

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, JUNE 11, 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 Nakaue 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, Administrative Clerk Barraza, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 06/04/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 4, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 11, 2024, California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Cancellation of June 18, 2024, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Cancellation of June 18, 2024, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported staff overlooked the upcoming holiday on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Juneteenth is a District observed holiday which falls on a Wednesday. Manager Hopkins reported it is a tight turnaround since staff will have less than a day to prepare the agenda packet. Staff is recommending the Board consider cancelling the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Manager Hopkins also advised the next regular meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> would be administered by Assistant General Manager Vega, since Manager Hopkins will be attending the California Special Districts Association General Manager Summit.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Cancellation of June 18, 2024, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

Board Meeting – 06/11/24

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

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Eastern Water Alliance (EWA)/ DREAM Monitoring Committee Meeting, 06/06/24  
Director Sanguinetti attended the Eastern Water Alliance (EWA)/ DREAM Monitoring Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported during this meeting there was no EWA Board quorum, but the DREAM committee did meet to update everyone on the Pilot Project. Director Sanguinetti reported during the meeting they discussed the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) lessons learned and discussed how they should implement more monitoring wells. EBMUD is interested in developing a large-scale project, capable of providing 40,000-acre feet of stored water. Director Sanguinetti also reported EEBMUD) is moving into the second phase of the project, which is doing work to the pipeline and trying to find places to recharge. EBMUD was going to figure out how much land is needed for them to be able to do the recharge, they discussed either purchasing or renting land.
2. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 06/10/24  
Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom. Director Atkins reported the meeting was quick; the minutes were not able to be approved and there was no financial report. Director Atkins reported they sent out invoices to all the customers, but the invoices were 40 cents over. They were able to contact everyone who received an invoice and returned and corrected everything. Director Atkins also reported the coalition might be affected by people pulling out their crops and letting it go fallow, meaning they wouldn't have to pay fees for the following years. Director Atkins reported at least five percent of people in the area might pull out their crops but is still unsure.

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

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/04/24

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 232,134 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 202 cfs. There is 2,103,495 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,119 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 855 cfs and release to all water users is set at 2,396 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 52 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 13 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 9 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 21 mgd.

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 San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters office reached out informing the District it is time to have a discussion regarding the 2024 general election.

Manager Hopkins reported at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, a resolution will come to the board, where the board will have to request election services from the Registrar of Voters

Manager Hopkins reported on some current legislative updates, starting with AB (Assembly Bill) 460 – Water Rights. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies) was a big opponent of this legislation and this bill has now been tailored to only fines and penalty fees for violations. Manager Hopkins reported on AB 2557, which came on the radar last week from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). This bill will create new reporting requirements for temporary support and temporary staff, including consultants. The CSDA is taking the opposed position, so staff will look more into this bill and send out a letter of opposition. Manager Hopkins also reported on AB 2149 on gate regulation. Manager Hopkins reported the author of this bill proposes to regulate gates for every entity. Manager Hopkins reported no public entity wants to permit all their gates and have them inspected and regulated. The CSDA is taking an opposed position, the District will most likely follow suit. Manager Hopkins reported on AB 2079 on the proposed legislation for not allowing agriculture wells, that it has died in committee. Manager Hopkins reported on AB 1337, a water rights bill from the previous year. The author had failed to get the traction to move this bill forward, which is some good news for the District.

Manager Hopkins reported the Bellota Pipeline is still leaking, since one of the repairs did not hold up. Staff are still trying to address the leak which was worked on last week. Manager Hopkins reported there is another leak at Peter's Pipeline, which looks like it might have been damaged with some equipment on a turnout. Manager Hopkins reported as long as the pipeline isn't too full the water won't leak. Manager Hopkins reported there is another leak at Potter Creek. The water is either short circuiting along the turnout pipeline or the gate is leaking and letting the water go to the turnout. Manager Hopkins reported this current leak is controlled for now but will be fully repaired after Peter's Pipeline has been fixed.

Director McGurk inquired if some of these leaks are included in the area being filmed. Manager Hopkins replied the leaks are not located within the filmed reaches of the pipelines.

Manager Hopkins reported he met with Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to discuss their Resources Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Manager Hopkins reported this program seems very promising and has \$1.5 billion in funding available and \$25 million project funding available. Staff will be preparing two proposals, one for a continuation of our SWEEP Block Grant Program, where the District funds directly to the growers to support surface water installations. The second proposal is tied to the Districts' Water Supply Enhancement Project to potentially provide funding for our pipelines off the Calaveras River, to bring surface water into the center of the foothill. Manager Hopkins reported the deadline for this program is July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Manager Hopkins inquired about whether we wanted to continue partnering with the other districts, specifically North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District. Manager Hopkins believes it will help the District if we include Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District but uncertain if they will help growers get connected to surface water. With a \$25 million grant, a lot of surface water conversion projects can be done between the four districts.

Director Watkins inquired if it is going to be \$25 million per district or if it is the total for all four districts. Manager Hopkins replied the \$25 million is the total and the financial assistance is 75% of the \$25 million and then NRCS keeps the other 25% for technical assistance they provide. If all four districts applied together, we would share \$25 million.

Director McGurk inquired about where the funding started and which department in the federal government it came from. Manager Hopkins replied it came from the United States Department of Agriculture, and it came largely from the Inflation Reduction Act. Discussion followed. Board feedback was to only focus on an application from the District.

Manager Hopkins advised the Board he plans to take time off at the end of this month between June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering Update

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with an update on current Engineering projects. Manager Hopkins reported the new LLPS Pump P-1 was installed, staff are still waiting for the motor and the check valve to arrive. Manager Hopkins also reported the security gates and fencing are almost done; staff are working on the wiring on the New Water Lane gate. The staff is still searching for a new security consultant to visit the site and install card readers at the gates.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Kings Card Club, 06/06/24  
Director Atkins reported no Directors attended this event.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. California Farm Water Coalition – Thank You Letter, 05/28/24  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Thank You Letter from the California Farm Water Coalition for continued membership contribution.

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 06/12/24  
*\*This meeting was cancelled\**
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 06/12/24
3. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 06/14/24
4. Mokelumne Integrated Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP) Quarterly Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 06/17/24

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

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

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:01 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justin M. Hopkins*

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Secretary of the Board

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