

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, OCTOBER 19, 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 Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and Panizza. Directors Atkins and Cortopassi were absent. Also present via teleconference was Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/12/21 Regular Meeting

- Page 4, section E-2, 1st paragraph, 6th sentence – strike “ACWA Director” and replace with “California Department of Water Resources Director”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 19, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Injury & Illness Prevention Plan Update

Manager Moody provided the Board with an Injury & Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP) Update. Manager Moody reported this Plan should be reviewed by the Board annually. Manager Moody reported ACWA/JPIA provided the District with a new Supervisor’s Accident/Incident Investigation Form that is a required document for the Board Policy and is the only update to the IIPP.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Injury & Illness Prevention Plan Update, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, Cortopassi

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 10/13/21
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 13, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the committee began with a resolution for Assembly Bill 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences. Manager Moody reported a brief presentation on the basin accounting framework which discussed various consultants that will be hired to help with the process of allocating responsibility of the basin. Manager Moody reported he inquired about water quality as there are a total of seven undesirable results that are required to be address if problematic in the basin, however water quantity is the only concern that has been discussed by the committee. Manager Moody added the California State Water Resources Control Board wrote a letter to Department of Water Resources about certain Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), like us, that are not addressing all concerns within their groundwater basin. Manager Moody commented he was taken aback by San Joaquin County's forceful reply that water quantity is the only concern that will be addressed unless the implementation projects that are being completed cause concern then they will be addressed at that time. Manager Moody reported the County discussed the letter from the California State Water Resources Control Board to Department of Water Resources as being an over reach but the California State Water Resources Control Board is tasked with implementing the SGMA Law and enforcing it which means our GSP should pay attention to the comments made in that letter. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/11/21
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 86,926 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 68 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 623 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There is 0 irrigator on New Hogan and no irrigator(s) on New Melones. There are currently no Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 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. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10/15/21
Finance Director Vega attended the October 15, 2021 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. Finance Director Vega reported discussion from Richard Welsh who oversees the large projects which include Folsom Safety Dams, City of Sisk and various WIIN Act projects, the projects were discussed

in order to inform the Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors of the funding that would be passed onto them once the projects are completed; the mechanics of the funding being spread out, for instance for the Folsom Safety Dams the cost would be split CVP wide at the 15% of the project cost which would be implemented in 2023 or 2024. Finance Director Vega reported the other various project costs paid by CVP contractors would be determined by a matrix that defines where the benefits come from for each project and if those benefits are reimbursable based on CVP and Bureau of Reclamation laws; the outcome is presently unknown as the benefits have not been defined yet. Finance Director Vega reported the committee wants the Bureau of Reclamation to create a chart that lists the pertinent information that would attract contractors and would indicate if benefits are present for funding to be included; the committee will follow-up with the Bureau of Reclamation to acquire the chart from them. Finance Director Vega reported the Bureau of Reclamation quietly sent out a draft extended repayment manual that is used to enter into contracts for large projects to be repaid, those projects are usually paid in the subsequent year. Finance Director Vega explained the extended repayment period means the contractor can enter into a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to extend the repayment but the manual has been updated and the comment period was a week; the draft extended repayment manual was not sent out for engagement so contractors are asking for an extension to the draft and an outline of the changes made to the manual. Manager Moody commented Legal Counsel Zolezzi needs to be informed of the information regarding the Bureau of Reclamation. Finance Director Vega replied he will send Legal Counsel Zolezzi the email regarding the issue. Manager Moody directed a comment to Legal Counsel Zolezzi to inform her that Finance Director Vega has been directed to speak to the Executive & Financial Committee about the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed water transfer about being transparent and defining the process that they used for East Side contractors' allocations this year. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2021.

b. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 10/15/21

Manager Moody attended the October 15, 2021 Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion about the drought and issuing a message about water conservation; the conservation coordinators for each entity spend time sharing ideas for water conservation. Manager Moody reported San Joaquin County is considering the idea of encouraging conservation as a way of life, however, the District does not have a storage contact with New Melones and a conservation message would mean that water conserved would be available for use but that is not true; the language published for water conservation will have to be shared correctly. Manager Moody reported discussion about the status of the New Hogan Reservoir now and in the future; the District not only provides water for Municipal & Industrial (M&I) customers but also to Agricultural customers. Manager Moody explained whatever water M&I customers do not use, the Agricultural customers will use and unless there is enough rain this year, we will probably drain the reservoir. Manager Moody added we do not hold onto water for the following year for our M&I customers. Manager Moody reported discussion on the Bureau of Reclamation water transfer that the District is opposing and Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the Bureau of Reclamation will not be executing the water transfer this year.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported the City of Stockton has flushed their inner connection with the District to the north part of the city; the City of Stockton will take their last residual sample tomorrow and once the sample has an acceptable chlorine residual level, they will take water from the District to the north side of the city.

Director McGurk inquired if the Bureau of Reclamation water transfer goes to the Westlands. Manager Moody replied yes in that direction, included as well are other small municipal agencies for health and safety; Westlands was the water transfer that the District was opposing. Director McGurk inquired what the Bureau of Reclamation will no longer be doing this year. Manager Moody replied the water transfer will not be executed this year. Legal Counsel Zolezzi added the reason was because of the exchange, there were two parts to the transfer; the Westlands had purchased water from CVP contractors in Folsom and it was to be released from Folsom but they wanted to keep the water there so they were going to release the water from New Melones to exchange for the transfer to Westlands, and secondly, to get additional water to M&I. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the California State Water Resources Control Board approved Westlands exchange and denied the additional transfer for M&I uses but the Bureau of Reclamation could no longer transfer the water due to the consult period being over. Director McGurk inquired about the high release reported on F-1, Water Supply Report. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the release is for false flows for fish. Director McGurk inquired if the water is abandoned once it reaches the Delta. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied normally yes, however they are not using that water for the exchange with Wetlands because they have released the transfer water from Folsom.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – 2021 San Joaquin Agricultural Hall Of Fame Awards Dinner, 10/14/21
Nothing to report.

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., 10/20/21
2. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 10/20/21
This meeting has been cancelled
3. Stockton East Water District Committee Meeting – Bellota Project, 12:00 Noon, 10/22/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

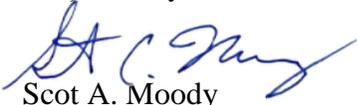
1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:51 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:54 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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