

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 16, 2019 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:25 p.m., and Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District's (CSJWCD) customer Ray Lial addressed the Board and inquired on the merger progress between CSJWCD and SEWD. Manager Moody replied both Districts have executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and are currently working on a draft Joint Resolution for submission to LAFCo. Manager Moody added the Districts are very close to finishing the draft Joint Resolution, and once it is complete the Districts will meet again.

Mr. Lial inquired if the District knows what the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be charging this year for the New Melones water. Finance Director Vega replied as of now it is ~\$50.00 for CSJWCD and ~\$40.00 for SEWD. Mr. Lial inquired on the water availability this year. Manager Moody replied the Districts will receive 100% of their water allocations this year.

Mr. Lial expressed he hopes this attempt at merging will result in success.

Director Cortopassi inquired if CSJWCD customers have a copy of the executed MOU. Manager Moody replied CSJWCD's Board does. Manager Moody added he received a phone call from Eugene Caffesse whom conveyed CSJWCD is meeting next week to set their water rates.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 04/09/19 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

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 & Heavy Equipment

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 7 for brake pads and rotors for Unit #62 and shop stock in the amount of \$900.30. Director Sanguinetti commented on the expense amount being high.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 15, line item 13 for Energy Systems for parts to replace coolant pump on HS Emergency Generator 1 in the amount of \$8,727.33. Assistant Manager Lee replied the entire coolant system had to be replaced on this generator and the water pump portion of it (to include assembly) was ~\$7,800 Manager Moody advised staff will research and bring information back to the Board.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 18 for Larry’s Tree Care for removal of dead tree from Bellota headworks in the amount of \$5,950.00. Assistant Manager Lee replied this was a very large tree and staff obtained quotes that ranged from \$5,950 to \$9,000. Director Sanguinetti inquired on the location of the dead tree. Assistant Manager Lee replied at Bellota.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 16, 2019 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Initial Declaration of Water Made Available for 2019 – Stockton East Water District Contract Number 4-07-20-W0329, East Side Division, Central Valley Project, 03/29/19
 Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from the USBR stating the District will be receiving its full allotment this water year. This item was for information only.

4. California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Stockton East Water District Request to Extend Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) No. 1600-2018-0106-R2
 Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the District’s Request to Extend Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) No. 1600-2018-0106-R2. Manager Moody reported ~1.5 years ago the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) advised the District would not be allowed to file a categorical exemption for this permit and would be subject to CEQA. Manager Moody reported the new agreement is for 12-years with a 5-year renewal. Manager Moody also noted the RMA also fits together with the District’s “draft” Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Director McGurk inquired about being involved with at least 6 regulatory agencies the last time he worked on a streambed alteration permit. Manager Moody reported the RMA is different in that the CDFW is the only agency that can grant approval for routine maintenance activities in the waterway. This item was for information only.

5. Cancellation of May 7, 2019 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on cancelling the May 7, 2019 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting. Manager Moody reported both the San Joaquin Council of Governments 2019 One Voice Trip and ACWA Spring Conference are scheduled this week.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve cancelling the May 7, 2019 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, 04/10/19

Manager Moody and Assistant Manager Lee attended the April 10, 2019 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Manager Moody reported it was a different meeting and another meeting has been scheduled because the Committee did not get through all of the meeting content. Manager Moody reported the agenda for this meeting consisted of “needing action items” for recommendation to the JPA Board. Action items discussed consisted of fallowing versus a mixture of types of projects, groundwater elevation, and using minimum thresholds. Manager Moody reported the JPA Board that Director Panizza sits on will ultimately vote to decide which of these items will go into the Groundwater Sustainable Plan (GSP) for our Basin. Manager Moody reported the Committee ran out of time and a follow-up meeting has been scheduled per the request of the JPA members. Manager Moody commented on a note taken from this meeting; if one of the GSAs fail, then the entire Basin fails. Brandon Nakagawa replied it being a possibility the State may hold all GSAs accountable. Manager Moody reported the State was in the room and did not object. Director Panizza inquired if Agencies who have dropped-out from the JPA have any effect on the rest of the GSAs in the Basin. Mr. Nakagawa replied it is possible, the County is presumed to be the GSA for Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) based on the County’s reading of the Water Code. Mr. Nakagawa added the County will have to decide if they will continue to be WID’s GSA or not, and (if not) then WID would be subject to State intervention. Mr. Nakagawa explained the issue with the GSP is that it does not cover the entire Basin and may jeopardize the entire Basin’s GSP; adding, that is a consideration for the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for their decision. Legal Counsel Zolezzi commented staff recommended to the Board of Supervisors for the County to be the GSA of WID; and, SEWD’s Board should stress to the County Board of Supervisors of this critical issue. Director Atkins inquired when the GSP has to be submitted. Manager Moody replied January 1, 2020 for submission and 2040 must come into compliance with sustainability. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 04/10/19

Director Panizza and Manager Moody and Assistant Manager Lee attended the April 10, 2019 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting. Director Panizza reported the items discussed at this meeting were the same items discussed at the PAC. Director Panizza added he attended the last 20 minutes of the PAC meeting and sensed the discomfort among the members in regards to determining the groundwater levels to start from. Director Panizza added the PAC attendees is double the number of JPA attendees. Mr. Nakagawa commented last week staff spent 3-hours between the PAC and JPA meetings; 5-hours in the previous week’s meeting discussing the same topics with a technical audience. The Consultant is

meeting with each individual GSA to discuss modeling output and now have another meeting scheduled next week, all to stay on track to get a public review Draft out by July 2019. Mr. Nakagawa commented staff is working hard to keep the progress going and thanked staff for their time. Director Panizza reported Woodbridge Irrigation District Assistant Manager, Doug Heberle, is retiring.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/15/19

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 225,403 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 23 cfs. There is 1,951,795 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 4,005 cfs and release to all water users are set at 4,775 cfs. There are no irrigator(s) on New Hogan, New Melones or Out-of-District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 18 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 16 mgd.

Manager Moody reported staff will bring plans regarding New Hogan Reservoir Operations to the Board next week for their review. Manager Moody commented staff is working together with Legal Counsel and FishBIO Consultants on putting a plan together to achieve the desired Reservoir level in the Fall. Manager Moody reminded the Board of the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tainter Gate Project and the District's Central California Traction Railroad Site Project. Manager Moody commented after the Board has reviewed, staff will submit to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for approval.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4 and F2a-5.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported on April 23, 2019 he will be giving a presentation to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors on Storm Water Capture and advised due to timing he may not be at the Regular Board Meeting.

Manager Moody reported on the April 18, 2019 Special Board of Director's Meeting – New Hogan Dam Tour and reminded the attendees of the strict identification requirements in order to proceed into the restricted areas of the Tour. There was discussion regarding whom can call the meeting in the event the Board President or Vice President are not present to call the Special Meeting. Past Board President Director McGurk volunteered to call the meeting as he will be attending the Tour.

Manager Moody queried the Agricultural Operations Committee as to when they would like to schedule a Committee Meeting in the upcoming week. Manager Moody advised staff will send out an email with meeting date options and will schedule accordingly.

b. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 04/11/19 Finance Director Vega attended the April 11, 2019 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. This item will be brought back to the Board next week.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director McGaughey reported the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department is hosting community meetings to learn about proposed wastewater rate adjustments for City of Stockton utility customers. The first meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the Arnold Rue Community Center on Lorraine Avenue.

Director Sanguinetti reported on attending the California Farm Bureau Federation Washington D.C. last week. Director Sanguinetti reported it was a good trip. The group met with then Acting U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman; Senator Dianne Feinstein; Congress Member Harder and heard from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield and Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Calleguas Municipal Water District – Request for Support of Board Member Scott Quady to Serve on the California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF) Board of Directors
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from Calleguas Municipal Water District requesting Support of Board Member Scott Quady to serve on the California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF) Board of Directors. No action taken on this item.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Council of Governments One-Voice Pre-Trip Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 04/17/19
2. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Advisory Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 04/17/19
3. Stockton East Water District Special Board of Director's Meeting – Tour of the New Hogan Dam, 8:30 a.m., 04/18/19
4. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 04/19/19

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

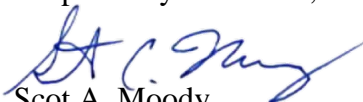
1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:34 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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