

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, JULY 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 Cortopassi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, 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 and Legal Counsel Freeman. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Watkins wished Director Cortopassi a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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.

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, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Minutes 06/28/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Warrants
  - a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

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- 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. Short Names/Acronym List
- h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 23 for Dokken Engineering for Routine Maintenance CEQA Services in the amount of \$12,530. Interim Manager Hopkins replied Dokken Engineering is completing the CEQA documents to update our Routine Maintenance Agreement with California Department of Fish & Wildlife to include additional structures. Discussion followed regarding the additional structures and environmental processes already completed.

Director McGaughey inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 20 for US Bank-City of Sac Parking for SB656 Parking in the amount of \$6.00. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the expense was for parking to attend the Senate Bill 656 Hearing in Sacramento.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 15, line item 52 for Grainger Inc. for heavy duty portable AC unit for High Service and how it is working. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the AC unit is working well for this summer and Staff will look for a permanent solution for the future.

Director Atkin inquired on the expense on page 17, line item 93 for US Bank-Hardin Animal Hospital for security system – maintenance and repair in the amount of \$3,062. Interim Manager Hopkins replied one of the District dogs had ACL surgery. Director Atkins replied the description for the expense should reflect the expense.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 5, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

- 4. Resolution No. 22-23-05 – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
 Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 22-23-05 – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the information was circulated publicly as required and the appropriation limits must be adopted by resolution of the Board.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-05 – Adopting Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Stockton East Water District – New Extraction Well Drilling Services Memo, 07/05/22  
Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding new extraction well drilling services. Interim Manager Hopkins reported an extraction well is needed for surface water supply. Although the District is currently receiving New Melones transfer water, it is unknown if we will have New Melones water after this week. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Purviance Drillers, Inc. provided an estimate in the amount of \$217,905.52 to construct an extraction well; District Staff is interested in sole sourcing with Purviance Drillers, Inc. as they constructed the last District well, [REDACTED] and are familiar with the geology within the District. Interim Manager Hopkins recommended the Board authorize executing a contract with Purviance Drillers, Inc. for \$217,905.52 plus a 20% contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$261,487 to construct a new well and perform a pump test for pump selection.

President Watkins commented Purviance Drillers, Inc. is the only company that drills in this area with an open-end casing design. President Watkins requested the he be involved in the decision as to where the extraction well is placed on campus.

Director Cortopassi inquired about grant funding to cover the cost of the extraction well. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the District applied for a Drought Resilience Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for an Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) well, however, the funding will not apply until next year. Director Cortopassi inquired if the ASR well grant is separate from the construction of an extraction well. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Director Atkins inquired about the size of the extraction well. Interim Manager Hopkins replied it will be a 16-inch casing and 500 feet deep; a pilot hole will be drilled down to 700 feet with the casing depth being 480 feet. Discussion followed regarding the size of the extraction well.

Director McGurk inquired about the cost for the Aquifer Storage Recovery Well. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the total cost is ~\$1.5 million; the grant is cost-share with the District spending \$750,000. Discussion followed regarding the cost of the injection well and the challenges with supply chain.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the Interim General Manager execute a contract with Purviance Drillers, Inc. for \$217,905.52 plus a 20% contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$261,487 to construct a new well and perform a pump test for pump selection, as presented.

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, 06/28/22  
Directors Sanguinetti, Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the June 28, 2022 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported South San Joaquin Irrigation District stated they were not curtailed by the State and they were unaware about why that happened. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District resumed taking transfer water on June 29, 2022. Interim Manager Hopkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District stated their new water rate was set at \$15.00 per acre-foot. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the California Farm Bureau Federation policy did not have an update. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Dante Nomellini was the Water Committee Contest winner. Interim Manager Hopkins reported San Board Meeting – 07/05/22

Joaquin County Resource Conservation District and USDA-NRCS is hosting an Irrigation Workshop: Water Conservation for Productive Lands on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Robert Union Farmer Center. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Water Advisory Committee presented a draft resolution to support the Delta Counties Coalition to object to the Delta Tunnel Project. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding the SWEEP Grants having five times the amount of grant funding available in October 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2022.

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

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 07/04/22**

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 101,886 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 197 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 303 cfs and release to all water users are set at 113 cfs. There are 13 irrigators on New Hogan, 2 irrigators on New Melones, and 6 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 56 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells were turned off this morning.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the New Melones water is being transferred from South San Joaquin Irrigation District or Oakdale Irrigation District. Interim Manager Hopkins replied both. Director Cortopassi inquired how much water is being released. Interim Manager Hopkin replied the contact is for 30,000 acre-feet and we have taken ~11,000 acre-feet to date. Director Cortopassi inquired if the State Water Board changed their ruling to not curtail the water. President Watkins replies yes. Discussion followed regarding the State Water Board requirements for curtailing water and diversion rights of South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Oakdale Irrigation District.

Shane Romero, California Water Service inquired how long the District will be receiving New Melones Water. Interim Manager Hopkins replied the answer is unknown however the curtailment could be reinstated on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **2. Information Items:**

Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

Director McGurk requested District Staff update the Board on the results of the audit requested by Assemblymember Adam Gray as provided in F2a-3.

### **3. Report on General Manager Activities**

#### **a. Division of Occupational Safety and Health – Citation and Notification of Penalty, 06/21/22**

Interim Manager Hopkin provided the Board with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health – Citation and Notification of Penalty. Interim Manager Hopkins reported he spoke with the District Manager and the penalty amount was reduced by \$5,125 to offset the cost incurred by the District to correct the citations. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the total penalty cost of \$7,275 has been paid. This item was for information only.

#### **b. Resolution in Support of Ensuring the Health and Sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

Interim Manager Hopkin provided the Board with a Resolution in Support of Ensuring the Health and Sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Delta Counties Coalition provided a template to protest the Delta Tunnel Project; Interim Manager

Hopkins inquired if the Board would like to move forward with a resolution to protest the Delta Tunnels Project. Interim Manager Hopkins stated District Staff can prepare a resolution for Board approval at the next regular board meeting. President Watkins supported bringing the resolution back for Board approval next week.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkin reported the Treatment Plant is running all New Melones water and we will continue to divert until we no longer can. Director Cortopassi inquired on the current New Melones water supply and if all pumpers on New Melones are being metered. Interim Manager Hopkins replied yes. This item is for information only.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported District Staff received the Bellota Project 100% Design; a final Ad-Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled in late July to reviewed the design. This item is for information only.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported a large concrete pour is scheduled for July 7, 2022 for the Disinfection System Project. This item is for information only.

Interim Manager Hopkins stated the District is conducting a Calaveras River Tour to solicit funding for the Bellota Fish Screen and Passage Improvement Project; Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman and staff will be in attendance as well as a representative from Congressman Harder's Office. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District will be hosting lunch at Bellota and invited the Board to attend on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 12:55 p.m. Interim Manager Hopkins requested the Board inform Administrative Services Manager Carido if they plan to attend. This item is for information only.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern Water Alliance – Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM) Project Tour, 9:00 a.m., 07/06/22
2. ACWA Special State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 07/06/22
3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 07/07/22
4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 07/08/22
5. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition, 9:00 a.m., 07/11/22

**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 1:06 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:19 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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