

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, APRIL 23, 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 Legal Counsel Zolezzi 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 04/16/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 16, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

d. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement

e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

g. Summary

h. Short Names/ Acronym List

i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Manager Hopkins addressed the Board with some additional information for the warrants. On the expense on page 17, line item 99 for Kaufman Trailers LLC for Trailer 45,000 GVWR 25ft in the amount of \$23,732.80. Manager Hopkins reported this item was in the budget for the current fiscal year but it was not explicitly identified in the budget. Manager Hopkins also reported on the expense on page 10, line item 43 for San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for SEWD Election cost for General Election Nov 2022 in the amount of \$287,889.011. Manager Hopkins reported the District has received the revised invoice from the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for the general election expenses which was originally \$511,075.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 36 for Mallory Safety and Supply LLC for MX4 Docking Station & regulator with pressure switch in the amount \$2,524.24. Manager

Hopkins replied it is the station where the District houses the air monitors and calibrates the air monitors for confined space entries.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 38 for ParcelQuest for ParcelQuest annual renewal 06/01/24-05/31/25 in the amount of \$7,996.00. Manager Hopkins replied it is an online service the District uses to look up landowner information for parcels.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 9 line item 16 for Fishbio for Jan-Mar 2024 Consulting Calaveras O..mykiss in the amount of \$49,156.19. Manager Hopkins replied line items 16-21 are different activities Fishbio performs each month for the District's Habitat Conservation Plan compliance.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 11, line 65 for Wagner & Bonsignore for March 2023 Professional services Calaveras River Application in the amount of \$7,584.55. Manager Hopkins replied that late last year the District had been working on a revised scope for the Water Rights and updated the Water Supply Enhancement Project Scope. Wagner & Bonsignore are now integrating changes into the documents which go to the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) so the District can send the updates to the SWRCB and start progressing the Calaveras River Water Right Application.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 20, line 127 for TNT Industrial Contractors Inc. for Sodium Hypo construction prj 2303 progress bill Jan 2024-Mar 2024 in the amount of \$96,473.23. Finance Director Ram replied it was mostly labor.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 23, 2024 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Resolution No. 24-25-01 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with Resolution No. 24-25-01 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020. Manager Hopkins reported each year the District's Board of Director's is required to re-authorize the District's investment policy. Manager Hopkins reported there have been no changes to the policy from last year. Staff is recommending the consideration of adopting Resolution No. 24-25-01 to Re-Authorize Yearly Investment Policy.

Director McGurk inquired if there are only two options where the District could invest money. Finance Director Ram replied the District can deposit in the District's current bank and is also currently investing with two investment agencies. Finance Director Ram added there are other options for investment that the District does not employ like CDs because the return on investment is too low.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 24-25-01 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – McGurk Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project NOE 30-Day Circulation Memo

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with McGurk Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project NOE 30-Day Circulation Memo. Manager Hopkins reported one of the projects the District has planned for this year is the McGurk Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project to replace and improve an existing low water crossing in the Calaveras River upstream of the Bellota Weir. Manager Hopkins reported since it is a replacement of an existing crossing, staff is recommending the submittal of a notice of exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 for replacement of existing structures and facilities. Staff recommends the Board approve the McGurk Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project and authorize staff to file the corresponding Notice of Exemption.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the McGurk Low-Water Crossing Replacement Project NOE 30-Day Circulation Memo, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: McGurk

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – Approval Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendments to Support Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Projects Completion Memo

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with Approval Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendments to Support Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Projects Completion Memo. Manager Hopkins reported every year there are a handful of projects not completed before the fiscal year deadline. Due to the way the District's contract is set up with the Urban Contractor's, there is no money that gets rolled over to finish the projects for the following fiscal year. The District was anticipating project completion before the end of the fiscal year, but due to various factors, six projects were not completed. Staff recommends amending the budget to create the funding necessary to complete these projects this fiscal year. Assistant Manager Vega stated that the following four projects in fund 94 need completion: 1) Water Treatment Master Plan, 2) Sodium Hypochlorite System, 3) Extraction Well #2 and 4) High Service Pump Station SWB-A ATS. Assistant Manager Vega reported the following two projects from fund 71 need completion: 1) Eight Mile Dam Replacement and 2) Delucchi Low Water Crossing. Assistant Manager Vega reported there is no change in funding accounts., All the projects listed under fund 94 are under account 10-5323-0 which is the Maintenance and Repair fund and the projects under fund 71 are all under account 10-5203-0 which is the New Hogan Maintenance (AG) fund. Staff respectfully recommends the Board approve the proposed budget re-allocation as presented in Table 1 and Table 2.

On the HSPS SWB-A ATS, Director Cortopaasi inquired why staff was having trouble finding a contractor to complete the work and how did staff know how much money was required for this project if no bids were received. Assistant Manager Vega replied the District estimated the amount based on a previous contractor's quote who was set to do the job but was having issues with accepting liability in the contract.

Director Nakaue inquired on how the Sodium Hypochlorite System on fund 94 corresponds to the warrants on page 20, line item 127 in the amount of \$96,473.23. Assistant Manager Vega replied the \$96,473.23 was accrued last fiscal year.

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A motion was moved and seconded to approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendments to Support Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Projects Completion Memo, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District – Consideration of Approving Purchase of Solids Handling Dredging Equipment Memo

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Consideration of Approving Purchase of Solids Handling Dredging Equipment Memo. Manager Hopkins reported in 2016 the District contracted with Synagro Inc to dredge out the solids which were accumulating in the North and the South Raw Water Reservoirs. Over the past eight years, staff have noticed solids accumulation has returned, which has decreased some of the storage capacity in the North and South reservoirs. Manager Hopkins reported staff reached out to Synagro Inc for an updated proposal to perform dredging and Synagro Inc responded with a price of \$500K. Staff regrouped and requested quotes for dredging equipment from several manufacturers. All manufacturers sell a floating, cable-driven dredge with automation. Assistant Manager Vega reported Crisafulli Pumps quoted \$198,158 for a 75HP pump dredger and the lowest price. The quote includes all necessary materials for the dredger to pump solids from the reservoirs, but additional materials are required to transport them to the dewatering lagoons and to power the dredger. Assistant Manager Vega reported the estimate for the electrical material is \$22,770. Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to approve the purchase of a dredging equipment and other materials for \$198,158 and \$22,770 respectively, plus 10% contingencies of \$19,816 and \$2,277 respectively, for a total amount of \$243,071, and make all other necessary approvals.

Director Atkins inquired about the size of the Crisafulli pump. Assistant Manager Vega replied he was unsure of the dimensions but provided the Board with a video of the dredger with pump that the District wants to purchase.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District will have to hire extra personnel to be able to run the equipment. Assistant Manager Vega replied that no additional staff would be needed to work the equipment.

Manager Hopkins suggested bringing this item back to the Board once staff has more information about the dredging equipment labor requirements.

No motion was taken and the Consideration of Approving Purchase of Solids Handling Dredging Equipment Memo will be brought back to a future regular board meeting. Discussion followed.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/16/24

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 287,280 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 63 cfs. There is 2,047,712 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,872 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 915 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,584 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 36 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 9 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 14 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 13 mgd.

Director Panizza inquired if Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District is only pumping groundwater. Manager Hopkins replied Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District does plan on taking water this year.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 04/19/24

Finance Director Ram attended the CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. Finance Director Ram reported this was the first meeting without Kevin as Brooke White is the new Executive Director. Brooke White has a background in budget with USBR. Brooke will send out a poll on scheduling a small group discussion on the annual PUE Rate Setting Proposal to gauge interest. Finance Director Ram also reported Ed Young did a very brief presentation on the different funding sources in which the budget is \$554M and CVP is getting 13% which is \$56M. The overall budget decreased by 1%, however CVPIA increased by 4%. This increase was offset by a decrease in funding for water related resources.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported a bid opening will take place today for the remainder of the work for Extraction Well #2 which is the piping to connect the well to the North Raw Water Reservoir.

Manager Hopkins reported the new P1 pump has arrived for the Low Lift Pump Station.

Manager Hopkins reported the boom truck is having issues with the braking system and is out of service. Staff is using a rental truck to finish dam installations.

Manager Hopkins reported there will be a shutdown for the High Service Pump Station scheduled tentatively for April 29<sup>th</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup>. Operation staff are coordinating with the Urban Contractors to keep them apprised as the schedule gets firmed up. Manager Hopkins reported this shutdown is to put ATS Switch Gear A on standby generator power.

Manager Hopkins reported the Linden Cherry Festival is on May 18<sup>th</sup> and plans to have one of the District vehicles in the parade if any Board members would like to participate.

Manager Hopkins reported a strange individual on a bicycle was found near the tank farm gate at 7:00am and Manager Hopkins escorted him off campus.

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 April 2023 to April 2024, the 3 monitoring wells located between Administration and the South Raw Water Reservoir are up 9ft. The 3 monitoring wells located east of the recharge site and the East Reservoir are up 3.9ft. The 3 monitoring wells located on the eastside of the nursery are up 3.5ft. 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 5.3ft. The 4 wells located on the eastside of the North Raw Water Reservoir are up 3.57ft. The New Melones storage was 1,478,529 AF as of April 23, 2023. As of today, the New Melones storage is 2,047,712 AF which is an increase of 569,183 AF. New Hogan storage was 237,499 AF as of April 23, 2023. As of today, the New Hogan storage is 239,737 AF which is an increase of 2,238 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis reported dam installs should be complete by April 27<sup>th</sup> and Mormon Slough fully charged by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Director Cortopassi inquired how long does it take the Calaveras River water to get down to Murphy Dam. Water Supply Manager Donis replied by Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – 2024 State of the City, 04/18/24  
Director McGurk, Director Atkins, Director Sanguinetti, Director Cortopassi, Finance Director Ram and Assistant Manager Vega attended the 2024 State of the City. Director McGurk reported the content on all of the booths was better than ever. Director Atkins reported the mayor had a speech of all his accomplishments throughout his time of being a mayor and there was a showcase of their Electric Forklift. Finance Director Ram reported more people attended this year compared to other years. Stockton is trying to construct more houses and apartment complexes downtown to attract new people as well as a potential new construction of a grocery store
2. Groundwater Resources Association of California – 2024 Groundwater Law & Legislation Forum, 04/18/24  
Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the 2024 Groundwater Law & Legislation Forum. Manager Hopkins reported he had a brief conversation with Paul Gosselin about the District's five-year GSP update and how the District is identifying allowable subsidence greater than half a foot since 2015 which is what is within the proposed legislation. Mr. Gosselin's initial feedback was there would be more guidance from Department of Water Resources (DWR) about subsidence this fall, but if showing more than half a foot of subsidence since 2015, supporting data will be needed. Director Watkins reported there are two different types of subsidence elastic and inelastic subsidence. Manager Hopkins also reported there were panels for proposition 218 and PFAS.

Director McGurk inquired if the satellite will be measuring a specific spot or is it intended to be universal. Manager Hopkins reported there is a lot of modeling involved to take the satellite data and apply it over everything.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 04/23/24
2. California Special District Association – Financial Management for Special Districts Workshop, 9:00 a.m., 04/24/24
3. Stockton East Water District - Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 04/25/24

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4. Stockton East Water District - Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 04/26/24
5. Stockton East Water District - Electrical Power Alternative Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 04/29/24

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**


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

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:04 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:10 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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