

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, JANUARY 10, 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 McGurk 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 Assistant McKinney, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett was present via teleconference.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 01/03/23 Regular Meeting

Director Cortopassi made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 3, section 4, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence – insert “cool” in place of “heat”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 3, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, with corrections.

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 January 10, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. San Joaquin County General Election

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a listing of the Official Final Results of the Stockton East Water District’s local representatives at the county, state and federal level who were elected or re-elected on November 8, 2022. Manager Hopkins reported last week the Board recommended the District send congratulation letters to the newly elected officials. If the Board is amendable, the District will have the letters signed.

Director Watkins stated there should be three Council Members listed for the City of Stockton. If the members won by 50% in the June primaries, they were automatically elected and were not listed on

the November ballot. Director Panizza replied there are seven members with a staggered election (4 at one time, 3 another). City of Stockton Council Members to be added are Michael Blower (District 3) and Brando Villapudua (District 5).

Director McGurk stated Senator Alex Padilla is the California state representative to the United States Senate. Director McGurk suggested for State support efforts, a congratulatory letter be sent to Congressman John Duarte. Director Sanguinetti suggested a letter be sent to Governor Newsom. Manager Hopkins stated the letters will be prepared for President Atkins signature.

4. Stockton East Water District – Board Committees and Assignments.

Manager Hopkins reported that on December 13, 2022 at the Special Reorganizational Board Meeting, the General Manager was directed to research the District’s committees and assignments to determine if all the committees were still applicable, and make recommendations on any changes. Subsequent to this direction, there was an inquiry regarding the ability of the Board President to create committees and appoint committee members. Manager Hopkins discussed Legal Counsel Zolezzi’s opinion, which allows the Board President the authority to create new committees and appoint all the members except for the standing committees which the Board created through resolution. Manager Hopkins reviewed the list of current standing and ad hoc committees along with notes that describe the reasoning for creation of each committee. Manager Hopkins stated in the Board memo (page 11), there are Staff recommendations to dissolve the committees that seem to be no longer serving any purpose.

Director Watkins suggested approval to delete the Calaveras County Water District Joint Committee. Director Panizza asked if Rule 131 was settled. Manager Hopkins replied the Rule 131 Committee met, there were changes to Rule 131 proposed by District Staff, and the Committee provided feedback which has not been brought back for acceptance or recommendation to the Board for revisions. Assistant Manager Vega agreed with the outstanding revisions.

Director McGaughey stated Legal Counsel Zolezzi is listed under the committee members list. Director Watkins replied Legal Counsel Zolezzi is appointed as staff to several committees.

Director Panizza suggesting moving forward with District Staff recommendations to dissolve the committees listed.

President Atkins stated Director Sanguinetti should be removed from the Central & SEWD Ad Hoc Committee as there is a possible conflict of interest.

Manager Hopkins stated the Board Committees and Assignments list will be updated with the changes discussed.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 01/09/23
This meeting was cancelled

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/02/23
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 170,032 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,611 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 2,367 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 0 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,635 gpm (~9.6 mgd).

Director Cortopassi asked why the release to Stanislaus River flow is much greater than the release from New Melones. Manager Hopkins stated that Tulloch is showing an inflow of 1,900 CFS with a small inflow that is downstream of Tulloch and upstream of Goodwin.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1

Director McGurk asked why only four counties were mentioned in the public notice. Director Watkins suggested it could have been a mistake unless a county dropped out.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the District's Internet went down today due to damage of the AT&T lines. Fortunately, StarLink picked up the Internet, and the District was able to maintain service. The email service had to be restored, and services are being performed to connect and receive outside phone calls. Manager Hopkins reported a scheduled shutdown for the water treatment plant is set for January 18th. This shutdown is necessary to perform work for the Sodium Hypochlorite project, and to make improvements to Switchgear B on High Service Pump Station for the future automatic transfer switch. This improvement has been discussed with the Urban Contractors, who agreed with the shutdown date. Manager Hopkins reported he was contacted by the Sierra Network representative from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) attempting to schedule a meeting with Representative Harder and several special districts in this area for a 5-7-minute presentation from the districts. Manager Hopkins advised the District's interest, and reported the potential meeting dates are February 14-16th. Confirmation of the meeting date will follow. Manager Hopkins stated following discussion with Consultant Barkett regarding the DC trip for the week of March 13th; participant attendees for the trip need to be confirmed. The Board Members interested in attending are Director Sanguinetti and Director Watkins.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Bob Hope Theatre, 01/05/23

**This meeting was cancelled **

2. John Vernier's Retirement Luncheon, 01/06/23

Director Cortopassi reported there were lots of positive remarks made, and John seemed to be well respected. Director McGurk commented on decorations and the interaction between staff.

3. Director Watkins reported he attended the swearing in ceremony for the San Joaquin County Officials on January 4th which was well attended with the reception following at the Woodbridge Crossing. All five supervisors attended.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 01/11/23
This meeting was cancelled
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 01/11/23
3. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation & Stockton East Water District, 01/11/23
4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 01/13/23
5. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 01/16/23

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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:04 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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