

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, MARCH 3, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Vice President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and Director Atkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Refund Check Presentation

Manager Moody introduced Dianna Sutton, Finance Manager with ACWA/JPIA. Ms. Sutton attended the meeting to present the Board with a refund check from the ACWA/JPIA Insurance Programs (Liability, Property and Workman’s Compensation).

Ms. Sutton informed the Board the District has done a good job keeping insurance claims to a minimum and participating in ACWA/JPIA training, which also contributes to reduced claims. The District currently utilizes the ACWA/JPIA online system for training as well. Ms. Sutton presented the District with a check in the amount of \$121,496.

Manager Moody reported upon starting employment with the District he brought a Safety Committee into formation, which includes a staff representative from each department. Manager Moody reported receiving these checks from ACWA/JPIA is a joint effort between all employees.

The Board congratulated staff on a job well done.

2. Minutes 02/25/20 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

3. Warrants

a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund

b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. SEWD Checking
- h. Summary
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment
- j. Short Names/Acronym List

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 16 for Sierra Hydrographics for flow measurements at Tunnel Outlet in the amount of \$530.00. Assistant Manager Lee replied this is a company the District pays to check the measurements every 4-6 weeks at the tunnel outlet against the measurements from the existing meter to ensure they are equal.

Director McGurk inquired on the expenses on page 13, line items 1 & 2 for Pape Kenworth for BIT inspection on Unit #30 in the amount of \$448.43 and BIT inspection on Unit #53 in the amount of \$1,412.17. Director Cortopassi replied this is an inspection trucks. Director Sanguinetti replied the California Highway Patrol requires BIT inspections, which look at the entire truck for safety issues.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 11, line items 6 & 7 for McJunkin Redman Corporation Global for new gearbox for Goodwin Tunnel inlet west gate limitorque in the amount of \$3,640.76 and limitorque actuators for Copperopolis Slide Gates in the amount of \$25,170.40. Assistant Manager Lee replied staff is trying to standardize everything to limitorque; line item 6 is for the gearbox for the new actuator. Line item 7 are the actual actuators. There will be telecommunication to all points with these actuators. Director McGurk inquired why staff would want Bellota to communication with New Melones. Manager Moody replied having SCADA on both M&I and Ag allows staff to see what is happening and where it is happening.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 3, 2020 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

- 4. Stockton East Water District – Employee Handbook (March 3, 2020)
 Manager Moody provided the Board with the Draft Employee Handbook, dated March 3, 2020. Manager Moody reported this item also correlates with the Ad Hoc Committee discussion on Agenda Item E-1.

Manager Moody reported staff met with Directors Atkins, Sanguinetti and Watkins and reviewed the Employee Handbook page by page. Most additions are legal in nature, like adding language regarding lactation legislation.

Manager Moody reported there was an addition of Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) language that currently does not affect the District as we are under the 50-employee threshold. However, after the potential consolidation with Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (Central), the employee count will be greater than 50 and the District will need to comply with FMLA regulations.

Manager Moody reported there were some small comments that the Committee made and have been clarified, however, the Employee Handbook substantially remains the same as the previous version.

Director McGaughey inquired if Central had any input on the edits. Manager Moody replied no.

Manager Moody reported that the Employee Handbook and Memorandum of Understanding go together to a point; however, the Employee Handbook is non-negotiable as it is Board approved. Out of courtesy, Manager Moody meets with employee representatives to discuss proposed changes and there are no concerns at this point.

Director Atkins inquired if Central has an Employee Handbook, adding SEWD will need to take into consideration after the potential consolidation. Manager Moody replied no.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District Employee Handbook (March 3, 2020), as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

5. United States Bureau of Reclamation – Reclamation Outlines Central Valley Project Initial 2020 Water Allocation News Release, 02/25/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from the United States Bureau of Reclamation regarding water allocation, stating the District received 100% allocation for the upcoming water season. This item was for information only.

6. New Hogan Reservoir Water Supply Operations

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on New Hogan Reservoir Water Supply Operations. Manager Moody reported staff is proposing to switch to New Hogan water to dry out the system to complete work on the Copperopolis Trash Rack. Manager Moody reported staff is proposing to drain the canal and adjust to New Hogan release at 35 cfs the week of March 6th.

Director McGurk inquired on the digital weather outlook Manager Moody sent the Board. Manager Moody replied that outlook was showing rain within the next couple of weeks.

Director Sanguinetti reported there are irrigators that would like to irrigate now. Manager Moody replied the District's permit states only Bellota and Budesilich can be installed on March 20th, every other dam cannot be installed until April 15th.

Manager Moody inquired if the Board would like staff to request a permit waiver to install dams early. Consensus of the Board was to move forward preparing the request for variance for early dam installation pending weather conditions over the next week

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 02/19/20

This information was discussed during Agenda Item D-4: Stockton East Water District – Employee Handbook (March 3, 2020).

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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

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 153,206 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 26 cfs. There is 1,920,760 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 2,003 cfs and release to all water users are set at 2,753 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 23 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 12 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 02/19/20

Manager Moody attended the February 19, 2020 Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on updating current projects within the IRWM plan and adding new projects. There was discussion on hiring a consultant to help with disadvantaged community outreach. Manager Moody reported when disadvantaged communities are included in projects it helps the scoring to receive more funding. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 02/21/20

Manager Moody attended the February 21, 2020 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the Committee reviewed 10 bills and there have been ~1,000 bills submitted so far this year. There was discussion on Senator Feinstein pushing the infrastructure bill. Dave Eggerton, Executive Director, ACWA reported ACWA is looking at ways to better communicate or partner with their members. Director McGurk inquired if Mr. Eggerton discussed how ACWA will do this. Manager Moody replied there was no further discussion on the topic. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2020.

c. Discussion Regarding the Scheduling of an Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting

Manager Moody reported staff will email the Ag Ops Committee with proposed dates to schedule a Committee meeting to set water rates.

d. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Nothing to report.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Association of California Water Agencies – 2020 Annual Washington D.C. Conference, 02/25/20-02/27/20

Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the 2020 Annual Washington D.C. Conference. Director Sanguinetti reported the group met with Brenda Burman, USBR Commissioner, she is very knowledgeable of the state of water. The group met with a USACE Representative; Congressman McNerney; Congressman Harder's Legislative Director; Senator Kamala Harris' Representative and John Watts from Senator Feinstein's office. Manager Moody reported the biggest item the group was pushing during this trip was to try and get the legislators to fund the USACE for use of long range forecasting. The way the current flood control on New Hogan is structured there are only two curves. One curve is where agencies are if they had a wet early part of fall. The other curve is for those who did not have a wet winter. The updated technology would allow for more opportunity to have more water behind the dam.

2. Annual Ag BBQ At The Lodi Grape Festival Grounds Hosted By F&M Bank, 03/03/20
Director Watkins attended the March 3, 2020 Annual Ag BBQ at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds hosted by F&M Bank. Director Watkins reported all employees from F&M Bank were present, it was a nice event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 14th Annual Pacific Southwest Irrigation Open House & Exhibition, 11:30 a.m., 03/05/20
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & Colledgeville Farm Centers – Annual Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 03/05/20
3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – The Kitchen at Stonebrier, 5:15 p.m., 03/05/20
4. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 03/09/20

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case
2. Closed Session - Personnel
Government Code 54957

Vice President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m., with the following reportable action:

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District Memorandum of Understanding (March 3, 2020) and the 2019 Salary Survey, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

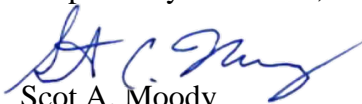
Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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