

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, JULY 30, 2024, 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 President Atkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance Manager Higaes, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Selke and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 07/23/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 23, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: 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
- e. Fund 91- Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the following expense on page 22, line item 120, Kludt & Sons, Inc for Red Diesel for emergency generators on LLPS-lighting power outage in the amount of \$21,635.48. Manager Hopkins replied the District does not have tier-4 generators.

Director McGurk inquired on the following expense on page 23, line item 139, UniFirst Corporation for weekly uniform and laundry service week 06/27/24-07/11/24 in the amount of \$888.66. Manager Hopkins replied Cintas will start their service on August 1st.

Director Atkins inquired on the following expense on page 22, line item 120, Kludt & Sons, Inc for Red Diesel for emergency generators on LLPS-lighting power outage in the amount of \$21,635.48. Manager Hopkins replied staff was filling up fuel pods.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the following expense on page 18, line item 87, United Rentals North America, Inc for rental of variable reach forklift to unload fish screen 06/18/24-06/19/24 in the amount of \$ 855.12. Manager Hopkins replied the District had not yet received the new boom truck since it went to the Board in July and the fish screen was installed in June.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 30, 2024, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Water Year 2023 – Accounts Receivable Credits for Refund for AG and Municipal & Industrial (M&I)

President Atkins reported this item will return on August 6th at the Regular Board Meeting.

4. Stockton East Water District – Consider Approving The Reorganization and Reclassification Of Staff Memo

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Stockton East Water District – Consider Approving The Reorganization and Reclassification Of Staff Memo. Manager Hopkins reported staff met with the Administration Committee to discuss proposed changes with one being the re-organization and classification of staff. Manager Hopkins reported when staff met with the Administration Committee there were six proposed changes, of which this memo covers five of the six. Manager Hopkins reported the sixth proposed change will be presented to the Board once management speaks to the affected employee(s). Manager Hopkins also reported the five proposed changes staff is recommending the Board approve are the following:

Administrative Services Manager to Account Clerk since the Administrative Services Manager position is currently funded yet vacant. This change will save the District approximately \$7K a month. The second proposed change is to reorganize one of the Administrative Assistant positions to Safety and Compliance Analyst. The third proposed change is converting one of the Electrical Technician II to an Electrical Supervisor position since management determined that two Electrical Technician II positions are not needed. With this change, the proposed pay for the Electrical Supervisor impacts the salary schedule for Maintenance Manager. In order to keep the appropriate separation between job classifications with regards to percentages as delineated in the most current salary survey, the Maintenance Manager will require an increase of \$1,501.44 per month, which is accounted for in the total financial impact section of the memo. The fourth proposed change is to create a Water Supply II position since the Water Supply Department was the only Department lacking advancement opportunities within its hierarchy. The fifth proposed change is changing the Finance Director job title to Director of Finance and Administration in order to reflect the expanded duties of the Finance Director and ensure organizational clarity. Manager Hopkins also reported the financial impact will be a savings of \$25,304.48 for FY2024-2025 and the annual savings are estimated at \$37,956.72 based on step 5 wage. Staff respectfully recommended the Board approve the re-organization and classification changes.

Director Cortopassi inquired on how the difference is calculated on Table 1. Manager Hopkins replied the Administrative Service Manager will be removed and replaced with the Accounts Clerk whose pay is \$4,818 a month and the Administrative Service Manager's pay was \$11,941.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to modify the re-organization and classification, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 07/23/24
Manager Hopkins attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) is raising their groundwater rate \$5 an acre foot and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) is also raising their groundwater rates for both their per acre cost and per acre-foot cost not to exceed the maximum of their rate schedule established previously.

Director Atkins inquired if NSJWCD has reached the point of year to increase their groundwater rates. Manager Hopkins replied yes, NSJWCD took the opportunity to increase their groundwater rates.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/23/24

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 208,172 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 223 cfs. There is 1,937,655 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,873 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 353 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,998 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 56 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 15 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 8 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 27 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 18 mgd.

2. Information Items:
 - a. Manager Hopkins noted items: F-2a
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Hopkins reported when the Cummins standby generator was returned to service with the rental still mobilized, the Cummins service staff discovered there was a bad circuit board. The District kept the rental connected for the Administrations and Operations building. Manager Hopkins stated the District is waiting for a quote from Cummins on the circuit board which is expected today. Also, the District is still waiting on a quote from Caterpillar to come and finish trouble shooting the CAT standby generator. The District replaced the previous rental portable

standby generator for a smaller rental portable standby generator with the rental rate being \$17,000 a month.

Director Watkins inquired how many kilowatts is the new rental standby generator. Manager Hopkins replied 895 kW.

Manager Hopkins reported the Growers Meeting was successful, resulting in interest from two customers. One customer is interested in recharging and potentially selling, while the second customer is considering switching to surface water. Assistant Manager Vega reported five customers have reached out wanting to switch to surface water.

Director McGurk inquired how many acre-feet of surface water total. Assistant Manager Vega replied it is an undetermined amount at this point of the discussions.

Director Panizza noted Manager Hopkins did an excellent job on the presentation in the Growers Meeting. Manager Hopkins replied the District received positive feedback from the attendees.

Manager Hopkins reported the Water Supply Enhancement Project is slowly moving forward. Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Manager Hopkins met with the Districts' water rights consultant last week. The water rights consultant will begin updating the documents which go to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Districts' water right application.

Manager Hopkins reported he met with staff to discuss the proposed incentive program and received positive feedback and hopefully by the end of August the proposed incentive program will go to the Board for approval.

4. Stockton East Water District Maintenance Update

Maintenance Manager Higaes provided the Board with an update of the District's maintenance staffing and mechanical, construction and electrical updates. Maintenance Manager Higaes reported all mechanic positions have been filled with the most recent addition of the newest Maintenance Mechanic I. The District is still looking for an Electrical Technician I. Recently, staff repaired multiple leaks on the Bellota Pipeline at the Machado property, replaced the front main seal of the Cummings generator, repaired the Peters Pipeline leak at a turnout, replaced air release valves (ARV) on the Bellota Pipeline, provided District-wide preventive maintenance and constructed FEMA repair work starting at Funk Road. Maintenance Manager Higaes also reported multiple repairs due to the lighting strike, the installation of the P-27 VFD, and the installation of the electrical for the security gate in the process. Staff installed raw water meters is in the water treatment plant process and plant-wide calibration.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Stockton East Water District – Growers Meeting, 07/26/24

Director Atkins, Director Watkins, Director Cortopassi and Manager Hopkins attended the meeting. Director Atkins reported the event was a great turnout. Chris Donis, Water Supply Manager, and Gianna O'Day, Associate Engineer I, also presented at the Growers Meeting. Director Atkins reported the attendees seemed concerned on how the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) works and who is involved. Director Atkins reported since the Growers Meeting took place there has been five customers reaching out wanting to switch to surface water.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA’s Region 3 & 4 Event Tour, 10:00 a.m., 07/31/24

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL


1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:03 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:42 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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