no objections from the Board this will be posted so our customers have accurate information. President Watkins inquired if our water supply operators will let the irrigators know; and commented on changing the water order message. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes, staff will inform our customers and staff will also revise the Ag Call-In message script.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 06/06/22
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the June 6, 2022 San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
2. California Special Districts Association – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 06/02/22
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the June 2, 2022 California Special Districts Association – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation & Stockton East Water District, 3:00 p.m., 06/16/22
2. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/17/22
3. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, 06/17/22

4. District Holiday – Juneteenth Day, 06/20/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

2. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins
Negotiating Parties: Rock Creek Water District
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception of Administrative Services Manager Carido, was excused from the Closed Session Meeting at 1:03 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:22 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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