

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, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:29 p.m. and Director McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District was Directors Atkins, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant General Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, and Administrative Services Manager Carido and Administrative Clerk Feliciano. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk and Panizza. Also present via teleconference were Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Atkins thanked the Board of Directors and staff for their thoughts and prayers.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 04/14/20 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 21, 2020 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Livestock Grazing Contract, 04/21/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with the Livestock Grazing Contract. Manager Moody discussed livestock grazing previously with the Board as an idea for vegetation control. Staff recommends the Board approve a test run with Yriarte Sheep in the amount of \$17,550 to perform livestock grazing services within the Upper Farmington Canal right-of-way. Staff will report back to the Board with the results and make a recommendation for further services if warranted.

Director Panizza inquired if the pictures depicted the result of the livestock grazing services. Manager Moody reported the pictures were taken last summer.

Director Atkins inquired on where the sheep will be grazing, and if the canal could pose any problems to the sheep. Assistant General Manager Hopkins explained the contractor is required to put up a fence to keep the sheep from going into the canal. Director Atkins inquired on the distance between the fence and the canal. Assistant General Manager Hopkins advised the area grazed is between the top of the canal bank to the point of the right-of-way.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve executing an Agreement with Yriate Sheep for Livestock Grazing within the Upper Farmington Canal in the amount of \$17,550.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Staff Report Handouts, 04/15/20
Manager Moody provided the Board with April 15, 2020 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Staff Report Handouts. Director Cortopassi provided the handouts and gave a brief explanation of the content. Director Cortopassi reported the Coalition is showing a loss if the cost per acre remains at \$4.00. The Coalition is recommending an increase raising the the cost per/acre from \$4.00 to \$4.25. This item is for information only. The next meeting has not yet been announced.
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 04/15/20
Director Watkins and Manager Moody attended the April 15, 2020 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Director Watkins reported there was a lot of discussion, but no decisions were made. Manager Moody added on discussion regarding a letter received from a concerned citizen regarding the annual report. The next meeting date has not yet been announced.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/20/20
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 195,292 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 154 cfs. There is 1,908,583 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 631 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,599 cfs. There are 2 irrigator(s) on New Hogan. The water treatment plant is currently processing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 18 mgd.

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 04/15/20

Assistant General Manager Hopkins attended the April 15, 2020 Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting. Assistant General Manager Hopkins reported the Consultants representing the participants were given a brief overview of the minutes, discussed Prop 1 funding and approved making minor changes to the Water Management Plan agenda but decided any major changes would not be discussed until meetings reconvene in person. The Consultant is beginning to send out various sections of the Plan for review and comments. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2020.

b. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 04/17/20

Finance Director Vega reported the Committee primarily discussed the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). Earlier this year, the Environmental Plan was distributed. In response to the Environmental Plan, the President of the CVP Water Users Association sent a letter to the Bureau expressing concerns that the budget amount is more than what is provided within CVPIA law; the Bureau responded that they needed more time to understand the concerns. The Bureau committed to further response at a later date. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2020.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout regarding the Potter Creek Pumps in Mormon Slough. Manager Moody reported the electrical service to P-42 (8,000 pump) burned. District staff contacted PG&E and was informed PG&E turnaround of ~1-2 months. Manager Moody reported staff will begin the work to rebuild the meter panel to the pumps now. Manager Moody added the pumps were not running at the time of the incident.

Director Atkins inquired if it was a smart meter, and if so, wouldn't PG&E have been notified. Assistant General Manager Hopkins replied PG&E was informed on Friday and was unaware, however, it was reported PG&E was onsite on Monday because the meter was not responding.

Director McGurk inquired if it burned all the way up to the transformer. Assistant General Manager Hopkins explained the transformers were not affected; the damage was mainly to the meter, weather head and the wiring coming from the transformers. The fuses were not blown.

Director Atkins inquired on the estimated time PG&E gave to come out and fix the meter. Manager Moody commented staff was given a ~1-2 month timeline. Director Sanguinetti advised to call PG&E's AG number and explain that the District provides essential services.

Manager Moody announced the District interviewed 5 candidates for the Assistant General Manager vacancy, and hired Justin Hopkins as Assistant General Manager. Director McGurk complimented Assistant General Manager Hopkins' memo as a job well done.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District/Treatment Plant Scheduling of Water Correspondence, 04/13/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence regarding the Stockton East Water District/Treatment Plant Scheduling of Water. Manager Moody reported this is the annual letter sent to the Urban Contractors advising them that the District has received full allocation and will be standing by to provide as much water as they can take.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (Steering Committee) Ad-Hoc Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 04/22/20
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 04/24/20

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 1:07 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. 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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