

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, AUGUST 17, 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 McGurk 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, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/10/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 10, 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

- a. Fund 67 – Agricultural 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. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 40 for Van Dermeyden Makus Law Corporation in the amount of \$23,409.65. Manager Moody replied per the recommendation of the personnel attorney, the District hired a third-party to conduct an investigation; noting the cost was for the additional investigation. Manager Moody reported the third-party investigation yielded the same results as the District's initial internal investigation.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on pages 9 & 11, line items 1, 42 & 43 for 4RF USA Inc in the amounts of \$7,595.50, \$1,519.10 & \$82.40. Manager Moody replied the

charges are for the communication towers for SCADA. Director Sanguinetti inquired if this work was already done in the past. Manager Moody replied there are gates using the cloud for one year while the radio infrastructure is being installed to be able to control afterwards.

Director Atkins inquired if the red fuel is still being rotated so it does not have to be cleaned. Manager Moody replied yes, red diesel is used as much as possible. Manager Moody added just last week the permanent transfer pump failed when the District had a planned power shutdown and the transfer tank on wheels was used. Director Cortopassi inquired if the District has a red diesel tank. Manager Moody replied yes, the District has a mobile and permanent tank; anytime the backhoe or any off-road machinery is operated, the red diesel tank is used. Director Watkins recommended the red diesel tank receive maintenance and cleaning.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 17, 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 – Peter’s Pipeline Level Sensor Memo, 08/17/21

Manager Moody reported an issue with Eilers Ranch; the new outlet on Peter’s Pipeline had water supply issues Manager Moody reported it was challenging because the result was either not having water or flooding their field, in an effort to fix the issue and avoid complaints, Staff had to find a way to automate the system.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported a level sensor was installed in the standpipe that had issues to monitor the level real time to avoid overflowing or running Eilers Ranch out of water. Assistant Manager Hopkins added this was coupled with the 66” vault outlet automation project which had a new automated gated installed that was connected to the SCADA system; between monitoring the level of the standpipe and having remote control of the 66” gate, regulating flow through the 66” gate to avoid issues at the standpipe has worked flawlessly.

Director McGurk inquired if it is a factor that growers are not calling in 48 hours prior to their pumping time. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied that customers are very good at calling in and requesting water.

Director Cortopassi inquired if there was head pressure prior to installation of the Eilers Ranch turnout. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no. Director Cortopassi inquired what is causing the head pressure to go over the pipe if it has never been an issue before. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied before there were several regulating gates along Peter’s Pipeline that were left open all the time, now one gate has to remain partially closed to allow Eilers Ranch to pump water.

Director Atkins inquired if the regulating gate can be automated. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes. Director Atkins inquired how long it would take Staff to receive the alert from the gate. Manager Moody replied if the operator is paying attention and the customer is calling in the response time is not bad. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the District is still looking into automating the regulating gate but because a PG&E service drop is required, it would not

be this water season. Manager Moody inquired if solar can be used instead of PG&E. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied he would look into that option.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the pipeline has to be full for the irrigators to pump. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the pipeline requires ~2 feet ahead above grade.

Director Atkins inquired if there has been an issue with moss in the system. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there was prior to the system being cleaned out. This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – Tunnel Outlet Flow Measuring Flume Project Memo, 08/17/21 Assistant Manager Hopkins reported as a part of this year’s budget, there is a project to install a new flow measuring flume downstream of the tunnel outlet in the Upper Farmington Canal. Assistant Manager Hopkins added there is an existing Doppler acoustic meter that was installed many years ago, the original meter never worked correctly and was 40% inaccurate; a new meter has since replaced the original meter but it only works intermittently, requiring a significant amount of Staff time to reset and recalibrate the meter. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the flume option, although more expensive, is a permanent solution. Manager Moody added that is the meter Tri-Dam uses to measure the flow that the District releases.

Director Cortopassi inquired what happens when both meters on either end of the tunnel are active. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there is no meter on the inlet of the tunnel, there may have been one a long time ago but it has since been removed; the meter Tri-Dam uses for what they are delivering to the District and making their gate adjustments is the one the District wants to replace with the flume. Director Cortopassi inquired if there are any users above the flume. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no.

Director McGurk inquired if there is more expense other than Staff time. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the District has an ongoing contract with Balance Hydrologics, Inc., they calibrate the meter monthly and report to the District and Tri-Dam the accuracy readings.

Director Watkins inquired if the District would be building a concrete flume. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the design of the flume is done but because of the current planned shutdown timeframe of New Melones and other projects there isn’t enough time or staff to build it in-house, Board approval to go out to bid for the project is requested.

Director Atkins inquired if this flume is the same as was built at the Farmington Dam. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, it is similar to the flume built at the North Reservoir, a specifically designed shape of concrete calculating flow by measuring the head differential.

Director Cortopassi inquired when the project is done, will it be automated or will it require Staff to operate it. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it will be automated, a reading will be sent to the office.

Director Cortopassi inquired if Tri-Dam will accept the reading coming from the new system. Assistant Manager Hopkin replied the District has not spoken to Tri-Dam about the replacement; but the new flume will be accurately measuring the water delivery and billing will now be accurate.

Manager Moody added once the bids are brought back to the Board for consideration, a conversation could occur about completing the project next summer if no water deliveries from New Melones are made.

Director Panizza inquired if the bid will include language to inform the bidders of the possibility of the District not receiving New Melones water which would change the bidding process. Manager Moody replied we could include that and could possibly complete the project in-house.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Request for Bids for the Tunnel Outlet Flow Measuring Flume Project, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

5. 2021 San Joaquin Council of Governments One Voice Legislature Trip Sponsorship Form  
Manager Moody provided the Board with the sponsorship form to decide if they would like to continue to contribute the same amount as last year.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if they will be holding the One Voice trip this year. President Watkins replied yes, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the 2021 San Joaquin Council of Governments One Voice Legislature Trip Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00, as presented.

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, 08/11/21  
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the August 11, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting.  
Manager Moody reported there was an update on the Tracy Subbasin, model development and the request for qualifications for the accounting framework and funding/finance alternatives evaluation; the County is looking for options to complete that work as well as looking for funding from Department of Water Resources for that process. Manager Moody added there was an update on the American River Water Rights from the County. President Watkins added there is a timeline of about a month to collect the data for the model and run the numbers and report back to the committee in September. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2021.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/17/21

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 104,314 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 193 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 735 cfs and release to all water users are set at 263 cfs. There are 13 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 4 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 3 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 31 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 22 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Special ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 08/16/21

Manager Moody attended the August 16, 2021 Special ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported there was an emergency meeting to review Senate Bill 222, Safe Drinking Water for All; the author of the Bill needed a commitment from Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to support the Bill if the author accepted the changes proposed by ACWA. Manager Moody reported the committee decided on a support of amend with the biggest concern from ACWA being the funding for the Bill.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

There was nothing to report.

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Call, 08/13/21

President Watkins and Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the August 13, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Call. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported discussion on the scope of work for the Request for Qualifications that will be released to hire a consultant to perform the Basin Accounting Framework; the group agreed on the scope prepared by the County and provided a list of four consultants that will be invited to submit qualifications as it will not be publicly advertised. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported there was discussion about looking at funding levels at the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) level instead of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) level, to motivate the GSA's to complete projects and get credit for their participation outside the overall GSP. President Watkins reported that concept was his recommendation and to add language to tie the American River Water Rights into the study. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the dates for the proposal process were modified and a tentative start date for the Basin Accounting is January 1, 2022.

## H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

## I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 08/18/21

*\*This meeting was cancelled\**

2. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 08/18/21  
*\*This meeting was cancelled\**
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 08/20/21
4. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 08/20/21

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE  
 SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights  
 Agency Negotiator: Scot A. Moody  
 Negotiating Parties: The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority/United States Bureau of Reclamation  
 Under Negotiation: Water Transfer
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
 Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:12 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m., with the following reportable action:

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Agreement for the Transfer of Water By and Between Stockton East Water District and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and authorize the General Manager to execute all documents related to the Agreement, as presented.

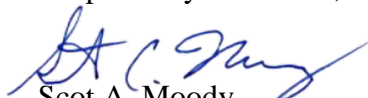
Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Scot A. Moody  
 Secretary of the Board

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