

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 22, 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 Sanguinetti 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 Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Celestine, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Assistant Manager Vega was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 08/15/23 – Regular Board Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes;

- Page 2, section E-2, paragraph 1, 3rd sentence – strike “Ridge Track” and replace with “Rindge Tract”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 15, 2023 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 August 15, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Purchasing Policy No. 6035

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Purchasing Policy No. 6035. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff made updates to the Purchasing Policy to better align with the strategic outcomes of the Strategic Plan, provide clarification, and be consistent with policies adopted by similar agencies.

Director McGurk inquired if there would be an audit of purchases to ensure proper spending of District funds. Finance Director Ram clarified there are multiple levels of approval for all purchases.

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Director McGurk commented the Purchasing Policy is well written.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Purchasing Policy No. 6035, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Cancellation of August 29, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation of the August 29, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Recharge Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 08/17/23

President Atkins, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended Stockton East Water District's Recharge Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on August 17th. Manager Hopkins reported the committee is focusing on three large-scale recharge projects; a potential expansion of East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) water banking project, the DREAM project, on land south of the Mokelumne Aqueduct, the addition of two new gravity pipelines off the Calaveras River heading south towards Linden, and the possibility of running a pressurized system north of the Calaveras River to the district's boundary. President Atkins reported staff will be researching if the District has previously secured a right-of-way for the area between Calaveras River to Walnut Drive in Linden. Director McGurk inquired if the District has an existing right-of-way for the pressurized system project. Manager Hopkins replied the District does not have an existing right-of-way, therefore the right-of-way or encroachment would need to be obtained. Director McGurk inquired if there would be a potential to construct a parallel pipe in anticipation for a Linden Treatment Plant. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied you can not do conjunctive use on a municipal supply. A municipality may require a separate, year-round system which could be very expensive.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/15/23

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 205,540 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 206 cfs. There is 1,959,985 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,547 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,501 cfs and release to all water users are set at 2,572 cfs. There are 17 irrigators on New Hogan, 4 irrigators on New Melones, and 1 irrigator out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 48 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 18 mgd. Director Cortopassi requested verification on New Melones releases as they seemed high.

2. Information Items:

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Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the Sodium Hypochlorite Disinfection Facility pump manufacturer has been on-site assisting with training and the start-up of the chemical injection pumps. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place on September 5th.

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with pictures depicting the progress on the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project and the installation of box culverts.

Manager Hopkins reported the Tom Allen Project has been in service for a couple of weeks and presented the Board with a video showing the inflow to the existing pond. Director McGurk inquired if the pond on Tom Allen's property coincides with a deep hole test the District previously conducted. Manager Hopkins replied yes, the pond used in this project was constructed as part of that test.

Manager Hopkins reported the District has submitted a grant application to San Joaquin County for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Manager Hopkins stated Assistant Manager Vega did a great job highlighting how the COVID-19 pandemic affected various project timelines. The District has applied for around \$800,000 in relief funds.

Manager Hopkins reported a delivery driver with Northstar Chemical Inc. did not load the correct mixture of Aluminum Chlorohydrate (ACH) chemical before unloading into the District's chemical tank. Northstar Chemical will be back on-site this week to remove the incorrect mixture and replace with the correct mixture of ACH. Director McGurk inquired how the mistake was noticed. Manager Hopkins replied Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator Brothers noticed the bill of lading paperwork was incorrect.

Director Cortopassi inquired how the Central Valley Project (CVP) budget is affected when there is zero allocation. Manager Hopkins replied when there is zero allocation, the O&M cost will be higher the following year. Director Cortopassi inquired if that applies to all CVP Contractors. Finance Director Ram responded yes, O&M costs are billed the same across the board. Finance Director Ram added the Central Valley Project Water Association (CVPWA) publishes this on their website.

District Engineer Evensen reported the Extraction Well #2 project is progressing well. The well drilling is underway and the casing will be inserted below 600 feet. Director McGurk inquired if the well will monitor at different depths of the groundwater strata. District Engineer Evensen responded the extraction well is not designed to monitor different depths like the United States Geological Survey (USGS) monitoring wells which have three monitoring wells in a cluster set at differing depths.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Congressman Josh Harder Meeting, 08/15/23

President Atkins and Manager Hopkins attended a meeting with Congressman Josh Harder on August 15th. President Atkins reported they participated in a one-on-one meeting with Josh Harder to discuss bill text related to out-of-district water delivery and the differences in M&I and Ag water rates for the Central Valley Project. Manager Hopkins reported Josh Harder's staff is currently

working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a draft of the Water Resources Development Act Bill.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 08/22/23
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:15 p.m., 08/24/23
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 08/25/23
4. California Special Districts Association Annual Conference – Monterey CA, 08/28/23 – 08/31/23
5. ACWA Regulatory Committee Meetings, 9:00 a.m., 08/30/23

Manager Hopkins reported there is an Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Steering Committee meeting scheduled for August 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 – Property: Stanislaus River Water Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins Negotiating Parties: Justin M. Hopkins, Jeanne Zolezzi
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:17 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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