

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, AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:24 p.m., and Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza and Sanguinetti. Directors McGaughey and Watkins were absent. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Johnson, Finance Director Vega, District Engineer Lee, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Curtis and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 07/25/17 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 25, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 1, 2017 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Association of California Water Agencies Committee Consideration Form – 2018/2019 Term
Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Committee Consideration Form for the 2018/2019 Term. Manager Moody reported per the July 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, the Board’s suggestion was to leave the committee assignments as they were. This item is for consideration and approval.

President McGurk inquired who Lindsey Ching is. Manager Moody replied she replaced Mike Henry.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Association of California Water Agencies Committee Consideration Form for the 2018/2019 Term.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting, 07/25/17
Director Sanguinetti and Manager Moody attended the July 25, 2017 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported Mary Hildebrand, California Farm Bureau Federation Groundwater Subcommittee was in attendance and discussed beneficial use language. Ms. Hildebrand was looking for assistance from the Committee to help champion beneficial use. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2017.
2. ACWA Region 4 – Pre-ACWA Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call, 07/26/17
[The ACWA Region 4 – Pre-ACWA Board of Directors Meeting Conference Call was cancelled.]
3. Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting (North Site Groundwater Recharge Project), 07/27/17
Directors Atkins, Cortopassi and Watkins attended the July 27, 2017 Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting (North Site Groundwater Recharge Project). Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion on the current piping and how it is currently operated. Upon conversation, the Committee determined there is additional research needed.

Manager Moody reported this meeting was beneficial for staff to have an extra set of eyes on this information and have the Board's input and suggestions. Manager Moody reported the Committee discussed the technical side of the project; however, currently we are still in the conceptual design stage.

Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion on being able to use water from different sources for a variety of reasons. There was discussion on pipes, valves and meters that have been buried ~21-feet below the ground, which are expensive to fix due to the depth. Staff will research other methods of plumbing to that area.

Manager Moody reported because of costs, in the past vaults have not been put around valves, instead they were buried. In the current situation, we would need to dig ~21-feet to fix the valve. Manager Moody reported now may be the time to rethink the strategy of where piping and valves are placed and pay more up front to have them accessible, then have to pay to dig them out of the ground later.

Director Panizza inquired if there was discussion on how this will work with the timeline for the United States Bureau of Reclamation Drought Resilience grant in the amount of \$300,000. Manager Moody replied we are at a crossroads where the Board will have to make a decision as to keep moving forward with the grant money or return the funds. Currently, the stipulation of the grant says water must be in the ground by December 31, 2017. The District can however file an extension for a year if needed.

Director Panizza reported we should consider moving forward with the Project and look at the entire land, not just one portion. When we have the entirety of the land designed, it will sell better when applying for federal and state funding.

Director Sanguinetti advised we look at what will be needed in the future as a whole, instead of piecing the Project together. If the entire land has been designed, the District can execute the designs in sections, as funding is available.

Consensus of the Board was to move forward with the conceptual design for the entire North Site property. Manager Moody advised staff will bring back a quote for consideration and approval to move forward with the design. This item was for information only.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/31/17

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

Manager Moody reported there is 224,147 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 237 cfs. There is 2,140,535 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,507 cfs and release to all water users are set at 3,091 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 32 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 25 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4, F2a-5, F2a-6 and F2a-7.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Cortopassi attended the July 26, 2017 Sediment & Erosion Control Plan Certification Class hosted by the San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition. Director Cortopassi reported Sarah Luchetti led the class; they were provided with a full day's worth of material in a 4-hour window. The focus of the class was to identify potential situations that could happen on landowner's property. Director Cortopassi reported there were ~40 in attendance and it was an informative meeting, and the Coalition is doing a good job explaining what can and should be done. Director Atkins inquired if attendees were tested. Director Cortopassi replied yes. This item was for information only.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Senate Bill 623 (Monning) – Oppose Unless Amended, 07/27/17

Manager Moody provided the Board with Senate Bill 623 (Monning) – Oppose Unless Amended. Manager Moody reported this letter is one of the versions of the good use illegal tax on water, meaning everyone would pay tax on water so they can fund disadvantaged communities. Manager Moody reported the District is not arguing that they should not be helping disadvantaged communities, it is opposing that the District should not collect a tax on the water. This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 08/02/17

2. Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 08/03/17
3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Dorfman Pacific, 5:15 p.m., 08/03/17

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:55 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:26 p.m., with no reportable action.

J. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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