

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 20, 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 Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, 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 was Director Panizza. Also present via teleconference were Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 04/13/21 Regular Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 5, section E-1, 1st paragraph, 3rd sentence – strike “AF” and replace with “acre”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

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 April 20, 2021 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. Stockton East Water District – SonTek River Flow Measurement Device Memo

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the SonTek River Flow Measurement Device. Manager Moody reported as part of SB 88 and the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) the District is required to monitor and record the daily flow on the Calaveras River.

Manager Moody reported one way to save money and mitigate the challenges of a permanent installation, staff proposes the Sontek R25 Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (Sontek).

Manager Moody reported measurements would be taken at the beginning of the irrigation season, by mapping the area via sonar technology.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the Sontek measures the depth of water and gives a reading on the whole area. Manager Moody replied yes.

Director Cortopassi inquired what happens when more water flows through the area. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied an ultra-sonic level sensor will be installed on the Shelton Road Bridge for continuous measurement. As different flows are released, the river surveyor will measure flows and correlate to the level readings.

Manager Moody reported staff would like to see this technology applied to other areas throughout the District, specifically the tunnel outlet as that gauge has never worked properly.

Director Atkins inquired if the water must be clear for accuracy. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the accuracy is +/- 1% on velocity and even more accurate on depth.

Manager Moody reported this is a budgeted item, but requests the Board's approval due to its cost.

Director McGurk inquired if replacement parts will be hard to obtain if needed. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no.

Director Cortopassi inquired if an entire package will need to be purchased if this technology is used on other parts of the system. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, only a sensor will need to be purchased, which is ~\$1,500-\$2,500.

Director McGurk inquired if this technology will be connected to the SCADA system. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, it is necessary to monitor the daily flow.

A motion was moved and seconded to purchase the Sontek RS5 Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler Flow Measurement Device in the amount of \$24,826.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 04/14/21

Director Watkins and Manager Moody attended the April 14, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported there was a review of the Annual Report, which has been submitted to the DWR in draft form. There was discussion on the GWA budget, which is on track. President Watkins reported that a working

group will be created to review the new budget. Manager Moody reported there was discussion on the potential grant with the County for the USBR Applied Science Grant for LIDAR satellite imagery. President Watkins added that there is a request for letters of support for the agencies that participated in the grant. There was a brief discussion on water rights and the formation of a task group to look at the American River water rights. There was an update provided on the status of the DREAM Project. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/19/21

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 151,093 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 137 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 834 cfs and release to all water users are set at 127 cfs. There are 4 irrigator(s) on New Hogan and 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones. The water treatment plant is currently processing 28 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. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 04/16/21

Finance Director Vega attended the April 16, 2021 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. Finance Director Vega reported there was review of the calculations for 2014-2019 construction costs as some were misclassified. The USBR contends that this misclassification should not have a significant impact on water agencies. It was the recommendation of the Association for the USBR to send formal letters in May to show an estimate of what is being used for water deliveries and how that may impact revised rates. Finance Director Vega reported there was a review of the CVPIA environmental portion; both power and water agencies have credits as of the last communication with the USBR, but there is concern the new administration may cause changes which will have negative impacts on the progress made on this issue. There were minor updates provided on continuing communications used to report out to agencies. Director Cortopassi inquired since southern water users are getting no water, will fixed costs be spread among other users. Finance Director Vega replied yes. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2021.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported last week during dam installation, the 8,000 pump was installed on Mormon Slough to supply water to Potter Creek. Upon installation, staff found an issue with the pump. Purviance Drillers looked at the equipment and it is their opinion the bearing in the pump is the issue. Assistant Manager Hopkins assumes this became damaged during removal last irrigation season or the recent installation. Staff has

scheduled to pull the pump on Thursday and it will be sent to Purviance for disassembly and repair.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on Saturday one of the Water Supply Supervisors found a collapsed pipeline. Staff is working on repairs and hopes to get the fixes done today. Depending on the availability of parts it may not be done until Thursday.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported when staff was performing work on the Bellota pipeline they found a small leak. The area has been excavated to assess and a ring crack was found. Staff is continuing to assess the repair and is hoping to have it done by Saturday. Manager Moody added that not much water can be supplied for irrigation on Potter Creek until this work is complete.

Manager Moody inquired with the Board on creating a Committee to review Rule No. 131. President Watkins replied a Committee will be decided and staff will be advised.

Manager Moody reported the District will be celebrating Water Quality Control Analyst Morley's retirement on May 21st.

Manager Moody reported Dennis Cardoza will be in town on April 29th and would like to have lunch with the Board. Manager Moody asked that interested Board Members let him know so food can be ordered. A Special Meeting will be noticed for this lunch.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Sexual Harassment Training – Live Webinar, 04/20/21
Directors Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended Sexual Harassment Training on April 20, 2021. Director McGurk reported it was the best presentation on the subject he has attended.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Central Valley Salinity Coalition – 2021 Board Level Membership Contribution – End of Support Letter, 04/14/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated April 14, 2021 regarding the District ending its contribution to the Central Valley Salinity Coalition (CV Salts).

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA Region 4 Leadership to Leadership, 1:00 p.m., 04/21/21
2. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 04/21/21
This meeting was cancelled

Director McGaughey thanked Manager Moody, District staff and the Board for the continued help and support over the past year.

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

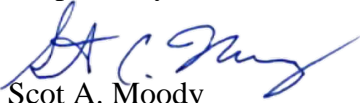
- 3. Closed Session – Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:11 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. Administrative Assistant Curtis was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:15 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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