

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 9, 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 Administrative Clerk Feliciano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Directors Cortopassi and McGurk were absent.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/02/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 9, 2022 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Water Purchase Agreement With Aero Pure Water Hauling

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Water Purchase Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Aero Pure Water Hauling. Manager Hopkins reported San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services is partnered with Self-Help Enterprises to provide temporary potable water for rural residential customers that have problems with their domestic wells. Manager Hopkins reported Self-Help Enterprises is contracted with Aero Pure Water Hauling; the proposed Water Purchase Agreement between Stockton East Water District and Aero Pure Water Hauling is to provide potable water to customers that need clean water while their well is being repaired or replaced.

Director Atkins inquired how many customers have benefited from this service. Manager Hopkins replied there are 12 wells in San Joaquin County that have gone dry this year and only one of those customers have reached out to Self-Help Enterprises for their services.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Water Purchase Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Aero Pure Water Hauling, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

4. Resolution No. 22-23-08 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration For Restoring Fish Passage Through Barrier Removal Grants (Funding No. 2022-2007209) For Fiscal Year 2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

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A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-08 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration For Restoring Fish Passage Through Barrier Removal Grants (Funding No. 2022-2007209) For Fiscal Year 2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 08/04/22  
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the August 4, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported meeting focused primarily on basin accounting and how to move forward with the process. Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding addressing public comments received from the revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Manager Hopkins reported the Committee decided to get the legal representatives from all the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to draft a charter for the basin accounting framework; they will define how the water budget will be used, excluding cost allocation of projects and the overdraft. Manager Hopkins reported he volunteered the District to participate in the

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committee along with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, City of Stockton, Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and San Joaquin County. The next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022.

2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 08/05/22  
Administrative Services Manager Carido attended the August 5, 2022 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Senate Bill 222 Water Rate Assistance Program which would be funded annually by legislature to help subsidize the cost of M&I water for underrepresented customers; ACWA's position is oppose unless amended. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA reminded the Committee of the coalition letter if any of the agencies would like to support. Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Senate Bill 1157 to amend urban water use limit which would decrease the gallons per day per person to 42 gallons; ACWA's position is oppose unless amended. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA reminded the Committee of the coalition letter if any of the agencies would like to support; these bills will be voted on Thursday, August 11, 2022 to determine if they will be removed from the suspense file and back through the legislature. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA, as had CSDA, reminded the Committee to submit any legislative proposals for review. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2022.
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 08/08/22  
This meeting was cancelled.

#### **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/08/22  
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 82,646 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 239 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 251 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 19 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 47 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 21 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 6,684 gpm (~9.6 mgd).

2. Information Items:  
Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
  - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update  
Manager Hopkins reported a Bellota Project Committee Meeting will be held on August 29, 2022 to discuss the 100% Bellota Project design plan. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported the Rock Creek Water District water transfer has not started; in order to receive continuous and uninterrupted flow, water delivery will begin in September. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins informed the Board of Stockton East Water District's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. This item was for information only.

#### **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)**

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation – AG Venture Program Thank You, 08/03/22  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation – AG Venture Program Thank You.

*J. M. Hopkins*

President Watkins clarified San Joaquin County Ag Commissioner funds the AG Venture Program and not San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation. This item was for information only.

## I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 08/10/22
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 08/10/22  
*\*This meeting has been cancelled\**
3. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 08/12/22

## J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:47 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:58 p.m., with the no reportable action.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. M. Hopkins*

Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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