

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, 2019 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and Director Cortopassi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza and Watkins. Director Sanguinetti 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 (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 09/03/19 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

2. Warrants– California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 10, 2019 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

3. Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project – Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Manager Moody provided the Board with the Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Manager Moody reported the entire Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available if the Board would like to review but only the executive summary was presented in the packet. Manager Moody asked the Board to consider approving the Study and to authorize Manager Moody to execute the document.

Director McGurk inquired if this Project includes three bridges. Manager Moody confirmed the Project consists of three bridges and the bridges will have a similar design to that of the Caprini Crossing. Director Watkins commented to keep in mind when it floods. Assistant Manager Lee reported the bridge(s) are being designed to accommodate 550 cfs.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project; and, authorize Manager Moody to execute and move forward with publishing the document.

4. Draft 2019 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Manager Moody provided the Board with the Draft 2019 Fall/Winter Newsletter. Manager Moody asked the Board to provide any comments/edits before Monday, September 16th, so staff can go to print. President Panizza suggested adding attention-getting graphics to the front page.

5. United States Bureau of Reclamation – Conversion from a Water Service Contract to a Repayment Contract as Authorized Under the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act for contract 4-07-20-W0329

Legal Counsel Zolezzi gave an update to the Board on the status of the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) – Conversion from a Water Service Contract to a Repayment Contract as Authorized Under the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act for contract 4-07-20-W0329. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the USBR asked for meeting dates from the District, which the District provided but has not heard anything back from USBR. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported making progress on a Contract specific to the District and anticipates an update in the next 30-days. Manager Moody inquired if the Contract should include Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (Central). Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied I'm sure Central is included.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 09/02/19

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 156,879 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 124 cfs. There is 2,040,198 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 400 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,776 cfs. There are 9 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 1 irrigator(s) Out-of-District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 36 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 27 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

Director McGaughey inquired on the 3rd to the last paragraph of F2a-2 – Controversial Water Legislation Heads to California Assembly Floor; and, if the District is doing anything. Manager Moody replied the District has contacted Assemblymember Talamantes-Eggman and Senator Galgiani office respectively and the District has joined a Coalition that is adamantly opposing.

3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported the District is having challenges obtaining the permit(s) necessary for the Central California Traction Railroad (CCTR) Fish Passage Improvement Project. Manager Moody reported the District obtained the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 Permit, however now the District is being advised that a 408 Permit is necessary (due to working within a flood control area). Manager Moody reported staff has inquired with Fish and Wildlife Service if the Project can be moved to next year and the agencies have said yes as the grant funds will still be available next year.

Manager Moody reported the District submitted a variance request to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, to delay dam removal for 2-weeks. More information to follow.

Manager Moody advised the Board he would like to take a vacation day on Friday, September 20th.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Marina Pavilion Hosted by SMG Stockton, 09/05/19
Director Watkins attended the September 5, 2019 Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer. Nothing to report.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Senate Bill 1 (Atkins) – Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act – Oppose Unless Amended, 09/04/19
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from a Coalition of California Water Agencies regarding Senate Bill 1 (Atkins) – Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act – Oppose Unless Amended. Manager Moody reported this outreach is one of many Coalition letters that the District is a signatory on regarding Senate Bill 1 (Atkins).

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 09/11/19
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 11:00 a.m., 09/11/19
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Workgroup Meeting (SGMA Outreach Meeting), 4:00 p.m., 09/11/19
4. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – 55th Annual Industrial Technology Barbeque, 5:00 p.m., 09/11/19
5. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 09/16/19
6. ACWA Region 4 Program & Boat Tour, 8:00 a.m., 09/17/19

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:52 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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