

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 28, 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 Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Interim Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Freeman and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/21/22 Regular Meeting

Director Cortopassi made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 4, section F-1, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence – strike “1,957” and replace with “803”.

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 5, section F-3a, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence – strike “ownness” and replace with “onus”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

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 28, 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. Stockton East Water District – Excavator Purchase Memo, 06/28/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the purchase of an excavator. Interim Manager Hopkins reported in the last two fiscal years, the District has spent approximately \$91,135 annually on excavator rentals. Interim Manager Hopkins stated District Staff has immediate need of an excavator to complete the Upper and Lower Farmington Canal cleanup for the next three Board Meeting – 06/28/22

months; renting an excavator for those two projects would cost the District ~\$52,000. Interim Manager Hopkins reported District Staff received a quote from Holt of California for a Caterpillar 330 SLR long-reach excavator in the amount of \$335,728.31. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the purchase of the excavator would avoid paying rent of around \$52,000 to clean up the Upper and Lower Farmington Canals and in 20 years, the District would save ~\$1,672,814. Interim Manager Hopkins recommended the Board approve the purchase of the Holt of California Caterpillar 330 SLR excavator in the amount of \$335,728.31. Interim Manager Hopkins added the excavator is budgeted in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Director Atkins inquired if District Staff received any quotes from other vendors. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes, a quote was received from Link-Belt Cranes last year. However, the cost was \$30,000 more than Holt of California.

Director McGurk inquired if the Caterpillar 330 SLR excavator is currently in stock. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Director Atkins inquired if Caterpillar is the oldest company to manufacture excavators. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes, to his knowledge.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the Interim General Manager to purchase the Holt of California Caterpillar 330 SLR excavator in the amount of \$335,728.31, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Atkins

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Staffing Memo, 06/28/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding staffing. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Administration Committee met to discuss reorganization and reclassification of District Staff; the main objectives being to create two new classifications of Maintenance Manager and Procurement Specialist, reclassify four staff from Water Supply Operators to Maintenance Mechanic I and one staff from Water Supply Supervisor to Maintenance Supervisor, establishing additional incentives for certified crane operators and Grade 5 water treatment plant operators and revising the current Memorandum of Understanding to include the clarifications provided. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the chart on page 12 includes the financial impact; the total cost impact would be ~\$79,940 annually, however the immediate cost would be ~\$24,000 based on the current number of certifications held by Staff. Interim Manager Hopkins reported District Staff recommends the Board authorize the Interim General Manager to direct staff to make the following changes: reclassify four Water Supply Operators positions into two additional Maintenance Mechanic II positions and two additional Maintenance Mechanic I classifications, approve and fund a new Procurement Specialist position, approve and fund a new Maintenance Manager position, and amend the MOU to include incentives for T5, TSS and STC certifications and additional language to clarify the certification processes.

Director McGaughey inquired if the Maintenance Supervisor currently receives a monthly salary of \$25,000. Interim Manager Hopkins replied no, the \$25,000 would be the annual salary increase.

Director Atkins inquired about the difference between the Maintenance Supervisor and Maintenance Manager classifications. Interim Manager Hopkins replied a Maintenance Supervisor oversees the Board Meeting – 06/28/22

tasks and provides technical expertise and the Maintenance Manager is responsible for managing the human resources aspect of the department, such as evaluating employee appraisals as well as making sure the work is scheduled and completed. Discussion followed regarding the responsibilities of the Maintenance Supervisor and Maintenance Manager positions.

Director Atkins inquired about the Maintenance Mechanic I and Maintenance Mechanic II classifications in regards to the reclassifications from Water Supply Operator. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the four Water Supply Operators proposed to be reclassified as Maintenance Mechanic I and Maintenance Mechanic II were the dedicated Staff working solely on construction projects. Interim Manager Hopkins stated the Maintenance Mechanic I and Maintenance Mechanic II job descriptions have been modified to include construction work. Director Atkins inquired about the new Procurement Specialist position. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the Staff handling all purchasing, receiving, purchase order processing and inventory control for the Operations and Maintenance departments is currently classified as an Administrative Clerk which is not an accurate job description to the work performed.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the Maintenance Mechanic I and Maintenance Mechanic II positions and if they would both perform construction. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes, the job description was modified to include construction duties. Director Atkins inquired if all Staff being reclassified to the Maintenance Mechanic classifications can perform both construction and mechanic work. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes. Discussion followed regarding the reorganization and reclassification of Staff.

Director McGurk inquired if the decision for reclassification is an incentive for Staff. Interim Manager Hopkins replied for the Maintenance Mechanic I classification there is the Maintenance Mechanic II classification position to apply for; however, the incentives to obtain crane certification and Grade 5 water treatment plant operator certification are not merit based but based on District need.

Director Atkins inquired when the next MOU is negotiated. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the current MOU expires March 31, 2026. Discussion followed regarding the current MOU and upcoming salary survey.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the Interim General Manager to direct staff to make the following changes: reclassify four Water Supply Operators positions into two additional Maintenance Mechanic II positions and two additional Maintenance Mechanic I classifications, approve and fund a new Procurement Specialist position, approve and fund a new Maintenance Manager position, and amend the MOU to include incentives for T5, TSS and STC certifications and additional language to clarify the certification processes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Atkins

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between Stockton East Water District & Stockton East Water District Employees (Revised: June 28, 2022)
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between Stockton East Water District & Stockton East Water District Employees (Revised: June 28, 2022).

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between Stockton East Water District & Stockton East Water District Employees (Revised: June 28, 2022), as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Atkins

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 2022-2023 Officers & Board of Directors Nominations
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 2022-2023 Officers & Board of Directors Nominations. Director Sanguinetti suggested the Board vote for the nominees as presented.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 2022-2023 Officers & Board of Directors Nominations, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Board Meeting, 06/24/22
President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 24, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Board Meeting. President Watkins reported the Committee did not have a quorum and there was nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/27/22
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 105,666 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 246 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 900 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 24 irrigators on New Hogan. The water treatment plant is currently processing 46 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 14 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 5,143 gpm (~7.4 mgd).

Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Stanislaus River flow is related to Decision 1641 by the California Water Board and that flow is to help meet the Lower San Joaquin River flow objectives at Vernalis. Discussion followed regarding the Stanislaus River flow.

2. Information Items:
Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Department of Water Resources – Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Consultation Meeting, 06/23/22

President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 23, 2022 Department of Water Resources – Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Consultation Meeting. President Watkins reported discussion regarding DWR’s comments on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and the modifications imposed by the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority. Interim Manager Hopkins stated the Groundwater Sustainability Plan must be submitted by July 27, 2022 which includes the approval of the Plan by all Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Groundwater Sustainability Plan will be brought to the District Board for approval on July 19, 2022. Director Cortopassi commented the County has changed the well permitting process and is no longer giving permits. President Watkins requested Staff to look into what/if the County has made changes. This item was for information only.

b. Delta Counties’ Water Summit, 06/24/22

Director McGurk and District Engineer Evensen attended the June 24, 2022 Delta Counties’ Water Summit. District Engineer Evensen reported overall discussion was the Tunnel is not the solution, there are no long-term jobs, too much traffic, bad for water quality and of the Project’s cost of \$16 Billion. Director McGurk reported comments were made by John Herrick; Jeff Michael; Barbara Barrigan-Parilla; lawyers from the five Delta Counties and Board of Supervisors that were in attendance from Solano & Yolo Counties. Director McGurk reported Jeff Michaels commented on waiting for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), noting the cost of the Project is four-times the benefits. Landowner Russel van Loben Sels commented the Project contradicts water laws already in place and county general plans. Director McGurk reported there are always other alternatives since the first peripheral canal and those other alternatives are being ignored. The five Delta Counties will wait for the EIR and then go into action. Director McGurk reported that San Joaquin Board of Supervisors Winn and Miller were also in attendance. Director Cortopassi inquired if there were discussions regarding the Sites Project. Director McGurk replied that Project has been kicked down the road. Director Sanguinetti added the voters voted for the Bond money. District Engineer Evensen commented the State is thinking about groundwater aquifer storage and they do not want additional surface water reservoirs. Director Cortopassi commented without more surface water we cannot do more projects.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkins reported Staff discovered a leak in Mormon Slough and advised that Staff will be excavating one of the pipes tomorrow to determine the cause of the leak.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported P-27 has been installed and is in service.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported he received an email from San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services in partnership with Self-Help Enterprises requesting aid for emergency services to provide water to individuals that are currently in the process of acquiring a domestic well and do not have water. Interim Manager Hopkins inquired if the Board would like to move forward with providing temporary emergency water. Director McGurk inquired how we would deliver the potable water. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the only way is through hydrants at the Water Treatment Plant. Interim Manager Hopkins thought the District should help and it would be positive if we did help. Director Sanguinetti commented the District should be careful, we cannot participate in this all the time and noted the District has customers to help and we have to think about that before providing this temporary emergency water supply. President Watkins commented that the provided water will be drinking water that users currently do not have. Director Sanguinetti commented there are services with tanks to deliver drinking water to them. Interim Manager Hopkins commented he will bring a Memorandum of Understanding back to the Board for consideration.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 1. Stockton East Water District Presentation, 06/23/22
President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 23, 2022 Stockton East Water District Presentation. Nothing to report.
- 2. Greater Stockton Chamber Of Commerce – 2022 Installation Dinner, 06/23/22
Director Sanguinetti and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 23, 2022 Greater Stockton Chamber Of Commerce – 2022 Installation Dinner. Director Sanguinetti reported Kay G. Ruhstaller was sworn in as the new President of the Board. Director Sanguinetti reported the dinner was a nice function and full attendance. This item was for information only.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 06/28/22
- 2. District Holiday – Independence Day, 07/04/22
- 3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 108th Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 07/07/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

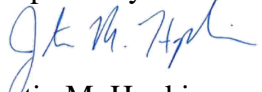
- 1. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer
- 2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:31 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Administrative Services Manager Carido, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:53 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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