

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, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Director Cortopassi 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 Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and Panizza. Director McGurk joined via teleconference at 12:31 p.m. Director Sanguinetti was absent. Also present via teleconference was Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 01/26/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- f. Payroll
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 21 for Endorsement letter for Hosie crossing in the amount of \$830.00. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied this is for the County's endorsement for one of our projects for the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

Director McGurk inquired on the expenses on page 15, line items 54-73 for FGL Environmental for monitoring sampling. Manager Moody replied these expenses are for

normal testing samples at different locations. Manager Moody added normally these line items are consolidated but due to staffing changes the expenses appear on separate line items in the warrants.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 5 for Carollo Engineers, Inc for Dec 2020-Prof. services for Disinfection Alternatives Study in the amount of \$12,504.00. Manager Moody replied this expense is for the design of the liquid chlorine disinfection system.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 30 for Holt of CA for Rental of excavator for Lower Farmington Canal in the amount of \$8,506.61. Manager Moody replied staff is currently compiling a case study on excavator usage and needs as the staff uses excavators out in the canals and also in the sludge lagoons. Assistant Manager Hopkins added staff requires rental of a long-reach excavator because the regular excavator does not have sufficient reach because of the grade differential. Director Atkins inquired if the District can purchase an excavator that can be taken to different locations. Manager Moody replied it is usually cheaper and safer to rent this type of equipment movement.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 2, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

3. Resolution No. 20-21-15 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 20-21-15 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property for various lab equipment and supplies and assorted wireless communication devices that are no longer supported. Manager Moody reported the various lab equipment and supplies are the result of turning the back lab into a conference room and much of the supplies for surplus cannot be used, are no longer regulatory compliant or are not used for District tasks. Manager Moody added the Surplus Policy indicates the General Manager will determine the best way to dispose of the surplus items; and, staff will reach out to local agencies for their interest in these types of supplies. Director Cortopassi inquired if local schools can use some of these supplies. Manager Moody replied staff has contacted some schools. President Watkins inquired if the autoclave and dryer work. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-21-15 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanguinetti

4. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority President's Special Recognition Awards – (Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation Program Low Loss Ratio), 01/13/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence from ACWA/JPIA regarding the District being awarded with the President's Special Recognition Awards for a Loss Ratio of 20% or less in the Property and Workers' Compensation Programs. Manager Moody reported this is good news and ultimately saves the District money. Manager Moody commented on the good job employees are doing. This item was for information only.
5. 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey (Calaveras & Stanislaus Rivers) – Cost Allocation Agreement
Manager Moody provided the Board with the Cost Allocation Agreement for the 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey (Calaveras & Stanislaus Rivers). Manager Moody reported bringing this Cost Allocation Agreement to the Board as staff finalized the final figures that each agency would be financially responsible for. Manager Moody added the Board approved entering into a contract with Water Quality and Treatment Solutions, Inc. (WQTS) to conduct the 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey and this Cost Allocation Agreement indicates the amount each agency would be responsible for based on drinking water use. This item was for information only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Bellota Project, 01/28/21
Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the January 28, 2021 Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting for the Bellota Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins gave a brief overview of the meeting to include reviewing the 2 new design ideas that address “no-rise” water surface elevations for the 100-year storm event. The Committee had questions regarding the modeling used in the presentation and staff will be reaching out to the Consultant for clarification on modeling and elevation references to bring back to the Committee. Director Cortopassi commented California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) want to add design elements to the design and that is driving-up the Project's cost. Manager Moody added staff constantly conveys to the fishery agencies the need for grant funding for 75% of the Project costs. Director Atkins commented on the Projects cost being high. President Watkins added the Committee requested clarification on dam operation, modeling and flood elevations.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/25/21
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 143,509 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 30 cfs. There is 1,555,440 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 204 cfs and release to all water users are set at 38 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 18 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 12 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. California Water Commission – Water Conveyance Workshop, 01/26/21

Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the January 12th & 26th, 2021 California Water Commission – Water Conveyance Workshops for the Northern and Central Valley Regions. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the State is reaching out to agencies to obtain perspectives to receive funding to insure water supply funding into the future. Discussions included topics of climate change, precipitation cycle and lessening amount of snowfall. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority and Turlock Irrigation District gave presentations on issues of importance to their agencies, followed by breakout sessions for brainstorming. The State will take the information from the Workshops to develop programs to fund water supply projects.

b. Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan Virtual Workshop, 1:00 p.m., 02/10/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the February 10, 2021 Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Virtual Workshop. Manager Moody reported the workshop is required per our HCP Incidental Take Permit. The Workshop will be a presentation collaboration of the District and FishBIO and will provide an overview of the HCP and how it effects the stakeholders.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Director McGaughey inquired if the District is currently experiencing cases of COVID-19 on campus. Manager Moody replied all employees have been present for the last 2-weeks.

Manager Moody reported receiving an invitation for a Zoom meeting from City of Stockton Mayor Lincoln. Manager Moody proposed to have staff reach out to the Board for their availability in March to schedule a meeting. Additionally, Manager Moody reported Mayor Lincoln is interested in touring the District's facilities in the fall.

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., 02/08/21

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 Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:52 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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