

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, JUNE 29, 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. and Director Cortopassi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Finance Director Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Assistant Curtis and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Consultant Barkett joined via teleconference at 12:31 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/22/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

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 June 29, 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. Resolution No. 21-22-06 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 21-22-06 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property for various pieces of computer equipment; mixers; actuators; VFD and golf cart battery. Manager Moody reported some items will be auctioned, but most is for trash.

Director McGaughey inquired what the mixers are. Manager Moody reported before the water enters the flocculation basins, the mixers turn on to slowly turn the water to coagulate with the chemicals.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the computers have been wiped of their information. Manager Moody replied yes and will be run over with a dump truck before disposal.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-22-06 – Approving the Disposal of Surplus Property, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Annual Stockton Fire Department Inspection, 06/16/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with the inspection report from the Stockton Fire Departments June 16th inspection of the District. Manager Moody reported the only recommendation is to install better signage about the fire hydrants to better identify their locations.

Director McGurk inquired if there is a standard symbol or sign to be used for the fire hydrant identifiers. Manager Moody replied he is not sure, but they do this in the hills when there are issues with snow.

President Watkins inquired on the comment made on page 18 regarding the hazardous materials storage exceeds permitted amount. Manager Moody replied staff will inquire further with the fire department.

Director Cortopassi inquired if there has ever been any repercussion of the gate lock box in the middle of Al Bonner lane just before the gate. Manager Moody replied no. This item was for information only.

5. Stockton East Water District – Bellota Fence Damage
Manager Moody provided the Board with the California Highway Patrol traffic report and pictures of the damage to the fence at Bellota. Manager Moody reported that staff obtained the CHP report and was able to determine who was responsible. Assistant Manager Hopkins reached out to the responsible party to determine how the damage will be paid for. This item was for information only.
6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Sludge Handling Improvements Project Memo, 06/29/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding the Sludge Handling Improvements Project. Manager Moody reported staff has modified the polymers utilized to remove TOCs, but by doing so, the polymers create a sludge that is hard to dewater. Manager Moody reported new lagoons have not been added since the Treatment Plant went beyond 30 MGD. The Treatment Plant is now at 65 MGD.

Manager Moody reported that staff researched what other District are doing for sludge dewatering. Most of them are doing what the District is by putting them in ponds, draining the water and drying the sludge, some are dumping the sludge into landfills and SSJID temporarily was having a company come in and use a trailer-mounted centrifuge, but realized it was too expensive so they recently completed a project to add additional concrete-lined ponds at their

facility. Manager Moody reported staff researched different ways of addressing the sludge and found the most cost effective, long-term method would be adding additional concrete-lined ponds because the District has plenty of open space.

Manager Moody reported the plan would be to keep the existing ponds and add four concrete-lined lagoons. Staff would also propose to construct a vault to inject polymer into the sludge to help dry it quicker and construct a building to house the polymer and feed pumps.

Director Atkins inquired on the density of the sludge. District Engineer Evensen replied that it comes out in water form with approximately 0.5% solids, then the pond is filled about 4-feet deep and excess water is drained off. Then the solids dry over a 3 to 4 month period. Manager Moody added by the time it is ready to be excavated it is ~3-feet thick.

Director Atkins inquired if less sludge could be added to each pond. District Engineer Evensen replied yes, however, we would need additional pond surface area.

Director Atkins inquired on how long the sludge sits in the ponds before being excavated out. District Engineer Evensen replied 3-4 months.

Director Atkins inquired if the proposed concrete lining will be heavy enough for equipment to work on. Manager Moody replied yes.

Director Cortopassi suggested having a Committee review the information and further brainstorm solutions. The District has a lot of land where we could potentially make the sludge wet and pump it out instead of drying it and hauling it away.

Director McGurk inquired how many millions of gallons per day SSJID is producing. District Engineer Evensen replied ~25 MGD. Director McGurk inquired if their sludge has membranes that are cleaned off. Manager Moody replied yes.

Director Cortopassi inquired if staff can find another name, instead of calling it sludge. Manager Moody replied yes.

President Watkins advised this topic will be referred back to a Committee for further review.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/28/21

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 125,435 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 203 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,503 cfs and release to all water users are set at 205 cfs. There are 13 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 0 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 31 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 22 mgd.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the amount of the release from New Melones reservoir going down the river. Manager Moody replied they are running quite full and plan on running full all summer long.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 06/25/21

Finance Director Vega attended the June 25, 2021 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee meeting. Finance Director Vega reported it was a short meeting as it was rescheduled from the week prior due to the new federal holiday. Finance Director Vega reported most was on a letter the association drafted in response to USBR rescinding of a completion memo that was issued under the previous administration. The rescinding of the completion memo caused some concern because business practice guidelines for both power and water could be threatened. The letter to the USBR requested they should not conflate CVPIA completion and practice guidelines, as the guidelines were in the works before the previous administration. Finance Director Vega reported the hope of the Association is this will provide support for the guidelines and fair repayment of annual funds. Director McGurk inquired who was against or for the letter. Finance Director Vega replied everyone is just concerned. Finance Director Vega added this all started as power and water owing money, that shifted and both power and water have credit. The concern at the USBR level is now that funding shifted to taxpayer funds rather than actual power or water agencies. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2021.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported the Office of Emergency Services will be kicking-off the Drought Committee with their first meeting since 2017 tomorrow. Assistant Manager Hopkins will attend.

Manager Moody reported the Bellota Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, July 9th at Noon and staff will follow-up with an email.

Manager Moody reported the Central Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 8th at 3:00 pm and staff will follow-up with an email.

Manager Moody reported he finalized the Out of District Agreement between the District and OID and SSJID late last week.

Manager Moody reported he will be taking vacation July 9th – July 16th.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Lodi District Grape Growers Association – Local Water Forum, 9:00 a.m., 06/30/21

2. San Joaquin County Agricultural Drought Task Force Kick-off Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/30/21
3. District Holiday – Fourth of July, 07/05/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

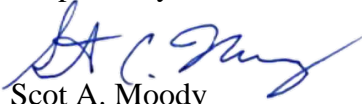
1. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations
Government Code 54956.8
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:59 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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