

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 9, 2021 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Director Atkins 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 and Administrative Services Manager Carido. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director McGurk. Director McGaughey was absent. Also present via teleconference was Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Panizza joined the meeting via teleconference at 12:42 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/02/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey, Panizza

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 9, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey, Panizza

3. Resolution No. 20-21-16 – In Support of the Nomination of Randall James Reed as a Candidate for the Position Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Executive Committee

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the nomination of Randall James Reed for the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Manager Moody reported the JPIA Board of Directors make recommendations to the Executive Committee for decision. Manager Moody added he does not know Mr. Reed and inquired if Director McGurk has any information to add. Director McGurk replied he is not familiar with this candidate but did report the Executive Committee has ~20 members on their Board. President Watkins commented we can bring this back to the Board at a later time.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Stockton East Water District – Disinfection Alternatives Study – Preliminary Engineering Report Memo, 02/04/2

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Disinfection Alternatives Study Preliminary Engineering Report. Manager Moody reported the Board previously approved the Disinfection Alternatives Study advising staff's plans to put a Bid out for this Project next Fiscal Year, with construction to begin the following year. Manager Moody noted in order to meet the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget schedule and provide for the construction bidding for 2022 construction, staff is recommending to amend the existing contract by ~\$24,000 by including geotechnical services to be performed in this Fiscal Year Budget. Manager Moody added the geotechnical studies for the site is at least a 2-month process to complete and could get in the way of the bid schedule and project construction. Manager Moody requested the Board consider moving forward with the geotechnical services in the additional cost of \$24,000, to keep the Project on schedule as planned. Director Atkins inquired what the geotechnical services work will consist of. Manager Moody replied it is testing to determine if the ground can support construction of the Project. Director Sanguinetti inquired if there is an issue with the ground. Manager Moody replied there is not an issue but a construction company may not bid on the project without these services being performed. President Watkins inquired if there are previous studies on this site. Manager Moody advised he was not aware of any current studies for this construction site.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize amending the Disinfection Alternatives Study contract in the additional amount of \$24,000 for geotechnical services this Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey, Panizza

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 02/04/21

Director Watkins and Manager Moody attended the February 4, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Manager Moody gave an overview of the highlights of the meeting beginning with the efforts of Woodard Curran on the upcoming annual report required by the Groundwater Sustainable Plan (GSP) for submission to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and updating the modeling used in the GSP report. Manager Moody commented it may not make sense to spend the money to update the model now, if DWR has not provided comments on the GSP. Manager Moody reported there was discussion regarding the proposal from Woodard Curran in the amount of \$21,000 to produce water budgets for each GSA. Manager Moody explained the budgets would consist of each GSA receiving a quota of water and if you want to increase that quota, the GSA would have to complete projects. Discussions focused on concepts of groundwater banking, water available for recharge and selling-water out of the County/Basin to finance projects. Manager Moody noted concern that of those discussing these items were entities that do not have water. There was also discussion regarding the groundwater model and refining it. Manager Moody reported the group does not seem focused on projects and seem to be more focused on spending money on studies

on the groundwater model. President Watkins commented the Basin is over-drafted and monies should be spent on projects to reach sustainability, adding the groundwater numbers used does not change the outcome of the Basin, the only outcome is curtailment. Director Cortopassi inquired on joining the JPA and it being a group effort but sounding like it is divided and not working together. President Watkins commented initially the GSAs had steps and goals to achieve but this past year seems the group is not working on much more and if we implement what the group is talking about, it will come to Basic adjudication and it does not account for who can use the water and who has the right to use the water, which is why the group should be focusing on projects to get the Basin better and towards sustainability. Director Panizza inquired on adjudicating the Basin. President Watkins replied they are not taking into account those users who have a legal right to use groundwater, so groundwater usage looks like a lot but those users may have the first right to use the water. President Watkins added understanding that projects are hard and consist of a lot of work and maybe allocation is part of the equation, which is part of curtailment but it seems like with the pandemic a year has been lost. Director Panizza commented he agrees with President Watkins and that this last year there does not seem to be much communication or direction with the group, but that SEWD should keep in touch and keep engaged. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 02/08/21
Nothing to report.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/01/21

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 144,877 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 26 cfs. There is 1,555,916 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 203 cfs and release to all water users are set at 35 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 12 MGD.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Sexual Harassment Prevention Live Webinar, 04/20/21

Administrative Services Manager Carido reported the Board is due for Sexual Harassment Prevention training this year and added the virtual ACWA Conferences do not provide this type of training. Administrative Services Manager Carido reported if the Board has interest in attending this training, we can display the training in the Boardroom prior to the Board Meeting on April 20, 2021, as the training is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Administrative Services Manager Carido conveyed staff will find alternative online training options for Directors whom do not want to participate in the April 20th training. Staff will bring this training information back to the Board as we get closer to the training date.

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Moody reported attending a conference call last week with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding the Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Manager Moody mentioned the upcoming February 10, 2021 HCP Virtual Stakeholder Meeting during the call.

Manager Moody noted due to the holiday this Friday, the Agenda Packets will be delivered on Thursday, February 11, 2021 and Form 700 will be included.

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., 02/10/21
Teleconference Only
- 2. Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan Virtual Workshop, 1:00 p.m., 02/10/21
- 3. District Holiday – Lincoln’s Birthday, 02/12/21
- 4. District Holiday – Washington’s Birthday (President’s Day), 02/15/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

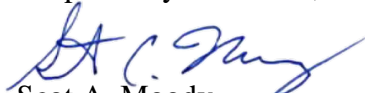
- 1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:02 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:21 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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