

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, MAY 28, 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 Director Panizza 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, Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR** (None)

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** (None)

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 05/21/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 21, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Nakaue, 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 May 28, 2024, California Public Employees' Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Consideration of Approving Revised Rule 109 – Water Rights Claims

a. Public Hearing

President Atkins opened the Public Hearing at 12:32 p.m., to receive comments on Rule 109 – Water Rights Claims.

Manager Hopkins provided proof of the public hearing.

Seeing no public comment, President Atkins closed the Public Hearing at 12:32 p.m.

b. Rule 109 – Water Rights Claims

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Rule 109. Manager Hopkins reported the Board had previously been presented the draft proposed Rule 109 on May 14, 2024, and requested the Board give any suggested edits to him. Manager Hopkins reported he received no edits.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Rule 109 – Water Rights Claims, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Resolution No. 24-25-03 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors Commending Woodbridge Irrigation District In Recognition of Continuous Service From 1924 to 2024

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with A Resolution of the Board of Directors Commending Woodbridge Irrigation District In Recognition of Continuous Service From 1924 to 2024. Manager Hopkins reported staff recommend presenting the Woodbridge Irrigation District with a resolution at their 100<sup>th</sup> year event next month. Manager Hopkins reported proposed Resolution 24-25-03 names some of Woodbridge’s history, accomplishments and acknowledges their contributions to the region. Staff are recommending the Board consider adopting resolution 24-25-03 for presentation to Woodbridge Irrigation District.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 24-25-03 Commending Woodbridge Irrigation District In Recognition of Continuous Service From 1924 to 2024, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Director Watkins left the Board meeting at 12:35 p.m.

5. Stockton East Water District – Consider Approval of Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project and Filing of CEQA NOE for 30-Day Circulation Memo

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Consider Approval of Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project and Filing of CEQA NOE for 30-Day Circulation Memo. Manager Hopkins reported Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing is one of the higher priority fish passage improvement projects the District has committed to construct as part of the Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan. t Manager Hopkins reported the project was assembled to replace the Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing. The District received a grant from California Department of Water Resources (DWR) which covers the costs for design and construction. The first step in the project process is to file the CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) document. Since this is a replacement project, it qualifies for a NOE. Staff is recommending the Board approve the Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project and filing of the associated NOE.

Director Atkins inquired if the Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing was previously replaced. Manager Hopkins replied no but there might have been some repair work to the water crossing at some point in the past.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the direction of the crossing is going to change since it is currently straight across the slough. District Engineer replied the box culverts vertical walls will be at an angle since it is California Department of Water Resources (DWR) preference for improved fish passage.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Fujinaka Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project and filing of the associated Notice of Exemption, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

#### **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)**

#### **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

##### 1. Water Supply Report as of 05/14/24

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 236,960 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 151 cfs. There is 2,098,475 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,172 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 602 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,836 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 48 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 10 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 8 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 13 mgd.

Director McGurk inquired why the amount of water coming to the WTP is different from Goodwin and Farmington Dam diversion. Manager Hopkins replied the District is currently receiving transfer water from Rock Creek Water District which is coming downstream of Goodwin Dam and upstream of Farmington Dam.

##### 2. Information Items:

a. Manager Hopkins noted items: F-2a, F-2b and F-2c

##### 3. Report on General Manager Activities

###### a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the District is finally underway with replacing the variable frequency drive (VFD) for P-27 in the High Service Pump Station (HSPS). Once this work is complete, the District will have three matching VFDs for the 600-HP pumps in HSPS which will allow the District to have one standby VFD should there be an issue with a [JH1] VFD.

Manager Hopkins reported the Districts' video producer was at the WTP last week recording footage for the upcoming groundwater video. Manager Hopkins also reported he should be expecting a draft anytime this week to review internally and make any edits to the footage to be able to present to the Board in a future meeting.

Manager Hopkins reported the Districts' security fencing project is almost complete except for one man gate between operations and Low Lift Pump Station and there is a new gate on New Water Lane. Manager Hopkins also reported the District did have some issues with the security controls contractor who was supposed to install the card readers for access. Staff are getting quotes from new consultants to receive new proposals to complete the last step for the security project.

Manager Hopkins reported there was a Project Management Committee Meeting last week for the five-year Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) update. Manager Hopkins also reported one of the significant items discussed was groundwater pumping reduction should the basin reach certain thresholds. The approved GSP contains certain threshold numbers where M&I will cut back ten percent and, depending on how much is being pumped, AG will cut back between ten and thirty percent. Manager Hopkins also reported he did raise the issue that there are several GSA's charging for groundwater and completing projects to make water available to them and on the other hand, there are some GSA's not doing anything and requested the consultants provide an estimate of how much water those ten to thirty percent cuts equates to and how much water specifically the white areas are using. Manager Hopkins reported he is hopeful the information requested will be available for the next Project Management Committee Meeting.

#### 4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update

Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with an update on the District's water supply. Every month the monitoring well data is collected.

From May 2023 to May 2024, the 3 monitoring wells located between Administration and the South Raw Water Reservoir are up 4.3ft. The 3 monitoring wells located east of the recharge site and the East Reservoir are up 2.8ft. The 3 monitoring wells on the nursery's eastside are up 6.9ft. The well located in the northwest corner of the property is up 6.2ft. The well located in the center of the Bozzano property is up 3.6ft. The 4 wells located on the eastside of the North Raw Water Reservoir are up 3ft and the total SEWD (Stockton East Water District) recharge year to date is 5,100 AF. The New Melones storage was 1,785,213 AF as of April 23, 2023. As of today, the New Melones storage is 2,098,475 AF which is an increase of 313,262 AF. The allocation used to date for New Melones is at 6% with 4334 AF. New Hogan storage was 239,846 AF as of April 23, 2023. As of today, the New Hogan storage is 236,960 AF which is a decrease of 2,886 AF. The allocation used to date is 12.8% with 10,838 AF.

Director Nakaue inquired how does the District know how much it has recharged. Water Supply Manager Donis replied the wells are sounded every month for groundwater depth and sampled by the operation staff, but recharge is based on the amount of water delivered to the recharge ponds.

### **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)**

### **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Support Letter for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project, 05/20/24

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with four Support Letters for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project. Manager Hopkins reported the District applied for a USBR WaterSMART Grant last week to fund the design of the proposed Clements Pipeline In-Lieu

Recharge Project. Manager Hopkins reported the District performed a last-minute outreach for letters of support. The District received four letters of support listed as H-1, H-2, H-3 in the packet and H-4 as a handout.

2. The Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Support Letter for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project, 05/21/24  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Support Letter for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project
3. California Water Service Support Letter for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project, 05/22/24  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the California Water Service Support Letter for the Stockton East Water District Clements Pipeline In-Lieu Recharge Project

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 05/28/24
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 05/31/24
3. Mokelumne Integrated Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP), 9:00 A.M., 06/03/24

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

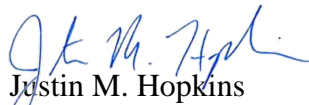
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:55 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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