

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, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:21 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were Directors Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza and Watkins. Directors Atkins, McGaughey and Sanguinetti were absent. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Johnson, District Engineer Lee, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Accountant Ram, Administrative Clerk Curtis and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/06/18 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, McGaughey, Sanguinetti

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 13, 2018 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, McGaughey, Sanguinetti

3. Department of Water Resources – Draft Funding Recommendations For 2017 Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects Solicitation

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Draft Funding Recommendations for 2017 for Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and Projects Solicitation. Manager Moody reported the County was awarded \$1.5 million, which is what they requested, for the GSP. This item was for information only.

4. Association of California Water Agencies – 2018 Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA, 05/08/18 – 05/11/18

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the upcoming 2018 ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento. Manager Moody reported he wanted to bring this to the Board’s

attention as staff will be preparing to register for the Conference and book hotel rooms. Manager Moody advised any Director not planning on attending can advise staff at their earliest convenience. This item was for information only.

5. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority President's Special Recognition Awards – (Liability and Property Program Low Loss Ratio), 12/04/17
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from ACWA/JPIA regarding the District awarded with the President's Special Recognition Awards for a Loss Ratio of 20% or less in both the Liability and Property Programs.

Manager Moody reported there are a couple longstanding Workers' Compensation cases that will end this year. With these removals, the District should be at a 20% or less loss ratio for Workers' Compensation, as well as Liability and Property in the coming years. This item was for information only.

6. Consideration to Support – State Water Resources Control Board Comment Letter Regarding Changes to Proposed Regulation Prohibiting Wasteful Water Use Practices
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) requesting support for their comment letter. Manager Moody reported this letter will be sent to the SWRCB on the final regulation for wasteful use practices of water.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the bottom line is water has to be used beneficially and reasonably. The SWRCB regulation is defective because it has the effect, if not the purpose, of diminishing water rights by legislative means, without any process. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported there is a lot of opposition to this proposed regulation.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported there will be a SWRCB meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the SWRCB will be put on notice that if they try to make more changes that would affect agencies, they may be sued.

Director Cortopassi inquired who is a signatory on this letter. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied there are 20-30 districts signing on in opposition.

President McGurk inquired whom this affects geographically. Manager Moody replied it is a state wide proposed regulation. This item was for information only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 02/12/18
Director Cortopassi attended the February 12, 2018 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion on the financial report and membership report. Director Cortopassi reported the Regional Board is sending letters to farmers that are in a vulnerable area per their Nitrogen Management Plans and have not yet returned these reports to the Coalition. Farmers are given 15 days to respond to the letter. ~~to respond within 15 days, they are trying to make an example of people who are on a high runnable area.~~ Director Cortopassi reported the Program Manager Report found no toxicity for chemicals, but there was algae toxicity reported in January. Director Cortopassi reported the Regional Board will be sending notices to growers where there are high nitrates in water and where farmers are pumping water from their wells, with potential of runoff from those wells onto neighboring land or entering other aquifersthat there may be legacy chemicals that are being pumped out of the aquifer and to

~~see if there is also runoff from well water.~~ Michael Wackman stated growers should hire a professional lab should do all-encompassing testing. The Regional Board wants growers to take samples from the river and wells as well. The Regional Board is inquiring with the Coalition about domestic well water testing. Mr. Wackman commented the Coalition is an irrigated land program, not a domestic property program. Director Cortopassi reported the Farm Evaluation Plan is due to the Regional Board from the Coalition by 2021. There was discussion on requiring E.coli testing 20 times per year for surface water, however, nothing has been officially decided on. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/12/18

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 158,574 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 23 cfs. There is 1,972,907 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,306 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,350 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4, F2a-5 and F2a-6.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 02/09/18

Manager Moody attended the February 9, 2018 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the Federal Government is currently working on an infrastructure bill and ACWA is attempting to influence as much of that bill as possible to ensure water is included. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on AB 401 (Dodd) – Water Service Shut-offs Work Group, which is a bill that focuses on the state law that regulates how distributors shut off water to businesses and residents. Manager Moody reported ACWA is trying to get in front of the bill, and educated the State Water Resources Control Board on how the process normally works. Manager Moody reported they are expecting a number of trailer budget bills this year as it is Governor Brown’s last year in office. ACWA has been in communication with Assembly Member Eggman regarding the Beneficial Use process. Assembly Member Eggman appears to be content that ACWA’s sub-committee is trying to move forward with the bill administratively. She is willing to engage however she is needed. Manager Moody reported the SWRCB is working on a Statewide Wetlands Permitting Program for Waters of the State. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2018.

Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout of his upcoming trip to Washington D.C. with Legal Counsel Harrigfeld, Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Manager Moody reported he and Legal Counsel Harrigfeld will be in Washington D.C. from February 26, 2018 through March 1, 2018.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Water Education Foundation (WEF) – Membership Thank You, 01/31/18
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from the Water Education Foundation expressing appreciation for the District’s \$1,000 contribution for 2018.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Delta Coalition Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 02/14/18
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 10:15 a.m., 02/14/18
3. District Holiday – Washington’s Birthday (President’s Day), 02/19/18

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

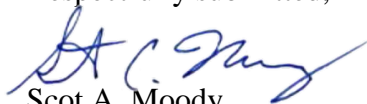
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
vs. Stockton East Water District
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Personnel
Government Code 54957

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:55 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Johnson and Administrative Services Manager Carido were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:19 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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