

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, JULY 28, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON.

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

Vice President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and Legal Counsel Zolezzi 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 and Administrative Assistant Curtis. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and McGurk. Also present via teleconference was Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Panizza joined the teleconference at 12:32 p.m.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 07/21/20 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 21, 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 July 28, 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. Draft 2020 Surface Water Diversion Customer Postcard

Manager Moody provided the Board with a draft version of the 2020 Surface Water Diversion Customer Postcard. Manager Moody reported he spoke with Administrative Services Manager Carido and they feel the postcard is too wordy at this point and they are not sure that landowners will read the information provided.

Manager Moody recommended removing the first paragraph and combine the following two sections. He noted that the SGMA paragraph was attention grabbing and would be good to leave

as it stands. Director Cortopassi suggested leaving information that identifies what the District is doing. Manager Moody suggested adding a sentence regarding this being state mandated.

Director Sanguinetti agreed that it is too wordy as well and he also suggested changing the background color as it does not draw in a reader's attention. Director Watkins suggested a white background perhaps.

Director Sanguinetti commented that the pictures are both good because you can see how the meter is installed and also a close-up of it.

Manager Moody inquired if the Board would be fine with him sending the updated postcard to a few Board members for review before mailing now that the entire Board has been able to provide comments. President Panizza advised he will select a 3 member Ad-Hoc Committee to review the final postcard.

President Panizza inquired if Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti (Chair) and Watkins would be part of this Committee; they were all in agreement.

President Panizza inquired if the final product will be provided to the Board before mailing. Manager Moody advised staff can email it to the Board for review.

4. Water Year 2019 – Accounts Receivable Credits for Refund for AG and Municipal & Industrial (M&I)

Manager Moody provided the Board with a list of Accounts Receivable Credits for reimbursement. Finance Director Vega reported this is an annual task for Board consideration and approval.

Finance Director Vega reported, in most cases, customers prepaid their Progress Bill and then reported decreased usage on their Owner Water Use Statements.

Manager Moody reported that the client with the largest refund is Ingredion Inc. and they have in fact closed their Stockton location.

The total Accounts Receivable Credits for AG (\$11,020.75) and M&I (\$125,914.77) for refunds in the total amount of \$136,935.52.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve payment of the Accounts Receivable Credits for Refund for Water Year 2019, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – SCADA System Implementation – Filter PLC Design, Procurement and Integration Services Update

Manager Moody provided the Board with an updated on the SCADA System Implementation – Filter PLC design, procurement and integration services. Manager Moody reported staff took

pictures of different screen views and the setup on the Operator's desk to visually show the SCADA progress.

Manager Moody reported staff is working to identify which valves and feeders will be controlled by SCADA, which will likely include most things with the Water Treatment Plant operations.

Director Atkins inquired if the SCADA can be viewed remotely on a tablet or similar device. Manager Moody replied yes, and if you have enough credentials, you can even control everything remotely.

Director McGurk inquired how far behind Ag is from getting SCADA, as this looks mostly like it is for the Water Treatment Plant currently. Manager Moody replied as items are purchased and installed staff will ensure it is all compatible with SCADA.

Director McGurk inquired if the Ag SCADA will run off laptops or will they eventually have flat screens like the Water Treatment Plant Operators. Manager Moody replied it is about funding and can get expensive, but additions like screens can be added on an as needed basis. This item was for information only.

6. Stockton East Water District – Livestock Grazing Update

Manager Moody provided the Board with an updated on the livestock grazing process. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported at the March 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved moving forward with pilot projects to manage the vegetation in Water Supply. There were two forms of mechanical cleaning used along the canals and livestock grazing.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported staff rented excavators to clean-up the canals. The pictures provided in the agenda packet show the process including during and after cleaning.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported there were ~300 sheep delivered by a livestock grazing contractor. The grazing started at the tunnel outlet and the sheep worked their way to Shirley Gulch. This trek took ~6-weeks to complete. Most locations were grazed down to bare dirt. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that the grazing contractor lost 6 sheep; 3 to rattle snakes, 1 to a coyote and 2 to drowning in the canal.

Director Cortopassi inquired how much of the Upper Farmington Canal is fenced. Manager Moody replied the entire canal.

Manager Moody reported that this process was important this year as the District has been without the Community Corps Program run by the Sheriff's Office, due to COVID.

Director Watkins inquired where the dirt from the excavator cleaning was deposited. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied staff used the District dump truck to locations with extra easements the District has access to.

Director McGurk inquired if the purpose of this Project is to keep the edges clean and sharp for water flow. Manager Moody replied yes, and to keep as much vegetation out of farmer's pumps as possible.

Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there are several locations along the canal where water is leaking through because of rodent holes that have been dug when the water level was low.

President Panizza commented that it looks like between staff and the sheep, they did a nice job cleaning up the area.

Director McGurk inquired if the livestock grazing contractor found the loss of his sheep acceptable. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, he was not concerned with the number lost. This item was for information only.

7. Stockton East Water District – Mosher Creek Headworks Meter Installation and Automation Memo, 07/28/20

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding the Mosher Creek Headworks Meter installation and automation. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported as part of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget, the Board authorized design and construction of a flow measurement and flow control automation project at the Mosher Creek headworks structure. This would replace the broken flow sensor that has reached the end of its life cycle.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported to address the broken flow sensor issue, staff researched the Rubicon SlipMeter. This device will meet the measurement requirements for the USBR and provide autonomous control for efficient system operation.

Manager Moody reported a big attribute is that the SlipMeter can be electronically controlled. The flow can be set at the desired rate and be monitored electronically. The automated Slip Meter reports gate position and power draw, which can alert the Water Supply Operator to a malfunction in the gate's autonomous operation without requiring the Operator to be onsite to verify.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the picture on page 17 shows the gate that will be replaced. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the location of the headworks. Manager Moody reported it is at the mouth of Mosher, just west of Clements Road.

Director Cortopassi inquired if this equipment will work with the SCADA system. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, it is ready to integrate.

Director Atkins inquired how much flow can go through the gate. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it depends on size, the gate that would be installed is a 42-inch gate which is rated for 50 cfs. Consensus of the Board was to move forward with purchasing the single Rubicon SlipMeter in the amount of \$31,614, which is within the \$105,000 cost that was budgeted for this Project.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)**

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/27/20

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 168,033 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 163 cfs. There is 1,666,985 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 200 cfs and release to all water users are set at 1,806 cfs. There are 14 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 2 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 35 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. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 07/24/20

Manager Moody attended the July 24, 2020 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported there were a total of 6 bills for review, none of them were of concern for the District. ACWA's Executive Director was not present for this meeting, however Cindy Tuck did advise the Committee that ACWA is working with the State Board on coming to a resolution on how much money should be spent for disadvantaged communities for the Clean Water Act Fund. Director Atkins inquired, since the pandemic, is the Committee reviewing about half the amount of bills. Manager Moody replied that they are not even reviewing half, they have ~6-10 bill for review each month. Prior to the pandemic, they would review a minimum of 30 bills at each meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2020.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported that the County would like to stage their equipment at Bellota while working on the Escalon Bellota Bridge work. Prior to signing the agreement with the County for use of the land, he wanted to inquire with the Board. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with allowing the County access to the area to stage equipment.

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Virtual 2020 Board Member Installation, 07/22/20  
Nothing to report.

2. ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors Virtual Meeting, 07/27/20

Director McGurk attended the July 27, 2020 ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors Virtual Meeting. Director McGurk reported there were 167 participants in this meeting, 121 of which were voting members of ACWA/JPIA. During this meeting, the minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting were approved; 3 new member agencies were introduced; the Financial Audit Statements were approved and the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 was approved. Director McGurk reported there was an update provided on the pooled program and discussion on ACWA/JPIA exploring the possibility of changing the expiration date on all of their policies. ACWA/JPIA has decided to not change their expiration date and stay with October 1<sup>st</sup> as it is better coverage for a more economical cost. Director McGurk reported that catastrophic events are dominating the process for coverage for the property program; workers' compensation claims have gone down ~10% and liability and property claims have decreased drastically in March and April. All ACWA/JPIA staff is working remotely. There was discussion on employee benefits, ACWA/JPIA covers ~14,000 people, of that number 628 have been tested for COVID-19, 74 received positive results and 7 of those people were hospitalized. Director McGurk reported that the risk control grant program, is working really well by evidence that claims are getting reduced.

There was a vote, which was approved to increase the size of pot to award risk control grants. There was discussion on SB 1159 regarding Rebuttable Presumption that is awaiting the Governor's review.

#### **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – Dream Project Facilities Letter, 07/14/20  
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) regarding Dream Project Facilities. Manager Moody reported he reached out to Jennifer Spaletta regarding the content of this letter as it did not seem to read as a 2-for-1 tradeoff that the Eastern Water Alliance had agreed upon. Mrs. Spaletta assured Manager Moody that although not written well, it is still in compliance with what was agreed upon. Director Cortopassi inquired where the pipeline is located. Director Watkins replied, between Alpine and Hildreth, north of Eight Mile Road.

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

1. Association of California Water Agencies – 2020 Virtual Summer Conference, 07/29/20 – 07/30/20
2. Association of California Water Agencies Agriculture Committee Meeting – 9:00 a.m., 08/04/20

#### **J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

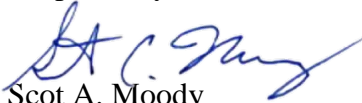
1. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations  
Government Code 54956.8
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:33 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:54 p.m., with no reportable action.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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