

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, OCTOBER 22, 2019 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/15/19 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 22, 2019 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Manager Moody introduced Frank Ferrell of the Chamber of Commerce Green Team. Mr. Ferrell gave a presentation to the Board consisting of a brief background about the Green Team. Additionally, Mr. Ferrell thanked District attendees whom attended the AG Hall of Fame event last week.

Mr. Ferrell reported the Green Team Program hosts outreach events to local businesses to convey the importance of protecting our environment.

Mr. Ferrell reported the Chamber has the ability to certify businesses as being “green”. Businesses will have to meet a benchmark on recycling, energy efficiency, policies and water conservation to qualify. Director McGurk inquired if the criteria is consistent statewide. Mr. Ferrell replied yes.

Mr. Ferrell reported the Green Team will host a meeting next month with speakers, including Manager Moody, to discuss ~~discussing~~ the topic of groundwater sustainability.

Manager Moody reported that the SAWS group funds the Green Team and that group is not only made up of the District, but the Urban Contractors as well.

Mr. Ferrell explained his efforts in developing policy for the Chamber, specifically for the Green Team. The Green Team Program hosts outreach events to local businesses to convey the importance of protecting our environment.

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

a. Public Hearing

President Panizza opened the Public Hearing at 12:39 p.m., to receive comments on Final Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project.

Manager Moody provided proof of publication of the public hearing.

Manager Moody reported the District received two comment letters during the comment period. One was from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board with standard comments and the other was from Nancy Whittle. Staff has responded and do not see any reason this Project cannot move forward with planning and execution.

Seeing no public comment, President Panizza closed the Public Hearing at 12:40 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Final Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project CEQA Document

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt the Final Whittle Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek Project CEQA Document.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, Sanguinetti

5. Stockton East Water District – Grant of Easement Under Threat of Condemnation

a. Long Ranch Properties Family Limited Partnership & Long Ranch Management Company, LLC (APN No. 093-120-21)

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Grant of Easement Under Threat of Condemnation for the Long Ranch Properties Family Limited Partnership and Long Ranch Management Company.

b. Evan Nassano (APN Nos. 093-120-22, 23, & 24)

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Grant of Easement Under Threat of Condemnation for Evan Nassano.

Assistant Manager Lee reported during the construction of the Lower Farmington Canal in the early 1990's easements were signed, but never recorded, as the canal final alignment was not complete. Staff is now working to record all applicable easements.

Assistant Manager Lee reported the land in the easements before the Board was previously owned by Mr. and Mrs. Long, but the parcel has since been split and is now owned by Long Ranch Properties and Evan Nassano.

Manager Moody inquired on the compensation the landowners will receive from the District. Assistant Manager Lee reported the compensation is only for the taxes the District would have paid if these easements had been recorded for the portion of the land that the District has canal along, only going back to the day each landowner began ownership.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Grant of Easements for Long Ranch Properties Family Limited Partnership & Long Ranch Management Company, LLC (APN No. 093-120-21) and Evan Nassano (APN Nos. 093-120-22, 23, & 24), as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, Sanguinetti

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, 10/17/19

Manager Moody attended the October 17, 2019 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion focused on annual GSP activities, to include, discussion on cost sharing for annual costs to run the JPA, predominately the Administrative portion. Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout from the GWA Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee provided three recommendations to the JPA Board on how to fund the annual costs. The annual administrative cost is ~\$980,000. Manager Moody reported the JPA Board did not take any action on the recommendation and it will be brought back to the Board at a later date. Manager Moody reported the Ad Hoc Committee spent a lot of time deciding how to split the costs in a fair and equitable way. Director Cortopassi inquired on the comment Manager Moody wrote at the bottom of the handout. Manager Moody replied Cal Water is part of the County's GSA so the public believes they should not receive any benefit of public funds, as they are not their own GSA. Director Watkins reported there was discussion that Dante Nomellini, Central Delta Water Agency, suggested creating a 6-month budget to get to the end of the Fiscal Year and then determine a permanent budget from that point forward. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 10/17/19

Directors Panizza and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 17, 2019 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting. President Panizza reported there was a presentation provided by the Consultant on the impact of the GSP and how it will be managed through its due date in January and the rationale for getting to that point. There was discussion on editing the language in the GSP and contentious conversation regarding the cost allocation amongst the GSAs. President Panizza reported he is optimistic the JPA Committee will come to a resolution, but there is not a lot of time left. Director Watkins reported comments to the GSP were reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

3. Ad Hoc Meeting with Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, 10/21/19
Directors McGurk and Panizza and Alternate Sanguinetti attended the October 21, 2019 Ad Hoc Meeting with Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD). Manager Moody reported there was discussion on the required CEQA document, Municipal Service Review and LAFCo application. There was discussion on progress of reviewing all documentation. Manager Moody has several comments and suggestions and will be sending a redline version to Legal Counsel Zolezzi for her review at the end of the week. After Legal Counsel Zolezzi's edits, the information will be sent to CSJWCD for review. There was discussion on the rate cap, draft budget and SGMA. Manager Moody reported that it was a good meeting. Director Watkins inquired on CSJWCDs response to the budget. Manager Moody replied they are going to take it back to their full Board for review. Manager Moody reported that unbeknownst to the District, CSJWCD had increased their groundwater extraction fee from \$9/AF to \$12/AF. Finance Director Vega reconfigured the budget with this new figure. President Panizza reported there was discussion in the WIIN Act and the impact that will have on both Districts with federal projects.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/21/19
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 147,717 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 41 cfs. There is 2,015,543 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 482 cfs and release to all water users are set at 981 cfs. There are 2 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 1 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 1 Out-of-District irrigator. The water treatment plant is currently processing 29 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 24 mgd.

2. Information Items:
Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. New Hogan Dam/Lake & Farmington Dam/Lake Reservoir Operator Training, 10/17/19
Assistant Manager Lee attended the October 17, 2019 New Hogan Dam/Lake & Farmington Dam/Lake Reservoir Operator Training. Manager Moody reported the group was advised that the Tainter Gate Project is on track for completion this year.
 - b. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10/18/19
Finance Director Vega attended the October 18, 2019 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee. Finance Director Vega reported there was discussion on the CVPIA Restoration Fund. The USBR is trying to work through comments and hope to have a new schedule published in November with a 30-day comments period to follow. There was discussion on the Cost Allocation Study; the process is moving forward. No one is opposed to the process moving forward due to the time constraints if they continue to delay. Finance Director Vega reported the Mid-Pacific Region was renamed to the California Great Basin. Draft rates have been added to the new website. The District's rates have increased ~\$3.00; the final rates will be published in February. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2019.
 - c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Moody reported staff received a call from PG&E this week stating that the District will potentially be part of the public safety power shut-off beginning Wednesday, October 23rd.

Manager Moody reported he looked at maps and the District does not seem to be anywhere in the vicinity of shut-offs. Mike Callahan, San Joaquin County reported the Office of Emergency Services sent out information that PG&E was calling certain locations erroneously.

Manager Moody showed the Board a video created in conjunction with FishBIO on the Calaveras Habitat Conservation Plan.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Hall of Fame Awards, Robert J. Cabral Ag Center, 10/17/19
Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 17, 2019 Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Hall of Fame Awards. Manager Moody reported the food was great and the speakers were succinct; it was a nice night. Manager Moody reported Director Sanguinetti sat next to Senator Cathleen Galgiani and was able to talk with her throughout the event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Letter of Support for Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant – Round 3, 10/11/19
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated October 11, 2019. Manager Moody reported President Panizza emailed this information to Manager Moody, which required immediate action, so he signed and sent the correspondence on behalf of the District. The JPA is eligible for a maximum of \$500,000 of funding.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 10/25/19
2. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 10/28/19

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 1:21 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody

Secretary of the Board

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