

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, AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 12:00 NOON

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

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., and Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/07/18 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, 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 August 14, 2018 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Discussion

Nothing to report.

4. Preliminary Base Monthly Payment Schedule – Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment (BMP) Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/2020. Manager Moody reported the BMP schedule is brought to the Board annually to put together a preliminary schedule for budgeting.

Manager Moody reported approving the Preliminary BMP allows the Urban Contractors to see preliminary numbers and provide the District with their figures for the following Fiscal Year.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Roll Call:

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

5. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Water Treatment Plant – Operations Update (Taste & Odor)

Manager Moody provided the Board with an update on the taste and odor of the water. Manager Moody reported there has been significant improvement and he has had multiple calls with Cal Water to discuss the problem and will have another follow-up call this Thursday.

Manager Moody reported the turbidity for the Plant peaked at 18, but is currently at six. Staff is continuing to dose the water with extra chlorine. Delivered water is showing a residual trihalomethanes (THM) less than 30, which is very good (Maximum level is 80).

Manager Moody reported Assistant Manager Johnson received a couple complaint calls since Friday and Cal Water reported they have not received any calls since last week.

Manager Moody reported staff will be putting together information for the Board's review regarding the purchase and use of copper sulfate to see if it will be worth experimenting with next year.

Director McGaughey reported The Stockton Record's article was very fair. Manager Moody agreed.

Manager Moody reported KCRA 3 was onsite filming for 45-minutes to an hour and only used 90-seconds worth of footage for his television interview.

Manager Moody reported Cal Water is blending their wells to bring down the taste and odor of the water. All ponds are full and a temporary dam was built in the North Percolation Pond to recharge more water onsite.

President McGurk inquired if the algae the District is experiencing is related to the red algae found in the ocean. Manager Moody replied samples were taken and by looking through a microscope and it appears to be anabaena algae.

Manager Moody reported staff called the Department of Drinking Water (DDW) the day of the interview with KCRA 3 to inform them of the issue, so as not to surprise anyone if they saw it on the evening news. DDW explained this is not uncommon and they

recommended different testing measures. Staff has sent the tests to a certified lab; however, it could take 3-weeks to get the results back.

Director Atkins inquired if staff knows where the algae begins. Manager Moody replied staff has pinned it down to Copperopolis Road. The water has been tested upstream and it is fine. This item was for information only.

6. City of Lathrop Department of Public Works – Notice of Completed Basin Boundary Modification Request, 08/06/18

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Notice of Completed Basin Boundary Modification Request from the City of Lathrop Department of Public Works. Manager Moody reported the District mailed a letter to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in opposition on June 27, 2018. The City of Lathrop sent the District a letter on August 6, 2018 regarding an open comment period.

Manager Moody recommended staff resend the letter to DWR that was sent in June. This item was for information only.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, 08/08/18

Manager Moody and District Engineer Lee attended the August 8, 2018 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on existing groundwater levels and 1992 levels versus 2015 levels. The Committee discussed which year would be best to use, and it seems that 1992 would be best for the District and most of the Basin. Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout of the presentation from the meeting and explained there seems to be one well driving all the measurements within a particular area of the Basin. The Committee needs to investigate the exact location of that well, as the Calaveras runs right through that location. Director Sanguinetti reported the area to the north of Highway 26, past Escalon Bellota has never had groundwater. Manager Moody added this is and any other insight is helpful because there is so much information shared during these meetings. Manager Moody reported District Engineer Lee has had good conversations with consultants that has allowed her to receive good information to interpret everything shared during these meetings. Manager Moody reported the final step is to submit minimum thresholds of groundwater. They will be trigger points within the GSP that will tell GSAs and DWR if everyone is headed in the right direction. Legal Counsel Zolezzi inquired if the map shows the 1992 levels. Manager Moody replied it is based on the 1992 levels, but shows a comparison of where we are today. Director Watkins inquired if the only options are choosing 1992 or 2015. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied yes, and whichever levels are chosen, the Basin has to be sustainable to those levels in 20-years. Director Sanguinetti inquired on the levels reported on the map on page 10 of the presentation. Manager Moody replied it is the threshold minus the current foot. For example in one area, the levels are now between -44 and -18 feet less than it was in 1992. Legal Counsel Zolezzi inquired if there are 2015 maps. District Engineer Lee replied no because the Committee chose to use 1992 levels. Manager Moody reported the Committee is in the running for a grant for implementation. Part of this grant would be to install new monitoring wells. Director Atkins inquired how they determine over drafting if there are no monitoring wells.

Manager Moody replied that is what needs to be investigated to confirm or deny the numbers. The hope is the grant would help with the lack of wells. Director Sanguinetti inquired if the Committee is looking at old groundwater studies as well. Manager Moody replied yes. President McGurk inquired if a representative from North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) was present at the meeting. Mike Callahan, San Joaquin County, replied they sent a consultant to the Advisory Committee and Joe Valente attended the Board Meeting. Manager Moody reported NSJWCD withdrew their request for a water transfer. Director Watkins inquired if the Board can be provided with a map identifying roads and towns to have a better understanding of the differences between the 1992 and 2015 levels. District Engineer Lee replied she will inquire with the consultants and try to have something by the next Regular Board Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 08/08/18

Directors Panizza and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the August 8, 2018 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting. Director Panizza reported the Board Meeting covered parts of the Advisory Meeting. The most important item of note is the discussion about outreach. The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin will be hosting an open house to discuss the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). This outreach open house will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Director Panizza reported he is not sure how the information provided by the Advisory Committee will be effectively communicated to the Ag interests. Director Panizza suggested it might be helpful to have some Board Members present at this open house to get feedback. Manager Moody reported each GSA will have their own designated area so customers can easily spot them and engage in discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018.

3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 08/13/18

Director Atkins attended the August 13, 2018 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Atkins reported there was a discussion on membership and the Coalition will be sending out statements and cleaning up their customer databases, as there are properties with changing leases. Previous tenants were supposed to pay the Coalition and now those fees are being attributed to the new tenants, who are not responsible for paying. Director Atkins reported there was discussion on the Program Manager's Report. Seventeen different chemicals were found, one trigger was lorsban found on Temple Creek at double over the threshold. Director Atkins reported the Coalition is monitoring trends on ~50 wells, testing for nitrates. If nitrates are found, they must be listed on the Nitrate Management Plan. There was discussion on testing surface water, both South San Joaquin Irrigation District and SEWD reported they do not test surface water. Director Atkins reported the Coalition will be meeting with CV Salts this week. Manager Moody reported one goal of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is to refrain from duplicate efforts. The Coalition and CV Salts will be part of the plan to determine which entities will be responsible for specific work to reduce duplicative efforts. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018.

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

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 08/13/18**

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 179,297 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 194 cfs. There is 1,855,253 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 302 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,725 cfs. There are currently 15 irrigators on New Hogan, 3 irrigators on New Melones and 2 Out-of-District irrigators. The water treatment plant is currently processing 30 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 27 mgd.

Manager Moody reported District Engineer Lee and Water Supply Supervisor Donis are projecting to be between 158,000-162,000 AF by mid-October in New Hogan to reach the 152,100 AF threshold by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **2. Information Items:**

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

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

#### **a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 08/10/18**

Manager Moody attended the February 9, 2018 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported he sat in as the alternate for Mike Hardesty this month. Manager Moody reported Timm Quinn advised it has been quiet in Washington D.C. because of their recess break. It is expected as soon as they are back in session the Farm and WRDA Bills will move. Manager Moody reported ACWA was pleased with the USBR's letter to the State Board pushing back on New Melones unimpaired flows. Manager Moody reported there might be a bill in the future that gives the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) more power. Because of pushback on the SED and other items, it seems as if legislature is trying to come up with a way to give the SWRCB more power. There was discussion on SB 1422 (Portantino), forcing amendments to sample for microplastics. They do not know what microplastics will do to us in the future; and they are trying to figure out a way to sample. However, there has been no research done on this so they do not know how to test for it. There was discussion about the Governor trying to push a bill for liability limits for PG&E and other utility limits for power generation. If there is fire activity or high winds, PG&E may shut off power grids in certain areas. Manager Moody reported the water tax would most likely be going on two trailer bills. One bill would be Ag only, of which, there would be zero opposition to that because the State Farm Bureau helped solidify the tax, and they feel as if they can safely push it through without much push back. The second would be the municipal state bill. The plan would be to give the customer the option to pay the amount or not. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2018.

Manager Moody reported a large industrial customer of the District, who the District has had issues with in the past, has had a new issue surface. This customer has installed a large solar farm. Their meter reading is how the District calculates their pumping, however, due

to the solar, their meter sometimes runs backwards. Staff has been working with this customer and PG&E for months to come to a resolution. Manager Moody advised staff to get a 3-year and 5-year average to find a common ground number to bill. The customer disagreed, but the numbers were sent to County and will be on the customers tax roll. Manager Moody advised a meter will be installed on this site.

Manager Moody reported to the Board he will be out of the office Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and possibly Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Advisory Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 08/15/18
2. SGMA Outreach Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., 08/15/18
3. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 08/17/18
4. Stop the State Water Grab Rally, 12:00 p.m., 08/20/18

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:39 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:27 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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