

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 17, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. and Vice President Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Lee, Finance Director Vega and Administrative Assistant Curtis. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey, Panizza and Sanguinetti and Legal Counsel Harrigfeld. Director McGurk phoned in around 12:50 p.m.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeremiah Mecham, District Manager, Cal Water mentioned he would like to connect with Manager Moody to discuss any contingency planning or anything the District is doing regarding COVID-19. Mr. Mecham inquired if there is any collaboration necessary between the two agencies. Manager Moody replied they can discuss after the Regular Board Meeting. President Panizza thanked Mr. Mecham for inquiring.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 03/10/20 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGurk

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment
- i. Short Names/Acronym List

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 11 for Holt of CA for parts and labor to repair major coolant leak on Unit #29 in the amount of \$5,610.22. Assistant Manager Lee replied this is for work performed on the old backhoe.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 8, line item 25 for US Bank Corp. Payment Systems for modems for SCADA System Upgrades in the amount of \$1,490.29. Manager Moody replied this purchase is from the funds to buy the hardware for the SCADA Project, as staff would be unable to use the funds to work on the project before the end of the fiscal year. Purchasing the hardware avoided losing the funds all together.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expenses on page 16, line items 31 & 32 for Pacific Western Bank for payment 2- Component 2- Series 2019 Debt Service-Principal in the amount of \$410,000.00 and 2- Component 2- Series 2019 Debt Service-Interest in the amount of \$64,935.00. Finance Director Vega replied these charges are from Fund 56 – Construction and are carryover from previous COPs used to build the New Melones Conveyance System, the fund did not change, but the amount did. In April a principal plus interest payment is due while there is a principal only payment due in October.

Director McGaughey inquired on the expense on page 16, line item 49 for Valley Landscaping & Maintenance for Treatment Plant Landscaping service February 2020 in the amount of \$2,345.00. Manager Moody replied that is the monthly charge for these services. Each year staff evaluates the cost of hiring out landscaping work versus hiring and employee to do the work and it is always cheaper to outsource. Manager Moody added this work is generally bid out and staff will evaluate bids open receipt.

Director Atkins inquired on the expenses on page 9, line items 9 and 10 for Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc. for herbicide for Farmington Canal vegetation maintenance in the amount of \$1,440.19 and herbicide for UFC maintenance 01/30/20 in the amount of \$2,562.62. Assistant Manager Lee replied this is part of the memo taken to the Board at the March 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting to help reduce the vegetation issue.

Director ~~Atkins-Cortopassi~~ inquired on the expense on page 7, line item 17 for the Peace and Justice Network of San Joaquin for SAWS sponsorship of 2020 Stockton Earth Day Festival in the amount of \$2,500.00. Assistant Manager Lee replied this is the company Kristin Coon goes through to reserve her booth at the Earth Day Festival.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 17, 2020 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGurk

3. Base Monthly Payment Update

Manager Moody provided the Board with an update on the Base Monthly Payment status. Manager Moody reported as of March 10, 2020 the District received two payments from Cal Water for February and March.

Manager Moody reported the only entity underpaid was the City of Stockton. The District issued a penalty to the City for late payment. The District is still 100% paid, however, the last two months, late payments have been received.

Director Atkins inquired if anyone called to advise their payment would be late. Manager Moody replied that typically they do not call and advise on late payment status. However, in this case the Urban Contractors were trying to work things out so the District would be paid what is owed versus other entities over or under paying. This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – Sedimentation Basins 1 and 2 Maintenance Update Memo, 03/17/2020

Manager Moody provided the Board with an update on Sedimentation (Sed) Basins 1 and 2 Maintenance. Manager Moody reported staff took time draining the Sed Basins during this process and noted that the joints were leaking and have since been cleaned and re-grouted. Staff identified broken brackets on the weirs that were repaired and replaced. Staff also replaced both west-end valves in the drainage system that were presenting problems.

Manager Moody reported that with the most recent inspection and repair, the Basins are in working condition but the mechanical parts will need to be rehabilitated or replaced. Operations staff are exploring different options and will develop a list of rehabilitation projects for the Boards approval next Fiscal Year. This item was for information only.

5. Stockton East Water District – Master Backwash and Filtered Water Conduit Valves Assessment and Design Memo, 03/17/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding the Master Backwash and Filtered Water Conduit Valves Assessment and Design. Manager Moody reported the master backwash plug valve continues to leak, as it has since a year after installation in 2004.

Manager Moody reported he spoke with a representative from Irrigation Design & Construction, LLC in Linden; however, they do not want the liability of working on the equipment, as it is a drinking water system.

Manager Moody reported this is a 36-inch valve that allows staff to backwash the filters. The issue seems to be that the actuator puts too much torque on the shaft which causes the seal to fail. The valve seems to be too much for what the District's needs are. Staff only uses a fraction of the range of the valve.

Manager Moody reported that staff recommends hiring West Yost Engineering to provide a quote for what it would cost to redesign the valve. The quote will be brought back for consideration and approval.

Director McGurk inquired why a 36-inch valve was used. Manager Moody replied he is unsure.

Director Sanguinetti suggested it could be the placement of the actuator. Having it directly on top of the equipment could put more pressure on the shaft.

Director Atkins inquired what the replacement cost was for the previous valve. Assistant Manager Lee replied ~\$80,000.

Consensus of the Board was to have Manager Moody move forward with soliciting a quote from West Yost Engineering.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 03/11/20  
Director Watkins attended the March 11, 2020 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. Director Watkins reported there was no action taken during this meeting. There was discussion on process, planning and grants that have been received. Director Watkins suggested legal counsel review the GWAs guidance document and determine if changes need to be made, after which, there can be a discussion on the bylaws for the ESJGWA. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020.

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

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/16/20  
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 163,076 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 34 cfs. There is 1,890,349 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 242 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,062 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 16 mgd.

Manager Moody reported prior to the March 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, Richard Marmalejo from USACE, emailed to mention water is filling up behind Farmington Dam because the radial gates are closed and will need to be opened. Chris Donis, Water Supply Supervisor will be calling Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District to inform them the gates will be opened, as they are currently installing dams.

2. Information Items:  
Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
  - a. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Annual Meeting, 03/12/20  
Manager Moody attended the March 12, 2020 Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (Central) Annual Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion focused on the potential consolidation of the two Districts. There were many good questions about water, SGMA and sustainability. Manager Moody reported there were ~20-30 landowners in attendance. There was a question asked if Central had considered consolidating with either Oakdale Irrigation District or South San Joaquin Irrigation District. The attendees were advised that the only way SSJID could provide water is if they were to spend millions of dollars in updating infrastructure. SEWD is the only District that they could consolidate with at this point.
  - b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 03/13/20  
Manager Moody attended the March 13, 2020 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported about 75% of the committee members called in via teleconference, so it was a little chaotic. There was a lot of discussion on COVID-19 and what ACWA is doing during this time. There was discussion on the semi-annual ACWA Conference, which everyone now knows has been postponed. ACWA will host all meetings moving forward via teleconference. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on Senator Feinstein's

infrastructure bill that funds state and federal water projects. This bill is currently being stalled. There was discussion on the law that was passed a ~a year ago that requires the SWRCB to come up with a low-income assistance plan and how to fund it, which is about \$600 million. The way low income is calculated would mean 40% of the entire state would qualify for this plan.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported he and Legal Counsel Zolezzi met with Leilani from Assemblymember Eggman's office to discuss the ongoing status of rate cap legislation. Manager Moody reported he spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and the San Joaquin Partnership. Both entities were happy to schedule meetings for Manager Moody to speak at, however, that was prior to COVID-19. Manager Moody advised he will stay in contact with the agencies to discuss a time to meet.

Manager Moody reminded the Board that he will be on vacation Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, Noon, 03/18/20
2. Cancelled – San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 03/18/20
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 03/18/20
4. Cancelled – Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 03/18/20
5. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 03/22/20

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

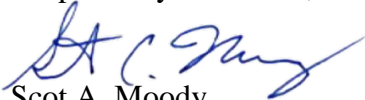
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation  
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.  
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Moody, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:21 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:39 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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