

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, JULY 25, 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 Administrative Assistant Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance Manager Higaes, Administrative Assistant Wood and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Director Panizza, Manager Hopkins and Consultant Barkett were absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 07/18/23

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 25, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

3. Stockton East Water District – Podesta Reservoir Agreement for Annual Surface Water Use Memo

President Atkins provided the Board with a memo regarding an Annual Surface Water Use Agreement with Fred Podesta (Landowner). President Atkins reported the Board had previously been presented with this agreement which staff was directed to make additional edits citing the meter fee will be at the landowner’s expense.

a. Fred Podesta Farms LP – Annual Surface Water Use Agreement

President Atkins inquired why the District is installing a meter in the Podesta Reservoir. Director Watkins clarified the purpose of the meter is to measure how much surface water the

landowner is diverting. The landowner will be subject to SEWD's surface water fees for any water used in excess of 1,320 acre-feet annually. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Annual Surface Water Use Agreement With Fred Podesta Farms LP, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Official Region 4 Board Ballot 2024-2025 Term

Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with an ACWA Official Region 4 Board Ballot for the 2024-2025 term. Assistant Manager Vega reported the nominating committee's recommended slate includes Brian Sanders for Chair, Kristin Sicke for Vice Chair, and Ronald Davis, Cary Keaton, Thomas D. Orvis, Andrew Watkins and David Weisenberger for board members.

A motion was moved and seconded to nominate the recommended slate to serve on the ACWA Region Board Committee 2024-2025 term, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Resolution 23-24-06 – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

a. Stockton East Water District – 2023-2024 Appropriation Limit Calculations

b. Office of Gavin Newson - Department Of Finance – Price Factor and Population Information Letter

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 23-24-06 – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

6. Stockton East Water District – Procurement of Materials and Equipment for Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project and Proposed Budget Transfer Memo

Assistant Manager Vega provided the Board with a memo regarding the procurement of materials and equipment for Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project and a proposed budget transfer. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District has teamed up with various stakeholders to finalize the design of the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project (Project). The District received a \$1,958,510 grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to rebuild four low-water crossings. The low water crossings include Hosie, George Watkins, Fujinaka, and Hogan. As part of the construction, the

District is responsible for the procurement of materials, equipment, and permitting that pertain to the Project.

District staff has requested several cost proposals from various vendors for a 30 CFS- capacity pumping system to bypass the construction site for continued irrigation service and placement of a dam upstream of the construction area. The Board approved \$200,000 for the Fiscal Year Budget 2023-2024 for completion of the Project. Due to permitting delays, the Project timeline has been severely condensed, which in turn has caused costs to be slightly higher. Coupled with inflation, the Project budget will not be sufficient to cover the expected costs. A possible transfer from the George Watkins Crossing Project which will not be constructed this fiscal year due to design and permitting delays, would solve the issue. Table 1 shows the equipment, duration, and costs required for the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project. Table 2 shows a summary of the cost of the 30 CFS bypass pumping, 275-ton crane, material and debris transportation, and the heavy construction rental equipment. Table 3 breaks down the proposed budget transfer.

Director Watkins inquired if the District has received approval of the permit for the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). Assistant Manager Vega responded the CVFPB will be approving the permit as a consent item during the CVFPB Board Meeting on July 28th.

Director Cortopassi suggested staff compare each line expense and work with both ECCO and CAT Rentals to get the most cost-effective option. Director McGurk inquired if the District can cherry-pick from the two columns as shown in table 1 for heavy construction rental equipment. Assistant Manager Vega responded staff will work with ECCO and CAT Rentals to obtain the most cost-effective equipment.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if staff has considered what would happen if the 30 CFS pump bypass were to break down during irrigation system. Engineer Evensen responded there will be a gravity bypass pipe as well as both a duty and a standby pump in place.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve a budget transfer from account 10-5205-0 New Hogan Distribution – George Watkins in the amount of \$250,000 to account 10-5205-0 New Hogan Distribution – Hosie and approve equipment purchases in the amount of \$299,977.59 plus a 10% contingency of \$29,997.76 for the total amount of \$329,975.35, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Stockton East Water District – Recharge Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 07/20/23

President Atkins, Director Cortopassi and Director Watkins attended the Recharge Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting on July 20th. President Atkins reported the committee discussed various ways to help replenish groundwater supplies. Topics discussed included a potential “DREAM” Project (West Linden Pressurized Irrigation and Aquifer Recovery Project), proposals on waterways (Clements Gravity Pipeline), percolation ponds, infiltration trenches and dry wells.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/18/23

Assistant Manager Vega 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 217,925 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 236 cfs. There is 2,056,026 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,171 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,501 cfs and release to all water users are set at 3,251 cfs. There are 17 irrigators on New Hogan, 4 irrigators on New Melones, and 2 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 46 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 21 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Assistant Manager Vega noted item: F2a-1

Director Watkins suggested the District send a letter of support for AB 557 to CSDA. Assistant Manager Vega responded staff will draft a letter of support and bring back to the Board for consideration.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Assistant Manager Vega reported a Central Ad-Hoc Committee meeting has been scheduled for August 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Engineer Evensen reported the Motor Control Center (MCC) for the sodium hypochlorite disinfection facility has arrived. Staff is planning to test the operation of the facility in the next couple of weeks.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Virtual Town Hall Will Feature Candidates for ACWA President, 07/19/23

Director Watkins attended the Virtual Town Hall meeting on July 19th. Director Watkins reported official candidates running for the 2024-'25 term shared their statements and participated in a Q&A session.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 07/25/23

2. Eastern San Joaquin Water Accounting Framing Workshop #2, 10:00 a.m., 07/26/23

3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:15 p.m., 07/27/23

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

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President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:12 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:33 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Juan M. Vega
Secretary of the Board

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