

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, MAY 31, 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 Administrative Services Manager Carido led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

B. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 05/24/22 Regular Meeting

Interim Manager Hopkins made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 1, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence – strike District Engineer Evensen. Interim Manager Hopkins commented District Engineer Evensen was not present and will amend to reflect in the final minutes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

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 May 31, 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. Memorandum of Understanding Between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Stockton East Water District – Cooperative Development on the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with information on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Stockton East Water

District for the Cooperative Development on the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project. Interim Manager Hopkins reported by being a CVP contractor we have the opportunity to support the CEQA efforts of the Central Valley operations. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Legal Counsel Zolezzi received the MOU; and, in exchange for our financial participation the District will have a seat at the table. Director Cortopassi inquired with Legal Counsel Zolezzi on what this item was. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied by signing the MOU she is able to sit-in on all the meetings and recommending the District participate.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between United States Bureau of Reclamation and Stockton East Water District – Cooperative Development on the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Dondero Crossing – Box Culverts Memo, 05/31/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Dondero Crossing. District Engineer Evensen reported to the Board the Stagnaro Crossing is finished and the Dondero Crossing is next on the list. District Engineer Evensen reported being surprised not receiving as many quotes from the precast businesses contacted. Jensen Precast submitted a quote for a total of \$74,218.20 and noted this is consistent with the pricing the District received for Cooks and Whittles Low Water Crossings. District Engineer Evensen recommended the Board authorize the Interim Manager to proceed with the purchase of the concrete box culvers offered by Jensen Precast for \$74,218.20, plus a 10% contingency of \$7,421.82, for a total approved purchase limit of \$81,640.02.

Director Atkins inquired why the design went from a low water crossing to a bridge. District Engineer Evensen replied after meeting with Water Supply Supervisor Donis and Interim Manager Hopkins, this location requires seven feet of water to backup for a location upstream. President Watkins inquired if there are any field drains impacted by a low water crossing. District Engineer Evensen reported not being aware of drain pipes going into the creek. Interim Manager Hopkins added that Staff would go out to the area to make sure.

President Watkins commented for example water would back up at Cortopassi's crossing; and added if the field needs to drain all summer long, a flap gate does not solve the problem. Director Sanguinetti commented at Duck Creek the fields do not drain.

President Watkins commented the environmental work is different when you replace a structure versus building a new structure, as a replacement is exempt. Director Cortopassi inquired why the same was not done at Stagnaro adding this needs to be done correctly. Interim Manager Hopkins reported of the operational challenges at Stagnaro and noted Staff does not have to manage the boards for the water that goes over the top.

President Watkins advised referring this item to the Agriculture Operations Committee to come up with policy/direction; and, added not being ready to decide today as there are more consequences if we were to approve this.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the lead time for the concrete box culverts. District Engineer Evensen replied approximately four months. Director Panizza clarified not necessarily revisiting this crossing but the policy, and that this item to go the Agricultural Operations Committee level, noting to put this crossing on hold until we take this to Committee level.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve taking the Dondero Crossing Box Culverts Memo to the Agricultural Operations Committee.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. South Delta Water Agency – Support for South Delta Dredging, 05/31/22
Interim Manager Hopkins provided draft correspondence in support for South Delta Water Agency South Delta Dredging.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve correspondence in support of South Delta Water Agency South Delta Dredging.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 05/24/22
Directors Sanguinetti, Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the May 24, 2022 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported there were a lot of District updates. Director Sanguinetti added Dante Nomellini provided most of the reports and Interim Manager Hopkins gave Stockton East Water District's report.

President Watkins reported the Committee took action on new business, there was a recommendation from the Water Committee to the Executive Committee to support SB 656 (Eggman), noting the Executive Committee it will go to the Board for their support. President Watkins reported there were some questions and concerns. Director Sanguinetti reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) were posed questions on their rate increase (Prop 218). Director Sanguinetti reported per the rate increase, NSJWCD customers that have 5 acres or more would be charged \$15.00/acre-foot and after five years \$20.00/acre-foot. However, not all customers received the protest letter because it did not pertain to them because they did not have 5 or more acres. President Watkins added the protests will be revealed on June 14th and if results are less than 50% it passes, if it is over 50% it dies. Director Sanguinetti reported NSJWCD hired an outside party to send out, collect and perform the accounting of petitions.

President Watkins advised the Farm Bureau Board is scheduled to meet on June 8th, 2022. President Watkins also reported he will not be attending the June 8th meeting and advised Director Sanguinetti and Interim Manager Hopkins should attend in case there are questions regarding the legislation. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the hearing for SB656 in Sacramento is on June 8th

and asked if it can be reported that the San Joaquin Farm Bureau supports it. President Watkins reported yes; technically, both the Water and Executive Committees approved it. President Watkins reported he will follow-up on it today. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/23/22

Interim Manager Hopkins 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 120,005 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 161 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,903 cfs and release to all water users are set at 88 cfs. There is 1 irrigator on New Hogan, 3 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 1 Out-of-District irrigator. The water treatment plant is currently processing 50 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1 and F2a-2.

Director Sanguinetti commented he will attend the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner on June 23, 2022 (F2a-2). Director Panizza added he will also attend.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Olive Oil Irrigation Field Day, 06/01/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided information to the Board on the June 1, 2022 Olive Oil Irrigation Field Day. Interim Manager Hopkins reported staff confirmed giving a presentation at this event and noted the event is hosted by USDA and the University of California Cooperative Extension. This item was for information only.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a handout from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding Contract Number 4-07-20-W0329-P, East Side Division-Central Valley Project (CVP), California. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District will receive zero allocation for 2022. Interim Manager Hopkins reported he and Legal Counsel Zolezzi had a phone meeting with the Bureau on Friday, May 27th and have another phone meeting scheduled for June 10th.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the concrete pad for the Sodium Hypochlorite building. District Engineer Evensen reported the progress is good, looking at a possible concrete pour on June 10th. District Engineer Evensen also reported staff found the 8” potable pipeline alignment, thanks to Aaron and his construction crew.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. San Joaquin Council of Governments – 2022 One Voice Trip Thank You, 05/20/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with correspondence from the San Joaquin Council of Governments thanking the District for sponsorship of the 2022 One Voice Trip. This item was for information only.

J. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 06/01/22
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 06/02/22
3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – The Kitchen @ Stonebrier, 5:15 p.m., 06/02/22
4. Administration Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 06/06/22

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 12:57 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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