

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 7, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Vice President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Director Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that
 - (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or
 - (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Minutes 05/31/22 Regular Meeting

Director Cortopassi made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 2, section D-4, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence – add “for example” after “President Watkins commented.”

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 31, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Watkins

3. Warrants
 - a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
 - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
 - e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - g. Payroll
 - h. Summary
 - i. Short Names/Acronym List
 - j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 16 for ParcelQuest in the amount of \$5,996. Interim Manager Hopkins replied ParcelQuest is an online service the District uses to look up customer parcel information.

Director Atkins inquired on the expenses on page 10, line items 30-32 for Recruitment Advertisements; Director Atkins inquired about the different charges for the same recruitment. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the District advertised the General Manager recruitment with California Special Districts Association, Brown & Caldwell (BC Water Jobs) and Association of California Water Association; each agency charges a different fee to advertise.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 92 for California State Water Resources Control Board for the principal payment #14 Safe Drinking Water State Rev Fund in the amount of \$286,522.19; Director Cortopassi inquired if the cost is for the Clear Wells. Finance Director Vega replied yes, with a zero percent loan.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 7, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters – 2022 General Election (SEWD Divisions 2, 5, 6 & 7)
 - a. Resolution No. 22-23-03 – Stockton East Water District – Board of Director’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 22-23-03 – Stockton East Water District’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters sent the District a notice to confirm the information provided; the information has not changed. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District is required to submit the Board of Director’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map; Interim Manager Hopkins requested the Board approve Resolution No. 22-23-03. Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a handout regarding a correction made to D-4a; the highlighted text clarifies an area in Division 4 that was left out of the legal description which was added for submission to the Registrar of Voters.

Interim Manager Hopkins requested the Board approve Vice President Atkins to sign Resolution No. 22-23-03 – Stockton East Water District – Board of Director’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map in President Watkin’s absence.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Vice President Atkins to sign Resolution No. 22-23-03 – Stockton East Water District – Board of Director’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-03 – Stockton East Water District – Board of Director’s Division Boundaries Legal Description and Map, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

b. Candidate Policy Form

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Candidate Policy Form. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the information is consistent with the information submitted in years past. Interim Manager Hopkins requested the Board approve the Candidate Policy Form as presented.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters – Special Districts Candidate Policy Form, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. San Joaquin County Water Right Application (A029657) – Permit To Appropriate Water from the South Fork American River at the Freeport Regional Water Authority Facility on the Sacramento River, 06/07/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a Notice of Transmittal of Proposed Order provided by the State Water Resources Control Board regarding San Joaquin County’s South Fork American River Water-Right Application (A029657). Interim Manager Hopkins reported a written response on the recommendation to cancel the water-right application is due by June 27, 2022.

Director Sanguinetti commented the District should oppose the proposed order; taking away water-rights should be opposed. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied SWRCB is not taking away the water-right; rather canceling the water-right application due to lack of progress towards perfecting the application. Discussion followed regarding San Joaquin County’s South Fork

American River Water-Right Application and the State Water Resources Control Board Order to Cancel the Application.

Director Cortopassi stated the District should support San Joaquin County decision regarding their water-right application.

A motion was moved and seconded to submit a Letter of Support to the State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearings Office regarding the San Joaquin County's position on their Water Right Application (A029657) – Permit To Appropriate Water from the South Fork American River at the Freeport Regional Water Authority Facility on the Sacramento River.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – P27 – Variable Frequency Drive Memo, 06/07/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the P27 – Variable Frequency Drive. District Engineer Evensen reported the Board authorized \$120,000 for the purchase and installation of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for P-27 in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. District Engineer Evensen reported the P-27 VFD is the last of three big VFD's to be replaced. District Engineer Evensen reported two quotes were procured; ABB in the amount of \$114,024.91 and Allen-Bradley in the amount of \$125,373.59. District Engineer is requesting the Board approve the purchase from Allen-Bradley as the other two VFD's in Low Lift were purchased from Allen-Bradley and have been running well. District Engineer Evensen stated the purchase and installation amount of \$125, 373.59 plus a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of \$137,910.95 does exceed the budgeted amount as \$120,000; Staff is proposing to use \$30,000 from the Solids Handling – Lagoon Lining Design Project budget of \$45,000 to cover the additional cost of the VFD.

Director McGurk inquired about ABB. District Engineer Evensen replied ABB drives are good for large horsepower drives which are being utilized in the Low Lift Pump Station.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Interim General Manager to purchase one Allen-Bradley VFD for the quoted amount of \$125,373.59, plus a 10% contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$137,910.95 and to move \$30,000 from the Solids Handling – Lagoon Lining Design Project budget to cover the additional cost of the VFD and its installation.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

7. Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater

Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the well application was received from San Joaquin County; the well application is for the drilling of a new well. Interim Manager Hopkins recommends the Board approve the San Joaquin County paperwork, the Statement of Consistency and authorize Vice President Atkins sign the Statement of Consistency in President Watkins’ absence.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the details pertaining to the drilling of a new well on the 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA property. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the application only indicated drilling of a new well without any further information. Discussion followed regarding the well status of the property on 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA.

Director Sanguinetti commented property with access to river water should be utilizing the water and not drilling a deep well for their irrigation needs. Legal Counsel Zolezzi commented using river water is a separate issue; approving the statement of consistency should align with SGMA and our Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Interim Manager Hopkins commented Staff can contact the property owner and provide them information regarding the District’s surface water incentives.

Director McGurk inquired about the process to complete the San Joaquin County paperwork. Discussion followed regarding the San Joaquin County New Well Information & Well/Pump Permit forms.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Vice President Atkins to sign the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA & the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 4002 N. Jack Tone Road Stockton, CA, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 7550 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

8. Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 4002 N. Jack Tone Road Stockton, CA

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Director McGurk commented the forms from San Joaquin County should be filled out accurately in order for the District to approve the well application and align with the memorandum provided by Steven Shih, San Joaquin County Program Coordinator.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 4002 N. Jack Tone Road Stockton, CA, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 06/01/22
President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 1, 2022 San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Committee reviewed the GWA Budget and is recommending the JPA Board approve the budget and an additional \$40,000 for grant writing services; a special Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting is being held on June 24, 2022. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 06/02/22
President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 2, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Committee reviewed the technical memorandums for DWR Draft Response. Interim Manager Hopkins reported a presentation was given on Technical Memorandum 1 – Response to DWR Deficiency No. 1 and Corrective Actions 1(a)-1(c) (Groundwater Levels, Minimum Threshold) to reflect Category A management actions; even with completion of all Category A projects, the groundwater subbasin is still projected to be unsustainable in the scenario with climate change factors. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the recommendation from the consultant is to complete Category B projects; the only project listed in Category B is the Mokelumne River Water-Right. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Technical Memorandums were sent to all Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; all comments should be submitted to Woodward & Curran. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.
3. Administration Committee Meeting, 06/06/22
Directors McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the June 6, 2022 Administration Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Committee with a presentation regarding department reclassification and reorganization. Director

Sanguinetti reported the changes would allow for more efficiency; the department reclassification would include more mechanics on staff. Director Sanguinetti reported incentive pay of 2.5% was also proposed for Crane Operation Certification and T-5 Water Treatment Operator Certification. Director Sanguinetti reported the budget would be modified but the change is minor. Director Sanguinetti reported the Board will be given a presentation for approval of the Department Reclassification and Reorganization at a future regular board meeting.

Director Atkins inquired about Staff with T-5 certification. Director Sanguinetti reported one T-5 Operator is retiring and other operators have plans to pursue obtaining their T-5 certification.

Director Sanguinetti reported with the reclassification there will be designated Staff to obtain Crane Operation Certification. Director Sanguinetti added having certified crane operators protects the District regarding insurance and liability purposes.

Director Atkins inquired about crane rentals and the need for crane operators. Director Sanguinetti replied the District's boom truck is also certified by obtaining a crane operation certification. Interim Manager Hopkins added the District's service truck is also certified with the crane operation certification.

Director Cortopassi commented certifying crane operators is a great idea however, Staff should only operate District equipment; when a crane is needed an outside vendor should be hired to complete that work.

Director Panizza commented the Board will receive a full presentation with all details and costs; the idea originated with the idea of utilizing Staff to augment in times of need for the District. Director Panizza stated the Committee Meeting was positive and the Board will have all their questions answered at length when presented to the Board for approval.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/23/22

Interim 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 117,304 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 174 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 2,053 cfs and release to all water users are set at 93 cfs. There are 13 irrigators on New Hogan, 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 1 Out-of-District irrigator. The water treatment plant is currently processing 48 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Division of Drinking Water was on-site today to conduct a sanitary survey to move the wells out of standby; the wells should be available for production in late June. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the water quality testing is complete.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Treatment Plant is taking New Hogan water. Interim Manager Hopkins replied no. Director Cortopassi inquired about the New Melones contract. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the agreement includes 30,000 acre-feet for this year and the District will reach 20,000 total diversion by the end of June; depending on the curtailment for the water rights of South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) and Oakdale Irrigation District (OID), the

District may be able to divert water into July/August. Interim Manager Hopkins stated the water transfer agreement with SSJID and OID is valid through September 30, 2022 as long as the water is not curtailed. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District will begin taking New Hogan water in late August.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District & Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Meeting Request

Interim Manager Hopkins reported he received an email from Reid Roberts requesting the Ad-Hoc Committee convene for a meeting to discuss legislation progress and rate re-set upon consolidation. Interim Manager Hopkins suggested Thursday, June 16th at 3:00 p.m.; the date and time will be held tentatively and a confirmation email will be sent to the Committee members.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkins reported two meetings were not included in section I. Agenda Planning/Upcoming Events; Staffing Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, 06/13/22 & Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, 06/17/22.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – The Kitchen @ Stonebrier, 06/02/22
Nothing to report.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Calaveras County Water District – Proposed New Hogan Water Transfer, 05/31/22
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a letter sent to Calaveras County Water District regarding the Proposed New Hogan Water Transfer. Interim Manager Hopkins confirmed the letter approved by the Board at the May 31, 2022 Regular Board Meeting was sent to Calaveras County Water District. This item was for information only.
2. South Delta Water Agency – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 06/02/22
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the June 2, 2022 South Delta Water Agency – SB656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District has received two additional Letters of Support and will be included in the next Board Agenda Packet. This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/10/22
2. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 06/10/22
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 06/13/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases
2. Closed Session – Personnel
Government Code 54957

Vice President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:43 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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