

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, APRIL 27, 2021 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. Director Cortopassi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Assistant Curtis and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza. Also present via teleconference was Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 04/20/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Equipment

After the motion was approved and seconded and roll was taken, there were two inquires as follows:

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 18, line item 127 for Thatcher Company of CA for 1 load of acidified alum delivered on 03/18/21-04/13/21 in the amount of \$36,083.96. Manager Moody replied the cost is accurate, this is an expensive chemical.

Director Atkins commented on the expense on page 15, line item 90 for Autozone Stores Inc. for DEF for District vehicles in the amount of \$160.22, pointing out that there is a shelf life for DEF and to be mindful that it will go bad.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 27, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Railcar Purchase for Gotelli Bridge 2 Replacement Project Memo, 04/27/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on a railcar purchase for Gotelli Bridge 2 Replacement Project. Manager Moody reported staff proposes replacing the dilapidated existing bridge with a railcar bridge. The existing bridge would be abandoned by the District and quitclaimed to the landowner.

Director Sanguinetti inquired how wide the original bridge is. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it is ~14-feet wide. There is roughly only 8-feet of useable space on the existing bridge as there are pumps on the other part of the bridge.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the old bridge will be left. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes. Manager Moody added per the April 16, 1958 Grant Deed and Bill of Sale between the District and Linden Irrigation District, SEWD is required to perform all maintenance on and replacement of the bridge. The landowners agreed instead of replacing the bridge, to install a new, adjacent railcar bridge.

Director Panizza inquired if the new bridge will be in a new site location and if the owner will quitclaim the old bridge. Manager Moody replied the new railcar will be adjacent to the old bridge and Legal Counsel Zolezzi is drafting the quitclaim to the landowner.

A motion was moved and seconded to purchase the flat railcar bridge from Pacific Rail in an amount of \$28,687.50 with a 10% contingency in an amount of \$2,868.75. Additionally, once the quitclaim has been drafted it will be brought before the Board for approval.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Water Supply System Security Patrol Memo, 04/27/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding potential Water Supply System security patrol. Manager Moody reported the District is still having issues with people accessing areas of the system that they should not be in.

Director Sanguinetti reported that the Flood Road area is not the sole location where there are problems with trespassing on the system. He suggested contacting the County and Public Works to discuss these issues.

Director McGaughey inquired who is trespassing. Director Sanguinetti replied all sorts of people, which presents a liability issue too. Eventually the District's equipment could be vandalized.

Director McGurk commented that the District should consider taking action so it is not caught in a liability lawsuit and his comment was noted by staff.

Director Panizza inquired if it would be better to have District staff talk with the County and see what their response would be before acting on this issue and increase the District's liability. President Watkins concurred.

Manager Moody reported he will speak with County officials to determine next steps. President Watkins suggested speaking with the Sheriff's office too so everyone is involved.

President Watkins requested this information be brought back to the Board after speaking with the County and Sheriff's office.

5. Stockton East Water District – Phytophthora Study Memo, 04/27/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding a phytophthora study. Manager Moody reported staff has received confirmation from the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that they are ready to move forward with this study.

Director McGurk inquired if this is a one-time study. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Director Sanguinetti suggested obtaining samples of soil that has never been irrigated by surface water. Manager Moody replied that will be part of this study.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the \$31,000 proposal to move forward with the Phytophthora Study.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)**

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/26/21

Manager Moody 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 149,302 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 145 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,071 cfs and release to all water users are set at 117 cfs. There are 7 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 1 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 0 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 28 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 20 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA Region 4 Leadership to Leadership, 04/21/21

Directors McGurk and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the April 21, 2021 ACWA Region 4 Leadership to Leadership. Director McGurk reported the District was only one of two participants. Pamela Tobin, ACWA Vice President, expressed she and Steven LaMar, ACWA President will be hosting these workshops twice a month and will be broken down by region. Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director reported that ACWA is planning to have their 2021 Fall Conference in person in Pasadena this year. Director McGurk reported that Manager Moody ended up being a primary commentator during this meeting. Manager Moody received kudos from ACWA leadership for his active participation in ACWA workgroups. Manager Moody added that the Board was complimented for being active in ACWA as well. Director McGurk reported that President LaMar inquired with the District who our Washington D.C. Lobbyist is. Manager Moody reported that President LaMar is from Orange County and he reported that Southern California is in great shape this year because the Metropolitan Water District has a record amount of water stored this year. There was discussion on ACWA's failure to get Special Districts recognized by the federal government, but this is still something they are working on. ACWA is interested in the District's HCP and there was discussion on the State Water Resources Control Board water rights application including climate change and discussion on SB 323.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported he wanted Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Assistant Manager Hopkins to provide their feedback on the Friends of the Lower Calaveras presentation from April 26<sup>th</sup>. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported there was good discussion and it was favorable of the District. Assistant Manager Hopkins added Jim Marsh provided a good overview of the effort the District has put in to restoring access to the Calaveras River habitat. Mr. Marsh showed pictures of projects the District has worked on and discussed the cost of doing work and asked the Sierra Club and others to reach out to the District if they know of funding opportunities.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, 12:30 p.m., 04/29/21
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 04/30/21

3. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, 05/03/21

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

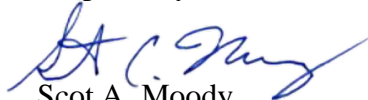
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation  
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.  
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations  
Government Code 54956.8
3. Closed Session – Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:01 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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