

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, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Panizza called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and Director McGurk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District was Directors 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. Director Atkins was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/27/20 Regular Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 1, section D-1, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence – add “liquid”.

President Panizza made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 4, section E-2, 1st paragraph, 14th sentence – change the word “hedging” to “edging”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 3, 2020 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

3. Stockton East Water District – Disinfection Alternative Study Update – City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department Comments

Manager Moody provided the Board with the comments received from the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) regarding the Disinfection Alternative Study. Manager Moody reported at the October 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Carollo Engineers (Carollo) presented their preliminary study findings on alternative disinfection methods.

Manager Moody reported the general findings show that moving to liquid sodium hypochlorite via truck delivery would likely be the most cost effective and safe alternative moving forward.

The Board requested that staff query the Urban Contractors for comments on this move and bring feedback to the Board. Manager Moody reported he received an email from the MUD staff regarding this study. The County concurs with the MUD comments, and nothing was received from Cal Water.

Manager Moody reported that the MUD thinks it is a good idea to move away from gaseous chlorine. They are concerned about the front end of the Plant with taste and odor and TTHMs. Manager Moody reported District Water Operations staff does whatever they can to eliminate as much in the water as possible that would cause concern to the Urban Contractors.

Manager Moody reported that staff's recommendation would be to allow Carollo to move forward in the existing contract and complete a 15% design for the liquid sodium hypochlorite option. Additionally, staff recommends the Board consider including a \$467,000 design cost for the bulk sodium hypochlorite system, with an option for ozone in the future, for next fiscal year's budget.

President Panizza inquired if staff is recommending moving forward with design costs, but not planning on implementing any action for ozone. Manager Moody replied not at this stage. Currently, Carollo has a contract for 15% design and they need to know which direction to head. Second, would be to budget for next year for the final design.

Director McGurk inquired how inclusive the bulk sodium hypochlorite system is and if the design will allow for the use of ozone at some point in the future. Manager Moody replied, when staff went out to bid, he made sure that all options were evaluated and that the system is designed in such a way that ozone can be added at a later time.

Director Sanguinetti suggested making a motion on this item that way there is record of what action was taken on this item.

A motion was moved and seconded to support staff's recommendation in moving forward with the 15% design process for bulk sodium hypochlorite and including \$467,000 design cost for a bulk sodium hypochlorite system in next fiscal year's budget, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

4. Discussion Regarding the Scheduling of an Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting
 Manager Moody reported staff would like to schedule this meeting to review the Draft 2021/22 Fiscal Year budget. Staff is proposing a meeting the week of November 16 – 20th. Manager Moody advised staff will send an email to check availability of Committee members to schedule a meeting.

5. Stockton East Water District – Raw Water Delivery and Reliability Improvement Project – Notice of Completion for Gateway Pacific Contractors Memo, 11/03/20
 Manager Moody provided the Board with the Notice of Acceptance of Completion (NOC) for the Raw Water Delivery and Reliability Improvement Project. Manager Moody reported the Project has been completed. This Project started in May 2018 and although the Board has previously given Manager Moody authority to move forward with Notice of Completions without Board approval, he wanted this to come to the Board due to value of contract.

Manager Moody reported \$242,322.00 of the Contractor’s money has been retained. The work was completed under the inspection of District staff and to staff’s satisfaction. Staff has been working alongside the Contractor’s to ensure all equipment is working properly and will communicate with the SCADA system.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the SCADA is available for use at the location yet. Manager Moody reported everything was tested to ensure it would function with SCADA and at this point there are some areas of which the SCADA system can open and close gates.

Manager Moody reported this has been a good process for staff because they have been able to verify everything during the entire process.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Notice of Completion for the Raw Water Delivery and Reliability Improvement Project, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Atkins

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 11/02/20

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 136,086 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 57 cfs. There is 1,496,095 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 407 cfs and release to all water users are set at 407 cfs. There are 0 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 0 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 0 Out-of-District irrigator(s).

The water treatment plant is currently processing 29 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 21 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10/30/20

Manager Moody attended the October 30, 2020 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported this is the annual planning meeting in which bill proposals for the coming legislative season are recommended. The first bill being proposed is a “Retail Water Rates Validation Action” bill. Manager Moody reported that each year several Districts are sued over Proposition 218 rate increases. This bill would propose a validation step-by-step process that would be submitted to the courts to drastically lessen amount of lawsuits. There was discussion of Proposition 218 being in place to protect rate payers, so if ACWA were to support the proposed bill, what would people think. Manager Moody inquired if Legal Counsel Zolezzi had provided comments on this bill yet. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied no, she had not heard of this proposed legislation. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on a proposed “Water Theft” bill as well. This bill proposes to dramatically increase water theft violations. The proposal states that for the first theft the fine would be \$1,000 instead of the current \$100. This bill would stiffen the penalties for water theft. Manager Moody reported ACWA is seeking registrations for their Virtual Fall Conference. The State Water Board is concerned about water and sewer districts being impacted by the Governor’s orders of not being able to shut water off during the pandemic. They are unsure of how big the problem is, but will be creating a survey and if the survey does not work they will start calling districts. Manager Moody’s comment to the survey was that it should be pared down so it is not too cumbersome or lengthy to complete. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on SB 200 – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act. The Committee that Manager Moody sat on discussed indicators for districts to see if they qualify for help from the State Water Board. The Committee was able to par down the list of indicators from 129 to 22 indicators.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported he attended a DREAM Project meeting on November 2nd. This group will begin to meet monthly as they phase into removing groundwater and putting it in the aqueduct. Manager Moody reported he thought it was a good idea to participate in the meetings on behalf of the Eastern Water Alliance (EWA), as the EWA is the permit requestor for this Project. Manager Moody reported they may be running into timing issues as they are not allowed to pump groundwater during irrigation season. Manager Moody advised the meeting participants that they want to steer clear of jeopardizing any of the rules for this permit, otherwise it could jeopardize getting any future export permits.

Manager Moody reported that Assistant Manager Hopkins participated in the CSDA Board Secretary virtual conference last week. This is part of the training track to become a Certified Special District Manager.

Manager Moody reported that December is right around the corner and the Board will need to schedule and organizational meeting before December 15th. Staff suggests scheduling the Board to convene prior to the December 8th meeting, adjourn, and then move into the Regular Board Meeting. Director Watkins advised scheduling this meeting on its own day as there will be no ACWA Conference conflict this year. Manager Moody advised staff will send an email query with a couple options for meetings dates before scheduling.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 11/09/20

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

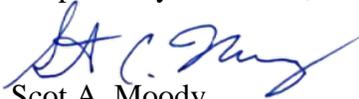
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:07 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:24 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Panizza adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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