

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, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 12:00 NOON

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

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:22 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Director McGaughey was absent. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Johnson, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Curtis, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR** (None)

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** (None)

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 02/13/18 Regular Meeting

Director Cortopassi made the following corrections to the minutes:

- Page 2, section E-1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence – strike “to respond within 15 days, they are trying to make an example of people who are on a high runnable area” and replace with “that are in a vulnerable area per their Nitrogen Management Plans and have not yet returned these reports to the Coalition. Farmers are given 15 days to respond to the letter”.
- Page 2, section E-1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 5<sup>th</sup> sentence – strike “that there may be legacy chemicals that are being pumped out of the aquifer and to see if there is also runoff from well water” and replace with “where there are high nitrates in water and where farmers are pumping water from their wells, with potential of runoff from those wells onto neighboring land or entering other aquifers”.
- Page 2, section E-1, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 10<sup>th</sup> sentence – add the word “property” after the word “domestic”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

- f. Payroll
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 7, line item 7 for All Connected, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant SCADA predesign 01/31/18 in the amount of \$21,626.20. Manager Moody replied all payments are expensed to Fund 70 and then allocated to appropriate funds within the financial system.

Manager Moody inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 9 for Pape Kenworth for Bit inspection & repair parts for Unit #53 maintenance in the amount of \$2,144.25. Assistant Manager Johnson replied the charge is unclear. Manager Moody advised staff will research this charge and report back to the Board

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 6 for Geiger Manufacturing, Inc. for air vent structures for stock for Bellota pipeline repair in the amount of \$7,281.20. Manager Moody advised the District's stock was depleted for the Bellota Pipeline Repair Project; this purchase was to refill the stock.

Manager Moody reported on the expense on page 11, line item 10 for Sonsray Machinery for parts & labor to repair Unit 41's left front axle assembly in the amount of \$1,320.91, reporting one side was dry which caused the machine to ruin the planetary gear, in addition, heavy wear was noticed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 20, 2018 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Resolution No. 17-18-14 – 2018 New Melones Conveyance System Wheeling Rates for Central San Joaquin Water District

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 17-18-14 Findings for the 2018 New Melones Conveyance System Wheeling Rate for Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD). Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported CSJWCD has requested the wheeling of water in 2018. The District has followed all direction given by the Superior and Appellate Courts, which was incorporated into the methodology. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the resolution and subsequent information should comply with all the requirements of the courts.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported staff will prepare a letter to send to CSJWCD with the District's response for their request to wheel water. Manager Moody added staff will inquire with CSJWCD about scheduling a meeting to discuss further.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 17-18-14 Findings for the 2018 New Melones Conveyance System Wheeling Rate for Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Resolution No. 17-18-15 – Authorizing a Proposal for Funding from the Department of Water Resources and Designating a Representative to Execute the Agreement for the Central California Traction Railroad Site Project

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 17-18-15 and reported this resolution is to allow the District to enter into an agreement for funding with the Department of Water Resources for the Central California Traction Railroad Crossing Fish Passage Improvement Project.

Manager Moody reported this resolution nominated Manager Moody as the signatory to execute the funding agreement on behalf of the District.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 17-18-15 Authorizing a Proposal for Funding from the Department of Water Resources and Designating a Representative to Execute the Agreement for the Central California Traction Railroad Site Project, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Stockton East Water District – 2018 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Annual Salary Adjustments. Finance Director Vega reported in accordance with the 2015-2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with District employees, a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is based on 80% of CPI net change with a minimum increase of 2.5% and a maximum increase of 6.0%. Based on the US City Average – Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers Index, the COLA for employees net increase of 2.22%. Eighty percent of the increase is equal to 1.78%, which falls below the MOU minimum salary increase of 2.5%. Finance Director Vega reported staff is recommending a minimum salary increase of 2.5%.

President McGurk inquired if inflation were to incur in the United States if the COLA could surpass the maximum of 6%. Finance Director Vega reported no, based on the District’s MOU, 6% is the highest COLA increase possible until the MOU is revised in 2020. This item was for information only.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Delta Coalition Committee Meeting, 02/14/18

Consultant Barkett did not attend the February 14, 2018 Delta Coalition Committee Meeting. Consultant Barkett advised he will consult with Kris Balaji to determine what was discussed during the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 02/14/18  
Directors Panizza and Watkins, Manager Moody and District Engineer Lee attended the February 14, 2018 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on the Central Delta Water Agency's further involvement in remaining a JPA. Central Delta Water Agency believed the initial cost to join would be the only cost necessary. They are concerned about paying in subsequent years, as they do not see a benefit for their agency. Manager Moody reported if an agency were to remove themselves at this point, all the basin mapping and drawings sent to DWR would need to be re-done. Should an agency wait until after all information has been submitted to DWR, it would not jeopardize any work that has been up until this point. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018.

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

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/19/18  
Manager Moody 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 158,574 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 26 cfs. There is 1,958,893 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,501 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,546 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 17 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 14 mgd.

Director Watkins inquired if less than 26 cfs can be released in dry years. Manager Moody replied a couple years ago releases were set at 10 cfs.

Director Cortopassi inquired the tentative dates for dam installation. Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout of the draft copy of the Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter. The District's typical dam installation begins on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Manager Moody advised if the Board would like dams installed sooner, staff will need to petition the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB).

Director Sanguinetti recommended requesting dam installation on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Manager Moody advised staff will send the request to the CVFPB.

Manager Moody requested the Board provide any additional comments on the Newsletter so staff can send to print. Director Cortopassi recommended adding a caption at the bottom of the picture under the Water Supply Outlook section to note the image is of Goodwin Dam.

2. Information Items:  
Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4, F2a-5 and F2a-6.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
  - a. Association of California Water Agencies – Meeting with Tim Quinn & Ana Javaid, 02/15/18  
Manager Moody and Administrative Services Manager Carido attended the February 15, 2018 Association of California Water Agencies – Meeting with Tim Quinn & Ana Javaid. Manager Moody reported the discussion focused on ACWA's Strategic Plan. Tim Quinn

inquired what the District's biggest concerns are. Manager Moody reported he advised unimpaired flows are of concern. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on the ACWA's Ag Initiative and the newly formed Ag Committee. Staff is still awaiting report of who was assigned to that committee. There was discussion about the behind the scenes efforts for beneficial use and the progress that has been made.

b. U.S.B.R. Meeting Regarding Central Valley Project (CVP) Rates, 02/16/18

Manager Moody reported the U.S.B.R. Meeting Regarding Central Valley Project (CVP) Rates Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2018 was cancelled and rescheduled for February 22, 2018.

Manager Moody reported he met with Stephen Salvatore, City Manager of Lathrop to discuss the JPA and how the Committee got to where they are now. Mr. Salvatore informed Manager Moody that the City of Lathrop has excess effluent from the Sewage Treatment Plant. Entities south of Lathrop have been petitioning to put effluent in the river so they can buy it once it reaches downstream. Manager Moody reported it was a productive meeting.

Director Cortopassi reported he got in contact Dante Nomellini's office, Central Delta Water Agency regarding the Water Board's Riparian Water Report, as it seems the Water Board wants to add meters to pumps. Manager Moody replied this is SB-88, the Delta regions is the reason SB-88 came to be. The southern region wants to know exactly what is being pumped into the Delta and ensuring no more than necessary is pumped in.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District – Coalition Budget vs. Actual 2017/2018, July 2017 – June 2018

Director Cortopassi reported the budget was distributed at the San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting on February 12, 2018. Director Cortopassi reported the Coalition pays \$25,000 to CV Salts and their Stationary & Printing budget is higher than average as they have been printing and mailing more informational fliers. A list of all their mailings is included in a copy of the budget.

Director Watkins attended the February 15, 2018 North San Joaquin County Water Conservation District's Workshop on the Groundwater Project. Director Watkins reported there was a large crowd, to include, representatives from San Joaquin County Public Works Department and the League of Women Voters. Director Watkins reported the Project involves installing seven miles of pipeline from the Mokelumne River to Pixley Creek Slough and Bear Creek. This pipeline will move pressurized water from a newer, more efficient pump station to ~6,000 acres along the main pipeline. This project would enable growers to irrigate their land with surface water instead of groundwater. Director Watkins reported parcels along the pipeline will be charged an annual assessment of \$98.75 - \$123.44 per acre, while parcels near Bear Creek and Duck Creek will be charged an annual assessment of \$40 - \$50. The further the parcels from the creeks and pipelines, the less the annual assessment. Director Watkins reported the proposal is out for voter approval and ballots are due by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Manager Moody inquired if the theory is that those paying the higher assessment live closer to the pipeline and have a direct benefit. Director Watkins replied, anyone that close will pay an assessment regardless of water use, as that charge will also pay for pumps to pressurize the water.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Cancelled – San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Advisory Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/21/18
2. OID/SSJID/SEWD Washington D.C. Trip, 02/26/18 – 03/01/18

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations  
Government Code 54957.6
2. Closed Session – Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:34 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. All District staff was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:34 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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