

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 19, 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, 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 Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Panizza joined the call via teleconference at 12:32 p.m.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 07/12/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

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

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 21, line item 103 for The Home Depot for lumber for concrete pouring of sludge vault in the amount of \$365.77 and inquired if there will be an update on the sludge lagoons project. Interim Manager Hopkins replied due to other projects taking precedent, the sludge lagoons project is still ongoing and separate from the Sodium Hypochlorite Project the Board receives monthly updates on.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 19, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Amended Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Adoption

a. Public Hearing

President Watkins opened the Public Hearing at 12:34 p.m., to receive comments on the Amended Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The District circulated notice of this public hearing in The Stockton Record on July 8, 2022 and did not receive any comments.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors approved the Amended Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan at their meeting on July 13, 2022; 16 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) have to also adopt the Amended Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan before the July 27, 2022 deadline at which time the Plan has to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Director McGurk inquired if the Plan has been reviewed by consultants. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the Plan was prepared by consultants. Interim Manager Hopkins added the consultants that prepared the Plan had two meetings with the DWR to discuss their comments and the GSA's response to DWR's comments.

Seeing no public comment, President Watkins closed the Public Hearing at 12:36 p.m.

b. Resolution No. 22-23-06 – Adopting the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Memorandums and Direct the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority to Submit the Plan to the California Department of Water Resources on Behalf of the Member Agencies

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-06 – Adopting the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Memorandums and Direct the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority to Submit the Plan to the California Department of Water Resources on Behalf of the Member Agencies, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Rock Creek Water District Agreement

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Rock Creek Water District Agreement. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the final draft agreement was negotiated between Stockton East Water District and Rock Creek Water District; Legal Counsel Zolezzi also reviewed the agreement. Interim Manager Hopkins reported as outlined in the agreement, Rock Creek Water District will sell 1,000 acre-feet of water at \$225 per acre-foot; the water will be coming from the Salt Springs Valley Reservoir. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Rock Creek Water District is making improvements to increase their diversion flow rate and the District will be constructing a flow measurement facility at the Wagner Dam. Interim Manager Hopkins added the water is currently in the reservoir and can be taken at any time.

Director McGurk inquired about payment. President Watkins replied the District pays half upfront and the other half at the end.

Director Cortopassi inquired how the water is conveyed. Interim Manager Hopkins replied Rock Creek ties into Shirley-Hoods Creek which is how New Melones water is conveyed; a small portion of Rock Creek is also used.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Rock Creek Water District Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. ACWA/JPIA – 2022/2023 Property Program Rates, 07/07/22

Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the ACWA/JPIA – 2022/2023 Property Program Rates. Interim Manager Hopkins reported ACWA/JPIA Property Program is increasing by 20% for 2022/2023 which is a ~\$17,000 increase from 2021.

Director McGurk inquired about the reason for the increase. President Watkins replied ACWA/JPIA insures the first ~\$50-\$100 million in claims and the rest is covered by umbrella coverage purchased through a third-party; the third-party rates have increased.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the increase is the same for all ACWA/JPIA members. Interim Manager Hopkins replies yes, it is the same for all Property Program members. This item was for information only.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 07/13/22

President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the July 13, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding neighboring GSA's be notified of well permit applications adjacent to their boundaries. President Watkins reported Mike Henry had a neighbor that put in a large well and if affected their water; this resulted in discussion about being notified. Interim Manager Hopkins reported Mary Elizabeth expressed concern regarding conditioning well permit applications which was followed by discussion regarding well permit applications staying an administrative function in order to avoid CEQA processes. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the District cannot condition the well permits. Interim Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding the Mokelumne River Water Right. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 07/13/22

President Watkins and Interim Manager Hopkins attended the July 13, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board of Directors Meeting. President Watkins reported discussion regarding the budget and an income and expenses discrepancy however the discrepancy amount was found in the budget's reserves; the budget was approved for the upcoming year. President Watkins reported the budget included ~\$320,000 in contributions from all 16 GSA's; the budget also included the grant funding for North San Joaquin Water Conservation District's Project. President Watkins reported the Board of Directors approved the Groundwater Sustainability Plan; Calaveras and Stanislaus agencies will not approve the Plan until their project is included in the Plan. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported Woodbridge Irrigation District did not approve the Plan. Discussion followed regarding the approval of the Plan at the Board of Supervisors level. Director Panizza inquired about the Calaveras and Stanislaus Project. President Watkins replied the project is the Bricchetto Reservoir. Interim Manager

Hopkins reported Louis Brichetto contacted the District a year ago to discuss the project; the District has water right applications for all of the rain run-off east of Farmington Dam and Louis Brichetto wanted 1,000 acre-feet for the Brichetto Reservoir. Interim Manager Hopkins added the Board decided then to make the District's applications junior to Louis Brichetto's 1,000-acre-foot applications; an insignificant amount compared to the other amount applied for. Director Panizza inquired if there will be any significant impacts on the District. Interim Manager Hopkins replied no. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022.

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

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 07/18/22**

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 94,344 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 246 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 303 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 21 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 50 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 6,717 gpm (~9.7 mgd).

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

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

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

a. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 07/15/22  
Finance Director Vega attended the July 15, 2022 Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee. Finance Director Vega reported discussion regarding staff updates. Finance Director Vega reported discussion on the St. Louis Cost Allocation; the Bureau of Reclamation believes DWR should be responsible for more of the cost of the project. Finance Director Vega reported the Bureau of Reclamation wants a 50/50 split and DWR has not recently engaged in discussions. Finance Director Vega reported an update on the business practice guidelines for the CVPIA Environmental Costs; the guidelines are still under review. Finance Director Vega reported a presentation regarding upcoming projects which may influence water rate increases for both power and water contractors; Folsom Safety Dam project estimate is ~\$338 million 85% is non-reimbursable. Finance Director Vega added the estimated impact to per acre-foot water rates is ~39 cents to Agriculture (AG) and ~37 cents to Municipal and Industrial (M&I); the earliest impact would go into effect in 2024 with project phase completions from 2022-2025. Finance Director Vega reported the repayment period would be finished in fiscal year 2073. Finance Director Vega reported the Safety of Dams modifications will cost ~\$1.1 billion; \$100 million will be spent this year and 85% of the full project is non-refundable. Finance Director Vega added the estimated impact is ~73 cents to AG and ~69 cents to M&I and would be in phases from 2025-2030. Finance Director Vega reported the repayment period would be complete in 50 years. Finance Director Vega reported discussion regarding 300 additional items for Extraordinary O&M which would total ~\$67.4 billion in expenses. Director McGurk inquired about the amounts paid by AG and M&I. Finance Director Vega replied the amounts are paid per acre-foot. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2022.

### **b. Calaveras River Tour, 07/15/22**

Interim Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen and Consultant Barkett attended the July 15, 2022 Calaveras River Tour. Interim Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a presentation of

pictures from the Calaveras River Tour. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District hosted a Calaveras River Tour for several regulatory agencies and Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the Tour was an overall success and the attendees were thankful for the District's hospitality. Interim Manager Hopkins thanked the Administration Staff for putting the Tour together. Director McGurk inquired what elected officials attended the Tour. Interim Manager Hopkins replied Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman was in attendance; Staff from Congressman Harder's Office cancelled however Consultant Barkett is working on scheduling a tour for them sometime in August. Director Cortopassi complimented Staff for organizing a great Tour. This item was for information only.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Interim Manager Hopkins reported the funeral service details for former employees Charlie Soto and John Yoshimura have been arranged; please see Administrative Services Manager Carido for the details. This item was for information only.

Interim Manager Hopkins reported the electrical issue at Potter Creek Pump Station has been fixed; the submersible pump installed to increase the flow had a faulty motor, Electrical Staff found the starter had melted. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the two pumps should provide better runtime going forward. This item was for information only.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Stockton East Water District Special Board Meeting – Calaveras River System Luncheon, 07/15/22  
Directors Cortopassi, McGurk and Watkins attended the July 15, 2022 Stockton East Water District Special Board Meeting – Calaveras River System Luncheon. President Watkins reported the Special Board Meeting did not have a quorum and there was nothing to report.
2. Stockton East Water District Special Board Meeting, 07/18/22  
Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the July 18, 2022 Stockton East Water District Special Board Meeting. President Watkins reported the meeting was held in Closed Session – Personnel with no reportable action.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

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

1. Association of California Water Agencies Groundwater Committee – SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 07/19/22
2. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services – Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 07/20/22
3. Stockton East Water District – Recharge Projects Follow-up Discussion, 3:00 p.m., 07/21/22
4. Association of California Water Agencies – Energy Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 07/26/22

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

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

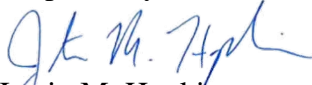
President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:23 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m., with the following reportable action:

The Board of Directors made a hiring decision in regards to the General Manager Recruitment.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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