

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 4, 2020 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 McGurk 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 Assistant Curtis, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 01/28/20 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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. Summary
- g. Short Names/Acronym List
- h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 4, 2020 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – High Voltage Maintenance Work Memo, 02/04/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo on the High Voltage Maintenance Work. Manager Moody reported that over the course of the last 6-months, the District has experienced

multiple power outages on the west side of the Water Treatment Plant caused by a growing population of pigeons roosting on our overhead power lines that feed High Service.

Manager Moody reported that when the birds suddenly take flight at once, it causes a great deal of turbulence, which often times causes the wires to slap together and electrical arching occurs.

Assistant Manager Lee reported staff reviewed designs and as-built drawings and determined a lack of separation between the lines, too much sag in the lines and two poles that are too short to increase separation. Staff solicited recommendations from four contractors about these issues. B&B High Voltage (B&B) had the most comprehensive methods of fixing the issue.

Assistant Manager Lee reported that B&B is proposing to install kingpins on three existing poles; replace the two 45-foot poles with two 50-foot poles to increase height; re-sag the wire and install kingpins on new poles. The estimated cost of this work is \$30,412.40.

Director Atkins inquired if B&B will be separating the lines and tightening them. Assistant Manager Lee replied they are spreading the lines apart so they have more room in the event they bounce and the taller poles are to allow more room between lines as they cannot be stretched too much otherwise they will be too thin. Manager Moody added that B&B would also be installing isolators on the lines.

Director Atkins inquired if the District owns the poles. Assistant Manager Lee replied yes.

Director McGurk inquired if there is a specific reason the pigeons are roosting on the District property. Assistant Manager Lee replied it has been an issue for the last couple year, but this year was much more noticeable, especially between late summer through spring.

Director McGurk inquired if pigeons are a protected species. Assistant Manager Lee replied no.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the District is within code for the wiring it uses on the poles. Assistant Manager Lee replied the yes and all the wires are insulated, electrical arching only occurs because there is too much weight being released from the lines at one time and they slap together.

Director Watkins inquired if these are the same lines that were installed when High Service changed from diesel to electric ~10-years ago. Assistant Manager Lee replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve procuring the services of B&B High Voltage for High Voltage Maintenance Work in an amount not to exceed \$30,412.40.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

4. Stockton East Water District – Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Update – Information Only Memo, 02/04/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Update. Assistant Manager Lee reported the District saved \$103,277 in electricity purchase costs from PG&E, when performing a direct comparison between 2018 and 2019 expenditures.

Assistant Manager Lee reported staff estimates the actual savings from the solar project to be about \$142,500, when the 2018 PG&E electricity rates are adjusted by 3% to account for the 2019 rate increase.

Manager Moody reported the savings is significantly less than promised in the beginning, but that company went bankrupt and the District is now under contract with a different company.

Director Atkins inquired if PG&E were to be shut-off could the solar system support the District needs or would generators kick-on. Assistant Manager Lee reported per the contract with PG&E the District is not allowed to have the solar system charged if PG&E shuts-off. The District will run strictly on power from generators. This item was for information only.

5. Draft 2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Manager Moody provided the Board with a draft of the District's 2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter. Manager Moody reported staff is interested in any comments from the Board on the enclosed Newsletter.

Directors McGurk and Watkins suggested removing language from the first paragraph of the "2020 Water Supply Outlook" article.

Director McGurk inquired if the article from F2a-1 will have an effect on what is written in the "SGMA" section of the Newsletter. Manager Moody replied no; at most it would require modification to the existing GSP.

Director Watkins suggested editing the language regarding the JPA meetings in the SGMA section of the Newsletter. Manager Moody replied he will clean up that language.

Director McGurk inquired if the figures in the "Unimpaired Flow Criteria" section of the Newsletter are accurate. Manager Moody replied yes.

Manager Moody inquired when the last date to receive comments would be. Administrative Assistant Curtis replied next Tuesday. President Panizza advised the Board the last day to provide comments on the Newsletter will be by the next Regular Board Meeting.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting, 01/28/20

Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins, Manager Moody, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett attended the January 28, 2020 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported he provided a presentation on removing the rate cap that is part of the District's legislation. Manager Moody provided the District's Budget, which showed money being removed from reserves to cover costs. Manager Moody provided examples of projects listed in the GSP that are being proposed to DWR and what those estimated costs would be. Manager Moody also provided a handout of what the potential charges would be if DWR was required to take over the water. There was discussion on the District being past due in addressing removing the rate cap language and although the Board has not decided what they will be doing with charges moving forward, this would give them ability to make change if necessary. Manager Moody reported there were no negative comments and everyone seemed supportive. President Panizza inquired on the next steps. Manager Moody replied to get this information in front of the Executive Committee. Manager Moody will contact Bruce Blodgett to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020.

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

### 1. Water Supply Report as of 02/03/20

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 152,162 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 27 cfs. There is 1,980,710 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,821 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,861 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 10 mgd.

### 2. Information Items:

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

There was discussion on F2a-4 regarding CalPERS' Funding Risk Mitigation Policy and the potential result of it lowering the discount rate and increase annual payments to CalPERS for employers and employees.

### 3. Report on General Manager Activities

#### a. Stockton East Water District – Employee Souper Bowl, 01/31/20

Manager Moody reported on the District Employee Souper Bowl held on January 31, 2020.

Manager Moody reported there were a number of entries, all very good. It was a nice event.

#### b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Nothing to report.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)**

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

## **I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

### 1. ACWA Region 4 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:00 a.m., 02/05/20

### 2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Oakmont of Brookside, 5:15 p.m., 02/06/20

### 3. District Holiday – Lincoln's Birthday, 02/10/20

### 4. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 02/10/20

## **J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

### 1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation

Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

### 2. Closed Session – Personnel

Government Code 54957

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:59 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Moody, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:08 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:02 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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