

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 13, 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 Cortopassi 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, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Administrative Service Manager Celestine, Administrative Assistant Wood and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/06/23 Regular Meeting

Director McGurk made the following corrections to the minutes:

Page 2, section D-3, 1st paragraph, 2nd, 5th and 6th sentence – strike “levy” and replace with “levee”.

Director McGurk made the following corrections to the minutes:

Page 2, section D-3, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence – strike “Research” and replace with “Resources”

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 13, 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 June 13, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Friends of Elkhorn, LLC – Non-Potable Water Service Agreement

Manager Hopkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District approved the exchange agreement with Stockton East Water District which would allow the District to deliver water to the Leffler property and allow North San Joaquin Water Conservation District to deliver water to the Elkhorn Golf Course.

Manager Hopkins reported this agreement will allow the District to bill for the water diverted from Pixley Slough as part of the exchange agreement with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

Director Cortopassi inquired how the District would ensure water delivery to the Elkhorn Golf Course. Manager Hopkins clarified North San Joaquin Water Conservation District would ensure water would be delivered. Director Watkins added Woodbridge's canal tailwater would also supply water.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Non-Potable Water Service Agreement for Friends of Elkhorn, LLC for APN 070-090-300, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Association of California Water Agencies – 2023 Authorized Voting Representative Form
Association of California Water Agencies for Region 4 Board of Directors
Manager Hopkins reported Association of California Water Agencies is soliciting Region 4 Board members and is requesting each agency identify an authorized voter by use of this form. Director McGurk added he no longer plans to attend the Association of California Water Agencies Conferences and suggested the Board nominate another board member as a voting representative. Discussion followed to nominate a Board member.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to fill in the necessary information on the Association of California Water Agencies – 2023 Authorized Voting Representative Form and approve Paul Sanguinetti as the Voting Representative, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Resolution No. 23-24-04 – Placing in Nomination (Nominee's Name) as a Member of the Association of California Water Agencies for Region 4 Board of Directors
Manager Hopkins reported the District currently holds a seat on the Association of California Water Agencies Region 4 Board of Directors however, Director McGurk will no longer hold his seat and should the District wish to maintain a seat on the Region 4 Board, the Board would need to nominate a member and submit this resolution to Association of California Water Agencies. Discussion followed to nominate a Board member.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution No. 23-24-04 – Placing in Nomination Director Watkins as a Member of the Association of California Water Agencies for Region 4 Board of Directors, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District – Sewd.Gov Authorization Letter Memo
Manager Hopkins reported AB1637: Local government: internet websites and e-mail addresses was introduced in the State of California’s Legislature. The bill would have required local agencies that do not use a domain name that ends with .gov or .ca.gov to change their current domain name to end with either of those governmentally-related suffixes. In anticipation of possible passage of AB1637, District staff began investigating the necessary steps to register either sewd.gov or sewd.ca.gov. The District’s IT provider, Verve Networks, Inc. was engaged to help our efforts and they were able to point out resources for staff to investigate. Staff determined the cost of registration was free for both the .ca.gov suffix and the .gov suffix. Manager Hopkins added the next step would be to submit a letter, found on page 20 as Exhibit A.

Director Sanguinetti inquired what the cost would be to update the web address on various things like letterhead or business cards. Manager Hopkins clarified there would be no cost as we are only reserving the domain and not putting it into use.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve sending a letter to .Gov Domain Registration office to register the sewd.gov domain to Stockton East Water District, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

7. Resolution No. 23-24-05 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property
Director Panizza inquired if the small diesel generator on page 26 was in good working condition before the rats caused damage. Manager Hopkins replied the generator was installed at the tunnel outlet and is believed to be in good condition prior to the rats damaging it.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the articulator mower on page 24 is the same type of unit as other mowers the District owns and suggested using the mower for parts. Manager Hopkins replied this mower is a different brand of mower.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution No. 23-24-05 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 06/12/23
This meeting was cancelled

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/06/23
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 235,308 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 227 cfs. There is 1,938,632 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,462 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,505 cfs and release to all water users are set at 2,734 cfs. There are 13 irrigators on New Hogan, 4 irrigators on New Melones, and 4 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 34 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 25 mgd.

Director McGurk inquired if the total cfs diverted to SEWD and CSJWCD under Farmington Dam (FRM) should equate to 240 cfs. Manager Hopkins clarified normally the total would add up to slightly less however, staff recently noticed water was pooling behind the Farmington Dam due to the gates not being opened fully. Farmington Dam has since opened their gates another foot and the flow should return to normal.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and the District's water rights consultant participated in an informational meeting with the State Water Board regarding the implementation of SB88. The State Water Board would like to schedule a follow-up meeting in person to discuss SB88 in more detail. Legal Counsel Zolezzi added we are working with the State Water Board to see what can be done to ensure the District is compliant with SB88.

Manager Hopkins reported he received some information for the Parjana product however, the product is costly. As an alternative, staff will be working on a pilot project to increase groundwater recharge efficiency by constructing an infiltration trench in the overflow reservoir that breaches the hardpan layer, which is about five feet below grade. President Atkins inquired how deep would staff drill down for a dry well. District Engineer replied, typically 20-100ft. President Atkins inquired if we have considered installing a dry well. Manager Hopkins replied District Engineer Evensen has investigated that option with the cost being around \$80,000 compared to the cost of the infiltration trench being around \$15,000.

Manager Hopkins reported the Department of Water Resources provided the Groundwater Authority with the scoring results with the SGMA Round 2 Grant. The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority application scored 24 out of 28 however, was not rewarded the grant for \$20M. There were three projects within the application which did not score as well due to not having benefited enough disadvantaged areas.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Regional Water Authority Meeting with Jay Ziegler, 06/07/23

Director McGurk and Director Panizza attended the Regional Water Authority Meeting with Jay Ziegler. Director McGurk reported Ziegler was very knowledgeable and his experience applies to his current role as Delta Watermaster. Director Panizza reported Ziegler discussed conflicts with projects from federal and state regulations, water storage and various mandates and how he can develop methods to address these conflicting demands.

2. Stockton East Water District – 75th Anniversary Celebration, 06/09/23

President Atkins reported the event turned out great, ran smoothly, and staff did a professional job preparing for the event.

Director Sanguinetti added the tours were successful and received positive feedback from many attendees. Director Sanguinetti further commented the display booths were informative and suggested the District should extend gratitude to those vendors who set up booths.

Director Panizza added staff organized the event very well.

Director McGurk added the councilmembers' and senator's presence was a compliment to the District.

Director Cortopassi commended the committee and staff for putting together the event.

Manager Hopkins reported around 200 people attended the event and added the District received many certificates of recognition which are now displayed in the lobby of the Administration building. Manager Hopkins gave special thanks to Finance Director Ram for her efforts in preparing for the event as well as her work the day of. Manager Hopkins noted the silent auction and raffle items generated \$2,365.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 06/14/23
This meeting was cancelled
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 06/14/23
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/16/23
4. District Holiday – Juneteenth Day, 06/19/23

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code
Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:32 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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