

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, JANUARY 25, 2022 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 Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Kuehne, Lodi City Council District 3 announced his candidacy for San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, District 4.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 01/18/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 18, 2022 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 January 25, 2022 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 – Bellota Weir Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Instrumentation and Communications Memo, 01/18/22

Manager Moody reported the District previously had an analyzer at the Bellota Intake that was connected to a cellular modem but due to multiple hacking events causing high cellular invoices, it was removed. Manager Moody explained a TOC analyzer is needed and will also satisfy the requirement for the Bellota Fish Screen Project to have established radio communication. Manager Moody proposed to the Board the purchase of a new TOC analyzer and then establish a radio connection between the Treatment Plant and the Bellota Intake. Manager Moody

explained the TOC analyzer and radio will work to notify Staff of the organics coming to the Treatment Plant from the Bellota Intake which can be circumvented by rerouting the water elsewhere so those organics do not come through the Treatment Plant. Manager Moody reported the project is not budgeted, but funding is available within the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Bellota Pipeline budget. Manager Moody requested the Board approve the TOC instrument, establish communications, and integrate the information onto the District's SCADA system in the amount of \$60,000.

Director Atkins inquired if there is a tower present for communication. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, a tower needs to be installed. Director Atkins inquired if a TOC meter is presently installed at the Bellota Intake. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, there are other water quality instruments that are used for reporting but a TOC meter would be new. Director Atkins inquired once the project is installed would the instruments need to convert to a different communications system. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, it would be tied into the existing radio network.

Director McGurk inquired about the setup at New Melones and the Stanislaus River. Manager Moody replied both sites do not currently have a TOC analyzer however, if the District moves toward ozonation, both sites will likely need the same system installed. Manager Moody added when there is a significant rain event we switch from New Melones to New Hogan water as New Hogan's PH levels are easier to treat; the ACH and PACL chemicals are more conducive for TOC removal.

Director Cortopassi inquired if we stop using the water when it contains high TOC's. Manager Moody replied yes, we use the water available in storage until the TOC level goes down. Manager Moody explained the TOC level will spike for 2-3 days before coming back down to the normal level; a few weeks ago, the City of Stockton and California Water Service started blending with their wells to take less water from the District to avoid the chemicals used to treat the TOC's in the water. Manager Moody explained with execution of this project, we are able to turn off the water to avoid the TOC issues passing through the Treatment Plant and passing through to the Urban Contractors.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the installation of the Total Organic Carbon instrument, establish communications and integrate the information into the District's SCADA system in the amount of \$60,000, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Ditch Bank Mower Memo, 01/18/22

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported in June 2021 Staff presented the Board with aquatic vegetations issues which resulted in the purchase of an aquatic vegetation rake; the rake has since been used to clean up the Upper Farmington Canal. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported in addition to the aquatic vegetation there is also terrestrial vegetation that requires maintenance year around; the inside bank of the Lower Farmington Canal has proven to be a burdensome area where scrub brush gathers to provide cover for rodents, the rodents then burrow into the canal causing leaks on the outside bank. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the maintenance is

currently being done by an articulate mower which is used twice a year; staying consistent with the maintenance has been tough due to the mower's limitations. Assistant Manager Hopkins added in 2020 an adjacent landowner volunteered to do the mowing on a part of the canal with the agreement that the District would complete the maintenance in 2021; this maintenance was completed in 2021 however, two projects went undone due to the time constraint of the maintenance required at the Lower Farmington Canal. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported Staff looked at options to expedite the mowing process and found ACMA's Ditch Bank Mower which sits behind the tractor on the PTO and has hydraulics which allows for the equipment to swivel out from the tractor and angle down to match the angle of the ditch bank. Assistant Manager Hopkins explained ACMA Ditch Bank Mower can get the work done twice as fast and can also be used for flat mowing; roadways and Peter's Pipeline can be maintained much faster using this equipment. Assistant Manager Hopkins requested the Board to authorize the purchase of an ACMA DB160E Ditch Bank Mover in the amount of \$9,099, plus a 10% contingency for a total approved purchasing limit of \$10,009.

President Watkins inquired about the Boom Mower. Manager Moody replied the Boom Mower is the one currently being used. President Watkins inquired if the mower is not wide enough or not fast enough to use for the inside bank. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it is not fast enough. President Watkins commented the size of the mower could be cause for concern when considering counter balance.

Director McGaughey inquired what an articulate mower is. President Watkins replied it is lawn mower on the back of a tractor with a long arm.

Director Atkins inquired on the width of the articulate mower. Manager Moody replied ~4 feet. Director Atkins inquired if a wider mower would be a better option. President Watkins commented the Ditch Bank Mower is much faster and is affordable for the amount of work it can get done.

Director McGurk inquired if the tractor could roll over into the water due to counter weight being an issue. President Watkins replied not sideways however if the mower is moved so many feet away from the back of the tractor that will lift the front end off the ground. Director McGurk inquired if a new tractor will be needed. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, the ACMA Ditch Bank Mower was recommended to Staff based off of the tractor the District owns. President Watkins instructed Staff to confirm with the manufacture the ditch bank mower recommended to Staff is compatible with our tractor.

Director Cortopassi inquired if there are pre-emergent herbicides that can be used in industrial areas without crops. Manager Moody replied the District is continuously working with the Department of Drinking Water (DDW); the largest issue being our Treatment Plant because the conveyance system feeds into our Treatment Plant and there are only certain chemicals that can be used. Manager Moody added there has not been a chemical that has been approved by DDW. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the District has been working with several chemical manufacturers that address and create chemicals that address those types aquatics issues.

Director Atkins inquired what parts of the canal require maintenance. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the inner and outer banks of the canal are mowed. President Watkins inquired if the mower will function upward hill and downward hill. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes, it rotates from a 90-degree vertical to -60 degree.

Director McGurk inquired about the dealer. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied they are a dealer in Iowa that provided the least expensive quote. Manager Moody added parts could be purchased locally however they did not match the price provided by Iowa Farm and Equipment.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize purchase of an ACMA DB160E Ditch Bank Mover in the amount of \$9,099, plus a 10% contingency for a total approved purchase amount of \$10,009, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Resolution No. 21-22-13 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 21-22-13 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy. Finance Director Vega reported the District is mandated by law to have an Investment Policy in place and be revised and approved by the Board annually. Finance Director Vega reported there were no substantive changes to this Policy. Finance Director Vega reported the government codes have been added to page 19 of the investment policy for reference purposes only.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-22-13 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020.

Roll Call:

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

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Rebuild of P-27 Update Memo, 01/25/22
Manager Moody reported at the January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, the Stockton East Water District Board approved a contract with Mar-Tech for a not-to-exceed cost of \$55,867.90 to rebuild pump P-27. Manager Moody reported on January 19, 2022, District Staff received notice from Mar-tech that one of the bid items was underestimated by \$6,300; Staff attempted to resolve the cost discrepancy but ultimately Mar-Tech declined the project. Manager Moody presented the Board with the next bidder, Commercial Pump and Mechanical, Inc. for \$57,222.78, plus a 10% contingency, for a total cost of \$62,945.06 and to make all other necessary approvals. Manager Moody added the repairs are included within the \$85,000 budget to rebuild P-27.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager execute a contract with Commercial Pump and Mechanical, Inc. for \$57,222.78 plus a 10% contingency, for a total cost of \$62,945.06 for repair and rebuild of P-27, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 01/19/22

Director McGurk attended the January 19, 2022 San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation Advisory Water Commission Meeting. Director McGurk reported the commission is planning to have in-person meetings beginning May 2022 unless COVID-19 regulations change; Plan B would be to move to hybrid meetings. Director McGurk reported the meetings will be held at the Robert Cabral Agricultural Center instead of the San Joaquin County Public Health as previously held. Director McGurk reported Matt Zidar lead the meeting with the majority of the meeting being an Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority overview. Director McGurk reported the list of 14 objectives for the Commission was found by a member at San Joaquin County and the list can be provided to anyone that is interested in viewing the list. Director McGurk stated the Commission agreed to creating a working group that was formed from volunteers of the Commission; Director McGurk asked the Commission for suggestions for the working group to discuss. Manager Moody commented Dante Nomellini expressed the need for the Commission to be more informed about projects; Manager Moody recommended the Commission invite guest speakers to present to the Commission the projects happening in the County. Director McGurk stated he appreciated the recommendation and agreed with Manager Moody's interpretation. Director McGurk added Dante Nomellini suggested the working group discuss a recharge project regarding the hole in the Basin and secondly, the Delta is at its highest risk and assistance from Sacramento Legislators is needed; Dante Nomellini wants to link the Commission with the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to reach political support. Manager Moody stated the Commission discussed being united in understanding the projects presented to them so they can unilaterally decide on the projects they want to facilitate. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022.

2. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 01/18/22

Finance Director Vega attended the January 18, 2022 CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting. Finance Director Vega reported the meeting was held by teleconference and in-person at the Annual Great Basin Water User's Conference. Finance Director Vega reported discussion regarding an open recruitment to fill open positions such as the Rate Setting Chief; the rate setting department will finalize the rates at a later date after it is clearer how much water will be available for release. Finance Director Vega reported discussion regarding infrastructure projects to include the new infrastructure funding that was approved; a list is being compiled with details such as start date, completion date and budget. President Watkins inquired if the funding is \$8 billion. Finance Director Vega replied yes. Finance Director Vega reported discussion regarding an issues matrix; the Committee creates a list of issues they want to address each year to then present to the Bureau of Reclamation. Finance Director Vega added the issues matrix is given to the Bureau of Reclamation to make sure they understand what the Committee wants and then to work with the stakeholders to come to a solution. Finance Director gave an example of an item the Committee added to the matrix which is the CVPIA Framework regarding repayment of CVPIA and CVPIA projects. Finance Director Vega added the Committee would like to see speakers from the different departments of the Bureau of Reclamation to educate the contractors on how they operate. Finance Director Vega reported the Committee was given a presentation on the raising of the Folsom Dam; the speaker focused on budget and funding and it proved to be educational to the Committee. Director McGurk inquired if the Bureau of Reclamation is receiving funds due to the subsidence damage, mainly affected in Southern California. President Watkins commended Diane Feinstein passed legislation to fund those repairs. Finance Director Vega replied it was possible and the projects being discussed are

being added to a list to then execute; the Bureau of Reclamation's budget is nearly double the normal amount this year. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/17/22

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 132,848 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 47 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 201 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 28 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 11 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 01/21/22

Manager Moody attended the January 21, 2022 Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting. Manager Moody reported Kristin Coon, Water Conservation Coordinator discussed ideas for the program and also presented a video. This item was for information only.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported the District was approached by the Association California Water Agencies (ACWA) to send a letter of opposition to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revisit New Energy Metering Tariffs Pursuant to Decision 16-01-044 and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy Metering. Manager Moody explained the CPUC is pushing for a monthly tax to be added to all those that have solar power installed. President Watkins inquired if there is a proposal for what will be done with the funds. Manager Moody replied it is a capacity fee; the commercials indicate the tariff is being proposed for the disadvantage communities. Discussion followed regarding the Order. President Watkins advised Manager Moody not to send the letter of opposition to the CPUC). This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Ag Venture Days (Stockton, CA), 01/19/22

Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins attend the January 19, 2022 Ag Venture Days (Stockton, CA). Director Sanguinetti reported the event has a great turn out with nearly 2,700 children and 200 volunteers present. Director Sanguinetti reported Ag Venture will hold two more events; the first event in March which will be located Lodi and the second located in Tracy; dates to be determined. Director Sanguinetti thanked Director McGurk for his assistance cooking for the event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 01/25/22

2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 01/28/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

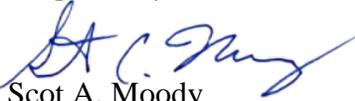
1. Closed Session – Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:23 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:44 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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