

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, AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

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

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and Manager Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/04/20 Regular Meeting

Manager Moody provided a follow-up to the inquiry on page 2, section D-2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, regarding duplicate warrant entries. Manager Moody reported that one invoice was received for 2 items and the same description was used. The Accounts Clerk will work diligently to ensure the line descriptions match the appropriate purchase.

Manager Moody provided a follow-up to the inquiry on page 2, section D-2, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, regarding purchasing oil from the same vendor. Manager Moody reported that oil is purchased based on the manufacturers recommendation for the specific equipment.

Manager Moody reported that Management is still researching how the wheel on the backhoe was bent. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied that no one has come forward, however, the last person to operate the equipment has been identified. Staff is working on writing an incident report and a tailgate safety meeting has been conducted with staff.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 4, 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 August 11, 2020 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Education Program Annual Report – 2020/2021 School Year (Presentation by Water Conservation Coordinator Kristin Coon)  
Water Conservation Coordinator Coon presented the SAWS Education Program Annual Report for the 2020/2021 School Year to the Board. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon provided a handout of the Annual Report and gave an overview that included; Report Summary, Full Report, Program Statistics and Feedback.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported on March 13, 2020, all four Stockton area school district announced restricted campus access for parents and community members due to COVID-19. Tallies this year are significantly lower than previous years as no classroom visits or assemblies were able to be implemented from March 13 through May 28, 2020. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported that with a full calendar scheduled, she kept staff on and paid them for the time they would have spent in the classrooms presenting.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported in the 2019/2020 school year, the SAWS Program offered six grade-level specific in-call presentations and an after-school/special event program. This year, the SAWS Program served 16,111 participants through a variety of in-class, event and after school programs, and 658 elementary school students through the Zun Zun “Water Beat” Assembly Program, reaching a total of 16,769 Stockton area students and citizens.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported she was only able to visit 45 schools in the Stockton area, typically they are able to reach ~60-70 schools. Zun Zun was only able to conduct 1 presentation as those are typically done in the spring. The Water Conservation group was however able to present at all 3 Ag Venture events.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported that she has participated in multiple online programs over the last few months to create an online distance learning platform to still keep water education in the classroom. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported she and her staff are fully booked for in-classroom presentations for the upcoming school year, so she will be presenting her online platform to teachers to inquire if they would be interested in teaching this as part of their lessons.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported she is working with the Department of Water Resources to put together an online learning platform. The San Joaquin County Office of Education is working to put together a group to help SAWS and others like Ag in the Classroom and Cattle Women. The group has been established to host distance learning seminars and teach groups to use tools that teachers will use in the classroom.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported she has developed virtual presentations that include videos, activities and vignettes that can be used in conjunction with standard

curriculum. These would be ready-made packages that can be used during the day or used as a homework assignment.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon provided the Board with a demonstration of her online learning platform which includes different modules for the students to learn from. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon is developing worksheets to accompany her online learning assignments so teachers can evaluate how much the students are learning.

Director Atkins inquired if there will be different platforms for each grade. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied most grade levels will be combined. Likely there will be a Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade level; a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level and a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon thanked the Board for their continued support of the Water Education Program.

Director Cortopassi commended Water Conservation Coordinator Coon on her ability to adapt to change during this time.

Director McGaughey inquired why private schools had not been visited this year. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied she had not been able to visit private schools prior to COVID-19. Director McGaughey inquired if Water Conservation Coordinator Coon visits Trinity Lutheran School. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied no, but can contact the school and inquire if they would be interested.

4. Stockton East Water District – Limatorque Actuators Purchase for Funck Rd Gates and Meter & Valve Structure 3 Rehab Projects Memo, 08/06/2020

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on Limatorque actuators purchase for Funck Road Gates and meter and valve structure 3 rehabilitation Projects. Manager Moody reported these projects have been approved in the Budget, but due to the dollar value, he wanted to bring them to the Board for approval.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the first proposed automation project is located at the Meter and Valve Structure 3, located at the northeast side of the Water Treatment Plant. This rehabilitation will allow the two remaining manually operated raw water control valves to be electrically actuated and integrated with the SCADA system. The second proposed automation project is located at Funck Road. This would include installation of electric actuators on existing canal gates, which would eventually integrate with SCADA.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported staff reached out to MRC Global for pricing on Limatorque actuators. Although there are other brands to select from, Limatorque is a trusted and reliable brand and has been extensively used by the District's Water Treatment Operators.

Manager Moody reported the Board had previously requested that Limatorque actuators be added to the Raw Water Reservoir and linked to SCADA for the inability to open a valve that should not be opened and have the potential to break something.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that currently, anytime the Meter and Valve Structure 3 has be worked on, staff needs to make a confined space entry. With the proposed work, the actuator will be mounted above ground and will not require a confined space entry.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that staff inquired with MRC Global for competitive pricing, however, because they are the exclusive distributor of this product and other vendors cannot provide competitive pricing, MRC Global provided the District with an 8% discount on the list price.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if these updates will coincide with the upgrade of SCADA in the Treatment Plant so the Operators can work everything remotely without going outside to open and close valves. Manager Moody replied yes, to include, the Operator on duty having the ability to call the Chief Plant Operator who can look at things remotely so the two can troubleshoot any issues as the same time without having any extra personnel drive back to work unnecessarily.

Director Cortopassi inquired why both projects are being presented together if they are separate. Manager Moody replied that they are the same actuators that need to be purchased for both projects and the District will receive a discount for the quantity ordered, so staff listed both projects on the same memo.

Director Cortopassi inquired what the travelling screen will do. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied that it will automatically remove debris from the canal. This project will be identical to the travelling screen project at Copperopolis Road that was completed last year.

Consensus of the Board was to move forward with purchasing four Limitorque electric actuators for a total cost of \$61,968, with a 10% contingency.

5. Stockton East Water District – Bellota Site PG&E Costs Memo, 08/11/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Bellota Site PG&E costs. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that staff compiled all the PG&E electrical bill payments for the Bellota site for the period of 2016 to present. The bill ranged from ~\$500 to just over \$5,000 per month. Staff found that in addition to the meters at Bellota, the Potter Creek Pump Station electric meter was linked to the Bellota site account.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that the Potter Creek Pump Station has a high energy demand and is typically used when initially charging Potter Creek, and during peak irrigation demand; which coincides with the months of greater PG&E electric bills.

President Panizza inquired if there is a way that PG&E can itemize the charges to avoid false readings. Director Sanguinetti replied that the bill already lists each meter separately, the District just pays the lump sum of the bill. Manager Moody added that Finance can separate Potter Creek from Bellota in the warrants so the Board can see a clear split. This item was for information only.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 08/10/20**

Director Cortopassi attended the virtual August 10, 2020 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion on the Financial Report, the Coalition is below budget by ~\$80,000. There was an update provided on Membership; the State Water Resources Control Board discovered delinquent accounts that had not joined the Coalition and those accounts have since been charged a penalty spanning 5-years back. Director Cortopassi reported the Coalition is attempting to get more members active on the portal. There was an update provided on the Program Manager's Report, regarding testing software for the member portals. The Nitrogen Management plan will be added on the portal and the Coalition is starting to look at pyrethroids. There was discussion on grower meetings and continuing education classes. The San Joaquin County Ag Commissioner is working on how to offer classes virtually. It is still a requirement to have continuing education credits to be eligible to belong to the Coalition.

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

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 08/10/20**

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 159,151 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 164 cfs. There is 1,615,240 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 201 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,790 cfs. There are 13 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 2 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 3 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 34 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 20 mgd.

### **2. Information Items:**

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

### **3. Report on General Manager Activities**

#### **a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update**

Manager Moody reported that within the last couple of weeks he had noticed a large tree limb laying on the ground near his District vehicle on the north side of the Administration parking lot. He had staff consult with a tree company to make sure the tree was still safe to be standing. The tree company came onsite last week and noted breakage in the tree and bore holes in the tree trunk and recommended that it be removed immediately. They were surprised that the tree was still standing as it was structurally unsound.

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

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

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

### **1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 08/12/20**

*\*Teleconference Only\**

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting,  
10:30 a.m., 08/12/20  
*\*Teleconference Only\**

**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 1:44 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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