

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 22, 2021 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, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Assistant Curtis, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Schwartz, EBMUD reported there is a Lodi Grape Growers Association Meeting on June 30th that everyone is invited to. Also, EBMUD will be working on the Freeport Project and are expected to receive ~25,000-35,000 acre-feet of federal water.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/15/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
- b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the amount of US Bank Corporate Payment Systems listed within the warrants. Finance Director Vega replied that often times the credit cards are used as accounts are not setup at every location and they the preferred payment method.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 47 for US Bank Corporate Payment Systems for CEQA filing fee for Gotelli Bridge in the amount of \$2,532.75. Manager Moody

replied that staff does not carry cash so they will pay these fees with a credit card at the County. Director Sanguinetti inquired if we get cash back on the credit cards. Finance Director Vega replied yes, rewards are earned. President Watkins suggested on the “Vendor Name” line to write “Credit Card” or a notation for credit cards, then add the location for which the purchase was made moving forward.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 22, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Vegetation Issues Memo, 06/22/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding vegetation issues. Manager Moody reported staff have been cleaning the trash racks every day to clear them of the vegetation build-up. Currently, the Treatment Plant is running 33 MGD, if staff wanted to increase the production, they would have to cut off Central or Agriculture as the water flow is being restricted because of the vegetation.

Director Atkins noted that the vegetation is being placed on a concrete slab and inquired if it would be better to use a conveyor to place it somewhere so it is not being double handled. Manager Moody reported in some locations it can be conveyed right into a dump truck, in other areas it is picked up with a clam shell afterwards.

Director Atkins reported South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) uses chemicals to get rid of vegetation in their system. Manager Moody reported depending on where the vegetation is in the system, chemicals can be used. In our District, we have to be careful as the Treatment Plant is downstream of where the issues are.

Director Atkins inquired if there is a certain area on the system that is worse than another. Manager Moody replied the biggest issue can be seen in the Lower Farmington Canal (LFC), it is restricting the capacity of water to flow through. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported there is a problem in the Upper Farmington Canal (UFC) too, but because the capacity is larger it is not as noticeable.

Director Sanguinetti suggested that perhaps there is an issue near Rock Creek where it enters LFC. He further inquired if Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD) is having any vegetation issues. Manager Moody replied he has not inquired with them, but would expect that they would be as well.

Manager Moody reported staff is looking into dragging the water with a chain, using a larger vegetation rake and searching for other options.

Director Atkins inquired if there is any way to dry the canal and remove the top layer of dirt, perhaps doing that in one section and seeing how it works may help. Manager Moody replied the last time work was performed they did work on the outer banks, but not instream.

Director Sanguinetti suggested reaching out to SSJID and OID to see if they have similar problems and any solutions they may have to help. Manager Moody advised staff will inquire.

Director McGurk suggested lining the canals to help break the root connection. Manager Moody replied that is very expensive to do. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied in some areas there is no root, it is more moss-like vegetation.

Manager Moody suggested contacting a herbatologist to identify and look into getting rid of the vegetation issue. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the UC Extension Ag Advisor he is working with recommended the Department of Parks and Recreation – Division of Boating and Waterways and the Advisor will be reaching out to UC Davis Aquatic Maintenance to identify some treatment solutions that are not mechanical. Manager Moody suggested that the TOC study previously done may be able to help identify what is in the water.

Consultant Barkett inquired how wide and deep the canal is. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the bottom of the channel is 14-feet wide and 6-feet deep. Consultant Barkett replied there are certain machines that can help that are used in the delta, but he is not sure if they will fit in this waterway.

Manager Moody replied there is more work to do, but this is an update of where staff is today.

Director Cortopassi stated that the pictures provided look more like weeds than moss, which is different than what was experienced before. If there is a small area where it continually grows, maybe a cement lining would work. President Watkins replied he was told when the canal was built it cannot be lined cost effectively because of the bridges. Assistant Manager Hopkins added that he has previously done lining with geomembrane and in 2010, the cost was \$1 million a mile and it would only take a ¼ inch of sedimentation before aquatics grow on the liner.

4. Stockton East Water District – Potter Creek Flashboard Dams Update Memo, 06/22/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding Potter Creek flashboard dams. Manager Moody reported an Ad Hoc Committee was assembled to review potential locations for new flashboard dams to impound water during the irrigation season so surface water could be provided to adjacent lands, as necessary for recent Surface Water Diversion Applications.

Manager Moody reported there are a couple customers that would like to use surface water and would like diversions installed (Stagnaro and Dondero).

Manager Moody provided the Board with a figure showing the locations of potential diversions. In order to begin moving forward with design and permitting, staff wanted to put this information before the Board for consensus to move forward.

President Watkins inquired on the location of the Sunberry Bridge. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied that is the Cavagnero Bridge.

Director McGurk inquired where Highway 26 is in relation to the figure provided on page 37. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied upstream of Gonser Bridge is Drais Road. Director McGurk inquired if Panella Bridge is off of Copperopolis Road. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Manager Moody reported Mr. Dondero has submitted a Surface Water Diversion Application to serve surface water to 50 acres. All this information will be brought back to the Board at a later date for consideration and approval.

Director Cortopassi inquired what would happen after installation if the area experienced flooding. Manager Moody replied the boards would be pulled out so the water would flow over the diversion. Director Cortopassi inquired if the low water crossing is on the lower side of the weir. Manager Moody replied yes.

Director Cortopassi inquired if staff can connect a pipe from the Mr. Dondero's pump to the weir to get water to the property. Manager Moody replied yes.

Consensus of the Board was to move forward with beginning the permitting process.

5. Stockton East Water District – Cady Ranch Water Distribution Project Memo, 06/22/21

a. Cady Ranch Water Distribution Project – Notice of Determination

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported this is a private Project on the Calaveras River upstream of Bellota. The new diversion will irrigate property adjacent to the Calaveras River and south side of Shelton Road. The application is a partnership between Mr. Sitkins and Fowler Brothers Farming, Inc. (Fowler Brothers).

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document has been circulated with no comments received. Staff is ready to begin obtaining permits for the Project.

Director McGurk inquired if the applicants are wanting to utilize surface water instead of groundwater. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied a portion of the Project is using groundwater and a portion is still undeveloped. President Watkins added that for the portion of property between Shelton Road and the Calaveras River, the Board would like to see an accounting of water used.

Director Cortopassi commented on the developed Cady property location. President Watkins replied it is between Shelton Road and the Calaveras River where the walnuts are. They irrigate with wells now, then with surface water once the pipeline goes across the road.

Director Panizza inquired if this property is owned. President Watkins replied that Mr. Sitkins owns the property.

Director Sanguinetti inquired that the landowners know there is no riparian water in that area. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, they are aware.

Manager Moody reported that this was originally part of the Grupe Lake Project that's why the pipe is sized at 27" diameter. It may end up being smaller than that.

Director Cortopassi inquired to what degree the District is involved in the Project. Manager Moody replied the District is the lead agency and would help through the permitting process.

Director Cortopassi inquired that the applicants will bear all the costs for this Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, all the District will own is the meter when the Project

is complete. President Watkins added that the District is acting in a way they would for any landowner in the District regarding the CEQA process, as the landowner cannot do that on their own.

Director Atkins inquired how many acres are included in this Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied ~700 acres.

Director McGurk stated he would like to know what size pipe they will be installing. Manager Moody advised staff will bring that information to the Board once they know.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt and authorize the General Manager to finalize the California Environmental Quality Act documents for the Cady Ranch Water Distribution Project and beginning the permitting process, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

- b. Cady Ranch Water Distribution Project – Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration with Appendix
Discussion on this topic took place during item D-3a.

- 6. Stockton East Water District – Cooks Low Water Crossing Box Culverts Memo, 06/22/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding Cooks Low Water Crossing box culverts. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported as part of the fiscal year 2021/22 budget there is funding to replace a portion of Cooks Low Water Crossing that is in disrepair. Staff is proposing the same type of crossing that was constructed for the Whittle Project.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Project would include removing a portion of the existing concrete low water crossing and failed corrugated metal pipe and replacing it with 8 concrete box culverts. The District received 2 responsive bids, both have a several month lead time. With the current lead time, if the culverts were ordered today they would arrive in October. The lowest most responsive bidder was Jensen Precast (Jensen). Manager Moody added they need to be ordered so they can be installed before the rain.

President Watkins inquired what facility Jensen would ship them from. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied he is not sure.

Director Cortopassi inquired if staff knows the total cost of the Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied staff expects it to be ~\$300,000. The work will be done in-house.

Director Cortopassi inquired on how many more crossings staff expects need to be repaired or replaced. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there are 44 crossings on New Melones. There are 4 crossings in Shirley Creek that will be proposed to be replaced in the next fiscal year budget. President Watkins inquired if the bridges are washing out. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the original crossings used steel corrugated pipe and it is rusting out.

Consensus of the Board was to move forward with the concrete box culverts.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 06/16/21

Director Sanguinetti and Manager Moody attended the June 16, 2021 San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported that Dante Nomellini lead discussion on the export ordinance for the DREAM Project. Manager Moody reported Mr. Nomellini expressed opposition to changing the DREAM Project permit and stated that he was going to oppose the water transfer from OID and SSJID. Director Sanguinetti reported there was discussion on the Folsom South Canal and changing the permit to get water to the Canal. There was discussion on the DREAM Project. There was a presentation provided on the Paradise Cut Bypass. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on needing to dredge the area around the Paradise Cut Bypass so water can flow through, otherwise the Project will not work. Manager Moody reported it is a really good Project, just a lot of hurdles. Director McGurk inquired on who is responsible for that Project. Director Sanguinetti replied South Delta. Director Sanguinetti reported there was discussion on a drought relief bill and there is money available. There was a presentation provided on the upper Mormon Slough Erosion Repair Project which will not start until September. Director Sanguinetti added that the meeting is very difficult to coordinate and discuss being on a remote platform and not in person. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021.

2. Eastern Water Alliance Meeting, 06/21/21

Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Alternate Watkins and Manager Moody and staff attended the June 21, 2021 Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) Meeting. Director McGurk reported there was an action item on the agenda that was passed to allow the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) re-appoint people to the Monitoring Committee. This Project has taken so long that there are people listed on the Committee that are no longer working in certain agencies. The Monitoring Committee would then have flexibility to add or remove wells from this Project. Director McGurk reported there will be a future joint meeting between the Monitoring Committee and the EWA. Director McGurk reported that Matt Zidar discussed the GWA and promoting opportunities for partnership for SGMA. Director Sanguinetti reported the EWA approved the nominated Monitoring Committee members and will be able to watch the Monitoring Committee and see what actions they take. Manager Moody reported that the Monitoring Committee will be requesting the County BOS amend some particulars within the existing permit issued to the EWA. Director McGurk reported that the draft resolution that will go before the County BOS was reviewed and the EWA was satisfied that the needs of the Project will be met by the resolution. It will be presented to the BOS at their meeting on July 27th.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/21/21

Manager Moody 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 128,264 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 181 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,502 cfs and release to all water users are set at 205 cfs. There are 10 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 10 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 0 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 33 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 22 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 06/18/21

Manager Moody attended the June 18, 2021 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported ACWA has received and accepted an offer on their old K Street location. ACWA is encouraged by the infrastructure discussions in Washington D.C. right now. At the management level, ACWA has started working from the office. There was discussion on state and federal money for grants that would be used to repay old debt to water agencies that forgave water bills during the pandemic. Manager Moody reported there were a total of 6 bills for review. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2021.

b. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 06/18/21

Finance Director Vega attended the June 18, 2021 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee meeting. Finance Director Vega reported this meeting was postponed to June 25th due to the newly enacted Juneteenth holiday.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Nothing to report.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS (None)

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)

2. Closed Session – Personnel

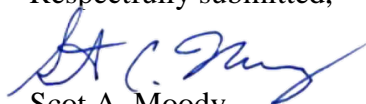
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President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:33 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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