

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, APRIL 13, 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 McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

a. Minutes 04/06/21 Regular Meeting

There was discussion on how the cost breakdown of New Hogan and New Melones water was written in Item D-6.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 6, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

b. Minutes 04/08/21 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund

b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund

e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Payroll
- i. Short Names/Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Equipment

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 107 for Big W Sales for replacement valve and plunger for Spray Rig in the amount of \$640.76. Finance Director Vega replied 3 motor assembly valves and 3 o-rings were purchased.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 5 for HDS White Cap Construction Supply for Mirafi for Whittles' Bridges Project in the amount of \$1,407.94. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied this is geotextile material that is put under the road base.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 12, line item 40 for Standard Insurance for March/April 2021 Long Term Insurance in the amount of \$832. Finance Director Vega replied this is for disability insurance.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 20, line item 127 for Stockton Windustrial Co. for water fountain replacement for Admin Building in the amount of \$1,333.49. Manager Moody replied it is the replacement for the fountain between the two restrooms.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 20, line item 138 for Valley Landscaping & Maintenance Inc. for WTP landscaping maintenance service March 2021 in the amount of \$2,445.00. Manager Moody replied this is the same vendor the District has been in contract with for the last few years.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 115 for HART High-Voltage for high voltage testing, maintenance and repairs for the Treatment Plant in the amount of \$55,451.00. Manager Moody replied this is the work the Board approved for all transformers campus wide; a report will be forthcoming.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expenses on page 9 as they were all allocated towards the Whittle's Bridge Project. He further inquired if the Board could be provided with a memo for the total cost of the work to this point. Manager Moody replied yes.

Director Atkins inquired on the expenses on page 20, line item 123 for Platt Electric Supply Inc. for tools for Units 67 & 36 in the amount of \$1,119.42 and line items 130 for US Bank Corporate Payment Systems for tools for Unit 36 in the amount of \$333.53 and tools for Units 67 & 66 in the amount of \$417.45. Manager Moody replied that staff determined during the Plant shutdown, there were multiple ongoing projects and only one person with specific tools. Staff was having to drive to retrieve the necessary tools to complete projects. The trucks have been restocked and inventoried, then each driver signed an inventory list of what is on the truck.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 20, line item 120 for MarTech for Master Backwash and Filter Isolation Valves Replacement in the amount of \$187,913.09. Manager Moody replied this amount is for the largest part of the Project.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 28 for GeoStabilization International, LLC for Potter Creek Survey in the amount of \$20,000. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied this survey was from Drais Road to Mormon Slough. Manager Moody added once staff looks over the information further, they would like to schedule an Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting to review the data and make finalizations. Director Cortopassi inquired if staff has an elevation map. Manager Moody replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 13, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Funck Road Traveling Screen Memo

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo on the Funck Road Traveling Screen Project. Manager Moody reported staff obtained electrical service from PG&E and installed new electric gate actuators. To complete the Project, the screen equipment needs to be purchased, steel supports and concrete support and drainage pads need to be constructed and screen equipment installed by a contractor.

Manager Moody reported that staff received several bids for the screens and International Water Screens Co. was the lowest, most responsive bidder, with a bid amount of \$224,331.75. Staff requests the Board consider approval to order the screens, which would provide a lead time to bid the installation portion of the Project out.

President Watkins inquired on the location of International Water Screens Co. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied they are from Bakersfield.

Director McGurk inquired on the responsible party for ensuring the screens are in perfect condition upon arrival. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the District is responsible for making sure what is delivered is perfect for installation. Manager Moody added that staff has seen receipt of several screen and know what to inspect upon arrival.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the vendor from the Pacific Southwest Irrigation Expo was contacted to bid on this Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes they were contacted and submitted a bid in the amount of \$266,936.63 (The Weld Group).

A motion was moved and seconded to purchase the traveling screens and conveyor system from International Water Screens Co. in the amount of \$224,331.75 plus a 5% contingency in the amount of \$11,216.59 for change orders.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Resolution No. 21-22-01 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants For Fiscal Year 2021

Manager Moody reported the Board previously approved authorizing working with the County and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD) to apply for the Applied Science grant. As part of this, each agency is required to submit a resolution of support.

Director McGurk inquired if the grant amount should be listed in the Resolution. Manager Moody replied it is not necessary, funds will be discussed in the grant. If the grant is awarded the Board will have the option to approve or decline at that time.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-22-01 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Applied Science Grants For Fiscal Year 2021, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Rate Stabilization Fund Report

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the rate stabilization fund report from ACWA/JPIA. Manager Moody reported the District received a check from ACWA/JPIA in the amount of \$25,960.66.

Director McGurk inquired where those funds go once received by the District. Manager Moody replied all refunds from ACWA/JPIA are put into the Other Post-Employment Benefits fund. This item was for information only.

6. Central Valley Salinity Coalition – 2021 Board Level Membership

Manager Moody provided the Board with the 2021 Board Level Membership for the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CV Salts). Manager Moody reported the price for this membership has increased this year and is now \$20,000. Manager Moody reported the County and the Coalition are both members of CV Salts. Manager Moody queried the Board to see if they would like to move forward with payment or terminate membership.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported there is not much on the agenda that is of interest to the District. The District can continue to monitor by participating as part of the public.

A motion was moved and seconded to suspend the District’s membership with the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CV Salts).

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

President Watkins suggested sending a letter to CV Salts to advise of the District's end of membership.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 04/12/21

Director Atkins attended the April 12, 2021 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Atkins reported there was discussion on the Financial Report and the Coalition is \$127,000 in the positive. There was discussion on fees being increased and Coalition members paying \$5 per ~~AFacre~~, instead of the current \$4.25. The Coalition expected the State to also raise their dues, which would effect Coalition members. Director Atkins reported the Nitrogen Management Reports were due March 1st. Grower meetings for the Nitrogen Management Plan self-certification are held online for 4-hour blocks. There is discussion to change that to 2-hour sessions. There was discussion on the CV Salts price increase. There was discussion on the Program Manager's Report, in January they tested after the storm and found no pyrethroid hits initially, and then they were later found. They found the hit at Mormon Slough and Jack Tone Road. They are unable to determine what would have been sprayed in the winter to cause a hit. Director McGurk inquired when the Coalition expects the rates to increase. Director Atkins replied within the next year.

2. Eastern Water Alliance Meeting, 04/12/21

Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Alternate Watkins and Manager Moody and staff attended the April 12, 2021 Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) Meeting. Director McGurk reported the meeting was called to ensure the EWA Board was up to speed on the current status of the DREAM Project. The construction phase will be starting soon with extending the pipeline under Eight Mile Road and Mosher Slough. Director McGurk reported once the construction is completed the EWA Board will convene again to discuss next steps. There was discussion on the learning experience between NSJWCD and the Water Master at Camanche. The water flow must be watched closely as it is carefully measured. Director Sanguinetti reported there was discussion on how much water went into the ground and was used. This amount is a small percentage of what they expected. The group is hopeful next year will have a better outcome. Only construction will take place this year, water will not be utilized as it is a dry year and there will not be enough water to use. Manager Moody reported there are benchmarks written into the approved ordinance for this Project. If the groundwater level is below a specific level, water cannot be extracted. They have not extracted any water and the levels are already exceeding the benchmarks. The EWA Board will need to revise a Resolution for the County Board of Supervisors approval to change certain benchmarks. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/12/21

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 152,472 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 41 cfs. There is 1,514,443 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,089 cfs and release to all water users are set at 112 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 25 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 20 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority FloodMAR Virtual Workshop, 04/08/21

Directors Atkins, McGurk, Panizza and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the April 8, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority FloodMAR Virtual Workshop. Manager Moody reported an item of note is that there were Southern California interests on the call discussing FloodMARs and what needs to be remembered is that a permit is required to divert water for groundwater recharge.

b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 04/09/21

Manager Moody attended the April 9, 2021 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported Ukiah, CA had the least amount of rain on record ever this year. There was discussion on Senator Feinstein working on a bill that would fund over \$1 billion for Ag water. Toni Atkins, President pro Tempore of the Senate, wants to fund \$2 billion and is asking for non-controversial water projects. ACWA is working to gather a list of projects. Manager Moody reported he also sits on a sub-committee of the State Legislative Committee regarding mandatory consolidation. Bills are continuously appearing that are trying to give the State Board authorization to force consolidation. ACWA is opposed, as no District should ever be forced. The sub-committee is working to come up with criteria to limit the State Board's interpretations for what a mandatory consolidation would mean. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2021.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported the District signed up for the ACWA Region 4 Leadership to Leadership Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, April 21st from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. This will be the time for agencies to meet with the ACWA President and Vice President.

Manager Moody reported Purviance Drillers inspected the 8,000 pump for Potter Creek. Based on President Watkins recommendation the motor was flushed and re-greased and there are still issues persisting. Purviance determined it was the bowls, the pump will need to be pulled and evaluated.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Letter to Oppose Assembly Bill 377 (R. Rivas) – Water Quality: Impaired Waters, 04/06/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated April 6, 2021 regarding the District's opposition of Assembly Bill 377 (R. Rivas) – Water Quality: Impaired Waters. Director McGurk commented that these were well written letters.

2. Stockton East Water District – Letter to Oppose Assembly Bill 1434 (Friedman) – Indoor Residential Water Use Standards, 04/06/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated April 6, 2021 regarding the District's opposition of Assembly Bill 1434 (Friedman) – Indoor Residential Water Use Standards.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 04/14/21
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 11:00 a.m., 04/14/21 **The next meeting will take place in June**
3. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 04/16/21
4. Sexual Harassment Training – Live Webinar, 9:00 a.m., 04/20/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

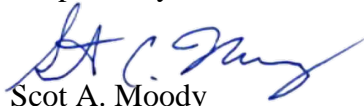
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:23 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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