

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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, AT 12:30 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Vice President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Director of Finance & Administration led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, and Sanguinetti. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Supply Manager Donis, Maintenance Manager Higaes, Administrative Clerk Barraza, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. ~~Directors Atkins, Cortopassi and Watkins were absent.~~ Director Atkins, Watkins and Assistant General Manager Vega attended the 2024 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR** (None)

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** (None)

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 09/03/24 Regular Meeting

Vice President McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 1, section D-1, paragraph 3, line 2: replace Abbot with AVID

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 3, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants –

- a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
- b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund
- f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- h. Payroll
- i. Summary
- j. Short Name/ Acronym List
- k. SEWD Vehicles & Industrial Equipment

Manager Hopkins made the following correction to the warrants:

- Page 21, line 144: replace \$1,595,319.86 with \$1,650,152.86

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 55-57 for Ecco Equipment Corporation for rental of excavator in the week ending 05/01/24 and 07/23/24-08/22/24 in the amounts of \$9,476.50, \$8,448.13 and \$779.88. Manager Hopkins replied the Districts' excavator was in use, therefore an additional excavator had to be rented to complete the work. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 10, 2024, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, Cortopassi, Watkins

3. Stockton East Water District – Discuss Development of Groundwater Demand Management Program for Five-Year GSP Update Memo

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a memo to discuss Development of Groundwater Demand Management Program for Five-Year GSP Update. Manager Hopkins reported the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is currently in the process of conducting a 5-year Groundwater Sustainability (GSP) Update. District staff, Director Watkins and Legal Counsel have been involved in the process. Manager Hopkins presented the Board with this memo, so that the District has a clear understanding of the time crunch they are working on to make sure they get the 5-year update completed and submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) by the January 29<sup>th</sup> deadline. He also reported DWR is requiring the development of a Demand Management Program even though the approved GSP does identify pumping curtailment as a back stop. Stating in the 5-year update that the GSAs (Groundwater Sustainability Agencies) will curtail pumping at a minimum threshold will not be enough and DWR wants to have an actual plan to curtail pumping. The District has not developed an accounting framework, but plan to commit to DWR certain milestones the GWA (Groundwater Authority) and all the GSAs for completing the plan together.

Director McGurk inquired about the meaning of an accounting plan. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied it involves groundwater, who is taking out what and who is getting credit for what. Manger Hopkins responded the District is working on a macro scale, where we are looking at total water in and water out. Through that modeling the consultant came up with the number of 56,000-acre feet annually.

Director Nakaue inquired about how the District will know how much water people are taking without meters. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied we don't know but we are very confident in our numbers. Manager Hopkins replied the District has historically used a flat rate but more recently we have used satellite imagery to calculate evapotranspiration. This current irrigation season, we have partnered with some landowners and installed meters on their wells, so that at the end of the season we can compare actual meter data at the parcel level to the satellite data and hope they both align.

This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – Draft 2024/2025 Fall/Winter Newsletter

No action was taken on this item.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 1. Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting, 09/05/24

Director McGurk ~~and~~, Director Sanguinetti, Director Watkins, Manager Hopkins and District Engineer Evensen attended the Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported there was no quorum at this meeting, so they were not allowed to approve minutes from past meetings. They reviewed the DREAM Pilot Project and Stella from EBMUD talked to the committee about the updates to the DREAM Pilot Project press release. Director McGurk reported they discussed using agriculture wells for monitoring.

### 2. Stockton East Water District – Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 09/05/24

No Director is available to give a report on this meeting. Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, and District Engineer Evensen attended the Agriculture Operations Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported the committee received an update from GEI, the Districts' consultant on the Water Supply Master Plan. They went through the master plan to date and identified the direction they plan to head in with the recommended projects which will go into the capital improvement program. Manager Hopkins reported t the committee briefly discussed the budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The two projects mentioned specifically for the budget were the Potter Creek Pump Station and investigation of a Mormon Slough WTP Influent Pump Station. Manager Hopkins also reported the committee discussed water rates, with some Directors suggesting the need to raise rates in order to boost funding for additional projects.

### 3. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 09/09/24

This item will be brought back as a Committee Report in the next Regular Board Meeting.

## **G. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### 1. Water Supply Report as of 09/03/24

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 190,100 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 190 cfs. There is 1,849,234 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,550 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 253 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,465 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 46 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 8 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 11 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 25 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 22 mgd.

### 2. Information Items: None

### 3. Report on General Manager Activities

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

Manager Hopkins reported on the Low Lift Pump Station P-1 Update. He reported that the motor for the P-1 Pump finally came back. Staff now have all the materials and equipment needed to finish the P-1 pump. Staff will begin working on this and P-1 Pump should be online by the end of the year.

Manager Hopkins provided an update on the Bellota Pipeline Leak, noting that staff are continuing to work on the pipeline. Completion at the Eilers' property is anticipated by Friday, after which work will start on the Watkins' property on Monday.

Manager Hopkins provided an update on the Low Lift Pump Station generator, reporting CAT was on site today putting in the rebuilt fuel pump. Once the installation is complete, the next step will be testing it, with the hope everything functions smoothly. If everything goes good with the rebuilt fuel pump, staff will return the rental generator.

Manager Hopkins reported on Extraction Well #2, stating the contractor is almost finished and will be completely off site by the end of the week.

Manager Hopkins reported on the Calaveras River Watershed Resiliency Study. He reported District staff, City of Stockton staff, Cal Water staff and Calaveras County Water District staff interviewed potential consultants interested in performing the study for us. Staff has chosen a consultant and will engage them in setting up a professional service agreement which will come to the Board next week.

Director McGurk inquired about the time frame of the Calaveras River Watershed Resiliency Study. Manager Hopkins replied it is a pilot program that DWR selected the District for this study. The District had received 2 million dollars to do this work. The District will be the leading edge of the new Watershed Resiliency Plans with the hope of being the first to receive grant funding. The plan must be done by March of 2026.

#### 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. Water Supply Manager Donis reported on the monitoring wells/groundwater level change in the last 12 months. The 3 wells between Administration and South Raw Water Reservoir averaged 8 feet. The 3 wells east of the East Reservoir averaged down 6 feet. The 3 wells East of the nursery on Main averaged 14 feet in 2 years. One well northwest corner of SEWD is down 4 feet. One well center of Bozzano is down 13 feet. The 4 wells east of the North Raw Water Reservoir averaged 18 feet. The total SEWD recharge YTD is 10,700 acre-feet.

Water Supply Manager Donis reported on the New Melones Lake. The storage last year was 1,906,327 acre-feet and storage today was 1,839,839 acre-feet. The top of conservation was 2,420,000 acre-feet and the release was 205 CFS. The allocation used to date was 35,600 acre-feet. He also reported on New Hogan Lake. The storage last year was 197,949 acre-feet and storage today is 189,941 acre-feet. The top of conservation is 317,100 acre-feet and the release was 190 CFS. The allocation used to date was 66,600 acre-feet.

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Mixer, Best Western Plus, 09/05/24  
No Directors attended this event.

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. AgVenture San Joaquin County – Thank You Letter, 09/25/24

Manager Hopkins reported a thank you letter, sent to the District by Krista McCoon from AgVenture.

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 09/11/24
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 09/11/24
3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 09/11/24
4. Stockton Chamber of Commerce – 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Industrial BBQ, 5:00 p.m., 09/11/24
5. San Joaquin – State of the County, Bob Hope Theatre, 2:30 p.m., 09/12/24
6. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 09/13/24

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**


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

Vice President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:10 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m., with the no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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