

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 10, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Vice President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. and Legal Counsel Zolezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Directors McGaughey and Panizza were 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 03/03/20 Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey, Panizza

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2020 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey, Panizza

3. Stockton East Water District – Vegetation Maintenance Pilot Activities

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo on the Vegetation Maintenance Pilot Activities. Manager Moody reported staff is looking to solicit ideas from the Board about how to continue working on vegetation management on District property.

Manager Moody reported staff has researched livestock grazing options as well. Assistant Manager Lee added that staff has contacted three companies that use their livestock for grazing purposes.

Director Atkins inquired if the District needs permission for mechanical cleaning on the canals. Manager Moody replies that it depends on the waterway and if it is manmade or a natural stream. If it were natural, the District would need to work with the County and request permission under their

permit. Director Atkins inquired if the District canals are the same. Manager Moody replied staff clean them; they just have to use specific herbicides.

Director McGurk mentioned that Oakland hills use goats and wondered if District staff know where the goats are from. Assistant Manager Lee replied staff has not specifically inquired where the goats are from, although, they have received a few name of entities from cities and municipalities that utilize livestock grazing.

Director Atkins inquired if Public Works uses anything similar to livestock grazing. Mike Callahan replied that channel maintenance has looked into using goats and may try something later this year.

Director Atkins inquired if Public Works is responsible for vegetation in the canals. Manager Moody replied only in flood control zones.

Assistant Manager Lee reported that the District does not have experience with canal chaining and livestock grazing, but would like more options, thus the proposed pilot projects.

Director Watkins commented that staff should consider spraying the areas outlined in the memo as they have access to the Lower Farmington Canal grounds. Director Sanguinetti added that someone should look at the area and determine what type of weeds are there. It could be a matter of not using the right material for the vegetation. Manager Moody replied that the only thing the District needs to be careful of is using the right product, as the Upper and Lower Farmington Canals are for drinking water, only specific material can be sprayed around them.

Director Cortopassi suggested looking at using pre-emergent herbicide that can be used in a canal used to supply drinking water. Pre-emergent should be used in the wet season to help it soak into the ground. This item was for information only.

4. United States Department of the Interior – Central Valley Project Water Rates for the 2020 Water Year

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the United States Department of the Interior – Central Valley Project Water Rates for the 2020 Water Year. Finance Director Vega reported he requested this information from the USBR, since the USBR was delayed in sending it out due to being busy with WIIN Act conversions.

Finance Director Vega reported he anticipates these rates will look better next year when the new cost allocation study has been implemented.

Finance Director Vega reported there was an increase in rates on the Ag side and decrease on M&I. Overall, the average for the last 5-years has been around \$42 for the Ag rate.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi inquired if the rates are expected to be lower next year. Finance Director Vega replied that is the hope. This item is for information only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 03/09/20

Director Atkins attended the March 9, 2020 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Atkins reported there was discussion on testing for six pyrethroids. Each tests costs \$850. There was discussion on member portal upgrades. There was a question asked during the meeting on how members from the public will receive information if it is only being distributed

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on the portal accounts. Anyone will be able to view information and see where the exceedances are. Director Atkins reported the Coalition will be hosting grower meetings for continuing education on March 26th and April 9th and there will be a self-certification class held on March 10th. There was discussion on the surface water expert panel review. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2020.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/09/20

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 153,121 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 53 cfs. There is 1,892,491 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,003 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,984 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. 14th Annual Pacific Southwest Irrigation Open House & Exhibition, 03/05/20

Directors Cortopassi, Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the March 5, 2020 14th Annual Pacific Southwest Irrigation Open House & Exhibition. Director Sanguinetti reported there were a lot of people in attendance. Director Cortopassi reported he had conversation with dairy farmers from Turlock and had discussion on surface water and water being sent from northern to southern California.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported he has been invited to attend Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District's annual meeting on March 12, 2020 at Noon at the Farmington Firehouse.

Manager Moody reported he will be taking vacation on March 20th and 23rd to avoid losing those hours as he has capped out on vacation hours.

Manager Moody reported staff will be sending the variance letter for irrigation as there was not an influx of rain in the previous week that was expected.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & Colleeville Farm Centers – Annual Dinner Meeting, 03/05/20

Directors Sanguinetti, Watkins and Manager Moody attended the March 5, 2020 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & Colleeville Farm Centers – Annual Dinner Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported Manager Moody did a good job presenting and did not receive many questions.

2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – The Kitchen at Stonebrier, 03/05/20 Nothing to report.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 03/11/20
The meeting has been cancelled
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee, 3:00 p.m., 03/11/20
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/13/20

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

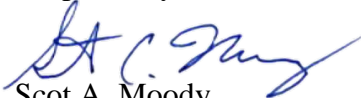
1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case
2. Closed Session - Personnel
Government Code 54957

Vice President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:58 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Moody, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:27 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:29 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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