

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, JUNE 21, 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 McGaughey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 06/14/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
- c. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- d. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- e. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- f. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- g. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- h. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- i. Summary
- j. Payroll
- k. Short Names/Acronym List
- l. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Watkins inquired about the damage to the Holt of CA excavator used for the Cooks Low Water Crossing Project in the amount of \$3,959.26. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the damage was done to the sheet metal panel due to large rocks rolling down and hitting the side of the excavator.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 40 for US Department of Agriculture for the Phytophthora water testing project in the amount of \$12,852.59. Director McGurk inquired when the Board will be presented with the results of the project. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the results will be in after this irrigation season; a lot of the work is done however the water sampling will be done when the irrigation season is over. Director McGurk inquired about the other agencies involved in the project and the role they play in completing the project. Interim Manager Hopkins replied he has been working directly with USDA Staff however the UC Extension Staff are collecting the samples.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 91 for Holt of CA for parts to service and repair Unit 29 in the amount of \$18,629.13. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the repairs are needed on the existing backhoe; the driver side planetary no longer works.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 21, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

3. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Low Lift Pump Station Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Implementation and OPS PLC Upgrade Memo, 06/21/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Low Lift Pump Station Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Implementation and OPS PLC Upgrade. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Phase of the SCADA Project; the Raw Water System on the Treatment Plant campus, the filter gallery, and High Service Pump Station have all been integrated. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the next facility for integration is Low Lift Pump Station which also requires a control replacement in the Treatment Plant. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ControlPoint Engineering provided Staff with a proposal to complete the Low Lift Pump Station SCADA Implementation and Operations PLC upgrade in the amount of \$634,094. Interim Manager Hopkins reported unfortunately like other planned District projects the project cost exceeds the budgeted amount, however there are other SCADA projects that will not be completed as planned in this Fiscal Year to allow for funding to be available for this project. Interim Manager Hopkins is recommending the Board authorize the Interim General Manager to execute a contract with ControlPoint Engineering for the amount of \$634,094, plus a 5% contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$665,799, and make all other necessary approvals. Interim Manager Hopkins added funding is available within the Water Treatment Plant SCADA account from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$805,000.

Director McGurk inquired about the benefits of SCADA. Interim Manager Hopkins replied SCADA provides the Treatment Plant Operators with real time information so they can then make efficient changes to the system; the SCADA system allows the Treatment Plant Operators to see things which they normally wouldn't see because the system continuously trends operations over time as well as in real time.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the cost increase. Interim Manager Hopkins replied hardware costs have increased as well as the man-hours to complete the work; the hourly rate has stayed consistent, however, the consultant underestimated the man-hours it would take to get the work done. Discussion followed regarding the SCADA system and work done in the past.

Director McGaughey inquired about Cut-Over Plans. Interim Manager Hopkins replied it is the transition from the existing controls to the new controls once they are installed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the Interim General Manager to execute a contract with ControlPoint Engineering for the LLPS SCADA Implementation and OPS PLC Upgrade in the amount of \$634,094 plus a 5% contingency of \$31,705 for a total amount not to exceed \$665,799, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Stockton East Water District – 300-gallon Elliptical Road Rated Sprayer Memo, 06/21/22  
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the 300-gallon Elliptical Road-Rated Sprayer. President Watkins inquired about the District’s need for a self-propelled sprayer. Interim Manager Hopkins replied Staff had that idea however, a self-propelled sprayer was not budgeted for this Fiscal Year. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District currently owns a 300-gallon spray trailer and the District’s spray program is the most effective means of vegetation control; the application of herbicides cannot be completed in a timely fashion with only one sprayer shared between the treatment plant grounds and water supply system. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the purchase of a sprayer was not budgeted in this Fiscal Year however a dump trailer was budgeted in the amount of \$15,000; Staff has determined the need for a sprayer outweighs the need for a dump trailer. Interim Manager Hopkins reported District Staff has recommended the purchase of a new spray trailer for water supply operations; Staff recommends the Board authorize the Interim General Manager to approve the purchase of a 300-gallon elliptical road rated sprayer from BG AGRI Linden in the amount of \$14,708.78, plus a 5% contingency, for a total cost of \$15,444.52.

Director McGurk inquired about the need and cost of a self-propelled sprayer. Director Cortopassi replied they cost ~\$80,000-\$90,000. Director Cortopassi suggested Staff look into purchasing a self-propelled sprayer in the future.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the purchase of a 300-gallon elliptical road rated sprayer from BG AGRI Linden in the amount of \$14,708.78, plus a 5% contingency, for a total cost of \$15,444.22, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation & Stockton East Water District, 06/16/22  
Directors McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 16, 2022 Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation & Stockton East Water District. Director McGurk reported discussion regarding the status of the merger. Director McGurk reported he shared the great news about the Rate Cap

Legislation passing 6-0. Director Panizza reported the meeting was positive and no issues were discussed. This item was for information only.

2. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 06/17/22  
This meeting was cancelled.
3. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 06/17/22  
Directors Cortopassi, Sanguinetti, Watkins, Interim Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido and Water Supply Supervisor Donis attended the June 17, 2022 Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting. Director Cortopassi reported Director Atkins was absent. Director Cortopassi reported discussion primarily focused on providing surface water for agricultural irrigation. Director Cortopassi reported the Committee decided to bring all diversion applications to the Committee level as all cases are different. Director Cortopassi reported discussion regarding the purchase of a long-reach excavator; the Committee recommended Staff present the purchase of a long-reach excavator to the Board for approval. Director McGurk inquired about the diversion application process and what growers fit into the District’s plans. Director Cortopassi replied the Committee has already approached growers that would potentially benefit from using surface water. Discussion followed regarding different types of diversions.

## **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/20/22  
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 109,759 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 242 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at ~~1,957~~ 803 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 14 irrigators on New Hogan. The water treatment plant is currently processing 48 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 14 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 6,650 gpm (~9.6 mgd).

Director Cortopassi recommended the release to the Stanislaus River in the Water Supply Report should also be given the reason behind the release. Interim Manager Hopkins replied all the reasons are unknown however fish flow requirements are included in the release. Director Cortopassi inquired if any of the water available to any diversions past the Goodwin Dam. Interim Manager Hopkins replied with the current curtailment order, to divert water one would have to have a water right from the 1800’s.

2. Information Items:  
Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4 and F2a-5.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
  - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update  
Interim Manager Hopkins reported a special virtual ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting was held on June 20, 2022. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding three bills which were important to ACWA. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Assembly Bill 2201 on the GSA Groundwater Extraction Permit Verification; the Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee recommended amendments that addressed all of ACWA’s

concerns on behalf of their GSA. Interim Manager Hopkins reported many of the agencies present on the call represented farmers and wanted ACWA to push back with an oppose unless amended position; the amendments took the requirement of evaluating the well impacts from the GSA's and put the ~~ownness-onus~~ on the applicant and it also moved the 30-Day Notice to the County. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ACWA maintained the position to oppose unless amended. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Senate Bill 1157 for Indoor Residential Water Use which proposes to decrease in the indoor per-capita water use to 42 gallons per-person/per-day; the author integrated 1/3 of ACWA's proposed amendments but the agencies on the call were fundamentally opposed to further water use restriction. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ACWA maintained the position to oppose unless amended. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Senate Bill 1205 for Integration of Climate Change Evaluation and Water Right Applications; the Bill Author accepted all of ACWA's amendments in exchange for a support position with an exception that the Bill will retroactively apply to active applications but not existing permits or licenses. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ACWA will be changing their position to support. This item was for information only.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District's Water Rate Protest Hearing was successful; the water rates passed and will be set at their next board meeting. This item was for information only.

#### **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)**

#### **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Stockton East Water District – Request Regarding Proposed Order on Water Right Application A029657, 06/13/22  
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Stockton East Water District – Request Regarding Proposed Order on Water Right Application A029657. This item was for information only.
2. Support for \$106 Million Budget Request for South Delta Channel Depth Restoration Project, 06/09/22  
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the letter of Support for \$106 Million Budget Request for South Delta Channel Depth Restoration Project. This item was for information only.

#### **I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. ACWA Groundwater Committee – SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 06/21/22
2. Greater Stockton Chamber Of Commerce – 2022 Installation Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 06/23/22
3. Delta Counties' Water Summit, 9:00 a.m., 06/24/22
4. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Special Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 06/24/22

#### **J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations  
Government Code 54957.6

2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – three cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:09 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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