

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, APRIL 5, 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, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Cortopassi was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that
 - (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or
 - (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Director McGurk inquired if the District has to comply with State regulations. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied no, the District can decide if holding meetings via teleconference is still needed due to the possibility of sickness and exposure.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

2. Minutes 03/29/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

3. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 5, 2022 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

4. Stockton East Water District – 2022 Water Rates

a. Public Hearing

President Watkins opened the Public Hearing at 12:34 p.m., to receive comments on the 2022 Water Rates and their associated Ordinance and Rule.

The District circulated notice of this public hearing in The Stockton Record on March 25, 2022 and did not receive any comments.

Seeing no public comment, President Watkins closed the Public Hearing at 12:38 p.m.

b. Ordinance No. 48

Manager Moody provided the Board with Ordinance No. 48 Establishing Municipal Groundwater Assessments, Agricultural Groundwater Assessments, Domestic Groundwater Assessments, Charges for Stream-Delivered Water and Charges for Out-of-District Water for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 48 establishing municipal groundwater production assessment at \$386.37/AF (\$382.77/AF municipal groundwater rate equalization plus \$3.60/AF municipal groundwater assessment); agricultural groundwater assessment at \$5.79/AF; domestic unit assessment at \$49.00/domestic unit and agriculture surface water assessment at \$23.00/AF; out-of-district water contract price plus wheeling rate charge of up-to \$27.81/AF for Calendar Year 2022, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

c. Rule No. 174

Manager Moody provided the Board with Rule No. 174 Rate Equalization – Calendar Year 2022. Manager Moody reported the Board must annually adopt a Rule establishing the rate equalization.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Rule No. 174 Rate Equalization-Calendar Year 2022 in the amount of \$382.77/AF.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Cortopassi

5. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – P27-Electric Motor Repair Memo, 04/05/22

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo regarding the P-27 Electric Motor Repair. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported Staff recommended pump and motor rebuild of P-27 last year; this recommendation was based on observations made during the P-28 rebuild. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the vibration analysis testing on P-27 came back showing no issues with the pump. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported damage to the bearings on the motor and impellers on the pump; Industrial Electric Company and Commercial Pump and Mechanical performed inspections and repairs to the P-27 pump and electric motor.

President Watkins inquired what year P-27 was installed. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied P-27 was installed in 2006. President Watkins calculated P-27 has been running continuously for ~9 years. President Watkins inquired about pump cavitation. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it should not be a problem as the issue was previously identified and fixed. This item was for information only.

6. Executive Department State of California – Executive Order N-7-22 Well Permitting, 03/30/22
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence regarding the Governor’s Executive Order on Well Permitting. Manager Moody reported the Governor signed an executive order stating Counties shall not approve new well permits without the approval of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency in a critically over drafted basin. Manager Moody reported discussion at the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting regarding Assembly Bill 2201 which would make all new and existing well permits approved only by GSA’s permanent.

Director McGurk inquired about revoking the Executive Order. Legal Counsel Zolezzi stated once the drought is over the Governor no longer holds emergency powers. Discussion followed regarding the Executive Order pertaining to current pending well permits. Legal Counsel Zolezzi suggested a committee be formed to work with the County. Discussion followed regarding creating a committee and writing a policy for the GSA. Legal Counsel Zolezzi stated a formal committee recommendation will be distributed by the end of the week with the goal of the committee meeting next week.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 03/31/22
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the March 31, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion regarding formulating the response and/or questions to present to the Department of Water Resources in reference to the substandard status of our GSP and how it can be addressed. President Watkins reported he pushed back on water quality, water quantity and subsidence; a critically over drafted basin must change the management objectives with curtailment to have a successful plan. President Watkins reported the County will be creating a subsidence program to look at critical infrastructure and use the State website to monitor the program. Discussion followed regarding subsidence. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2022.
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 04/01/22

Manager Moody attended the April 1, 2022 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the Committee discussed ~30 Bills with the biggest concern being Assembly Bill 2201; the Bill would give GSA's the responsibility of approving all new and existing well permits in critically drafted basins; the Committee made the decision to oppose AB 2201. Manager Moody reported the Committee is following Senate Bill 1372 Stern regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Manager Moody reported discussion of an incident that occurred a month ago regarding an ACWA Staff member communicating the position taken by the Committee to the legislative author prior to the Committee discussion of the Bill; the Committee was upset by the situation. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/04/22

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 132,091 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 29 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,277 cfs and release to all water users are set at 62 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 40 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 14 mgd.

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

Manager Moody reported the draft Evapotranspiration (ET) Study is complete; the numbers are very close to what is billed. Manager Moody stated there are a couple clarifying questions that need to be asked then the draft ET Study will be presented to the Board at a future Board Meeting. This item was for information only.

Manager Moody reported the District hosted an employee potluck on Friday, April 1st; the majority of Staff were present with the exception of those working on a project. Manager Moody stated it was the first potluck since the pandemic and it was nice to come together and share a meal. This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – District-Wide Groundwater Charge Discussion, 03/30/22

Director Panizza, Manager Moody and Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the March 30, 2022 morning session of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – District-Wide Groundwater Charge Discussion and Director Sanguinetti attended the evening session of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – District-Wide Groundwater Charge Discussion. Director Sanguinetti reported discussion regarding the State taking over the Basin and the cost associated with that. Director Sanguinetti reported concern with the small owners and the amount they will have to pay; the payments will begin with \$15, \$20 and then to \$25. Director Panizza and Director Sanguinetti stated there were three board members present at each session; the board stated there are ~14,000 parcels in their district but they only service ~7,000 parcels. Director

Panizza reported the smaller owners with less than 5 acres would be exempt from groundwater charges. Director Panizza reported the presentation materials explained their process and actions well. This item was for information only.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 04/07/22
This meeting has been cancelled
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Midtown Optometry, 5:15 p.m., 04/07/22
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 04/11/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

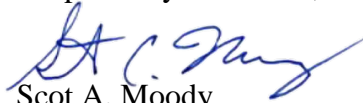
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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