

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, FEBRUARY 15, 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 Legal Counsel Zolezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director McGurk. Director Panizza joined the teleconference at 12:31 p.m. Director McGurk arrived to the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Lial, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (Central) customer, inquired on the status of the merger and on the water allocation this year. Manager Moody replied meeting with Central about a month ago, noting it was an encouraging meeting and there was a lot of discussion focused on Central paying off their debt before the merge. Manager Moody added the merge will not happen before this irrigation season but remains hopeful it will occur before next irrigation season.

Director Cortopassi inquired if Central has received notice of their allocation yet. Manager Moody replied on the New Melones side we know nothing yet and may not find out as late as May however, as of right now it is not looking good. Manager Moody noted the Bureau is playing with the criteria right now and we just do not know what they will decide.

Mr. Lial inquired on SGMA and allocating down south noting he understood that if you are part of a water district they will not fallow, but that they are starting to fallow for those who are not customers. Manager Moody replied that is an untrue statement. Director Sanguinetti added farmers are fallowing, not because of SGMA but farmer decision. Director Atkins thanked Mr. Lial for his comments.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/08/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- f. Summary
- g. Payroll
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 31 for Cal-Sierra Pipe, Inc., for 36” corrugated pipe for Stagnaro Low Water Crossing project in the amount of \$3,216.99, and if the District is building that crossing presently. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied construction is scheduled to begin in ~2 weeks as soon as the Cooks Crossing project is completed. Director Cortopassi inquired if the Crossing will be a higher crossing. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it will probably be elevated slightly because it was designed to check water a little further up. Director Atkins inquired on the ability to cross during construction. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no. President Watkins commented the need to coordinate with landowners.

Manager Moody noted the expense on page 7, line 11 for CCT Telecommunications, Inc., for phone system upgrade in the amount of \$12,400.50. Manager Moody noted putting off replacing the phones for the last 2 years however; now, you can no longer purchase replacement parts for the current phones.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 50 for Beeline Concrete Cutting, Inc., for concrete cutting for installation of an under-ground fence at main gate in the amount of \$450.00, and where the fence is located. Manager Moody replied the fence is right in front of the District gate.

Manager Moody noted the expense on page 14, line item 62 for Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories Inc., for power monitor for water treatment plant power study in the amount of \$5,128.90. Manager Moody reported the District has had issues with PG&E for some time and the monitors purchased will help identify the cause.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 15, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. United States Bureau of Reclamation – Exemption from Ownership of Federal Reclamation Law, 01/25/22

Manager Moody provided the Board with United States Bureau of Reclamation – Exemption from Ownership of Federal Reclamation Law (RRA) correspondence. Manager Moody reported the District knew this was coming once all construction costs are paid off, then the District was no longer subject to the RRA. Manager Moody reported this is good news and Central should be receiving the same news, as they have some landowners in their District with a lot of acres. This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – Draft 2022 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout of the draft 2022 Spring/Summer Newsletter. Manager Moody requested the Board submit any suggested edits to staff by the end of day tomorrow. Manager Moody advised staff to send the handout to the Directors who were not in present.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 02/09/22
President Watkins, Director Panizza and Manager Moody attended the February 9, 2022, Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the meeting was a 3-hour online meeting and there was not an absence of workshop items as the packet was ~146 pages in length. Action items included approving the December 8, 2021 minutes and Resolution to Conduct Meetings by Teleconference (AB 361); and Resolution Approving Submittal of a Grant Application and Spending Plan to the Department of Water Resources for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation (items submitted included: preliminary work for the City of Stockton, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District for the Mokelumne River and San Joaquin County for the Mokelumne River Water Rights Study). Manager Moody reported the first 2-hours was bringing the Board up to speed with items from the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and noted discussions focused on the model and what GSA is getting credit for what projects. Manager Moody added there was a lot of push back on the data now that data has been supplied; and, also reported on efforts regarding providing comments to the DWR regarding the GSP. Manager Moody reported staff and Legal Counsel are working on the comments and noted Legal Counsel involvement is due to the current lawsuit filed stating the GSP is inadequate. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022.
2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 02/14/22
This meeting was cancelled.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/07/22
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 133,136 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 65 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 903 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 30 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 8 mgd.

Manager Moody reported on February 11, 2022, City of Stockton began pulling 36 mgd and the max the District can produce is 30 mgd because half of the filters are offline due to GAC replacement. Manager Moody reported the City of Stockton was contacted to inform them to supplement with wells as the District cannot provide more than 30 mgd. Manager Moody reported the District should have all filters back online by March 31st.

2. Information Items:
Manager Moody noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update (None)

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. ACWA Energy Committee Meeting – Quarterly Committee Forum, 9:30 a.m., 02/16/22
- 2. ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting – Quarterly Committee Forum, 12:30 p.m., 02/16/22
- 3. San Joaquin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/16/22
- 4. ACWA Agriculture Committee Meeting – Quarterly Committee Forum, 9:00 a.m., 02/17/22
- 5. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/18/22
- 6. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting Schedule, 10:00 a.m., 02/18/22
- 7. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/18/22
- 8. District Holiday – Washington’s Birthday/President’s Day Holiday, 02/21/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL


- 1. Closed Session – Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) two cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:47 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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