

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Finance Director Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Accountant Ram, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and Panizza. Director Atkins was absent. Manager Hopkins was present via teleconference.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ana Javid, ACWA Region & Member Engagement Specialist II was present and commented she is attending today to listen to what is going on at Stockton East Water District. President Watkins welcomed Mrs. Javid.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 09/06/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 6, 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 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater 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 Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 20, line item 164 for Willie Electric Supply Co., for a replacement battery for fluke meter in the amount of \$231.07, adding most of those meters are run by AA batteries. Accountant Ram replied the expense is for one battery pack.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 16, line item 90 for Morgan Tire of Sacramento, Inc., for service call & replace tires on Unit 29/Replace tire on Unit 16 in the amount of \$2,380.85.,

inquiring why we do not buy locally. Manager Hopkins replied the tire shop is located in Stockton however the legal business name is Morgan Tire of Sacramento, Inc.

Director Sanguinetti suggested being more frugal and shopping around, since every \$100 adds up.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 13, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

3. Stockton East Water District – Draft 2022/23 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a handout of the Draft 2022/23 Fall/Winter Newsletter. President Watkins inquired if there are any comments from the Directors. Discussion followed regarding the SGMA article and figures and potentially adding the term “surface irrigation water”. Legal Counsel Zolezzi commented on double-checking the figures used. Finance Director Vega reported staff will need to get this document to the printer by tomorrow. President Watkins added any comments will need to be provided to staff by tomorrow. This item was for information only.

4. Resolution No. 22-23-11 – 2022 Water Professionals Appreciation Week

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 22-23-11 – 2022 Water Professionals Appreciation Week. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA has been advertising the upcoming Water Professionals Appreciation Week which takes place the first week of October. Manager Hopkins provided the draft Resolution as it is a way for agencies to publicly recognize the importance of the work that is done at their organizations. The resolution template was provided by ACWA and modified by SEWD. The Resolution is a way to acknowledge the importance of delivering water and requested to consider approval.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-11 – 2022 Water Professionals Appreciation Week, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

5. Stockton East Water District – Values Program Memo, 09/13/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the District Values Program. Manager Hopkins reported this Program was discussed previously with the Board. Manager Hopkins reported the Program funding is not approved by the Board; and, is recommending Program funding up to \$800.00 from the Administration Fund and up to four (4) days off from salary accounts for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Employee Values Recognition Program.

Director Panizza inquired if Legal Counsel has reviewed the proposal and if it is in-line with the District’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and State and Federal laws. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the proposal has been reviewed and is in accordance with state law. Director Panizza thanked Legal Counsel Zolezzi for her review.

Director Cortopassi inquired for clarification of the total amount of monies being used. Manager Hopkins replied total amount up to \$800.00 and a total of four (4) days off at staff salary. Finance

Director Vega added the way the Program is envisioned, the employee whom is recognized at each quarterly potluck (4 times a year) would win a day-off or a maximum cash prize of \$200; and those employees whom were nominated and selected for recognition could spin a prize wheel at the quarterly potluck to determine the prize.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve funding the Employees Value Program in an amount up to \$800.00, from the Administration Fund and up to four (4) days off from salary accounts for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Employee Values Recognition Program, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Bellota Project Committee Meeting, 09/07/22

Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Sanguinetti and Watkins, and Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen and Administrative Services Manager Carido attended the September 7, 2022 Bellota Project Committee Meeting. Director Cortopassi reported there was no public comment and the 100% Design Presentation was given by Elizabeth Schlegel, KSN. Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion regarding project costs and of project cost allocation. Director Cortopassi reported staff and consultants had more work to do and would bring it back to the Committee at a later time. Manager Hopkins added the 100% Design is scheduled to be presented to the Board next week for consideration and approval. President Watkins noted staff will continue work in the meantime on the required environmental documentation. Director McGurk inquired on if the 100% of Project design is locked in. Director Sanguinetti replied once environmental documents are approved there will not be any changes to the design because the environmental documents are going to address the Project as it is designed.

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 09/12/22

Nothing to report.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 09/05/22

Finance Director Vega 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 63,431 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 261 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 234 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 17 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 52 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Finance Director Vega reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,714 gpm. Manager Hopkins reported there is a typo with the mgd figure reported of ~4.4 mgd and commented the figure should be ~9.7 mgd.

President Watkins inquired if the District is receiving water from Salt Springs. Manager Hopkins replied yes and so far Rock Creek Water District has not been able to divert as expected (currently 10 cfs). Manager Hopkins reported Rock Creek Water District is looking to increase the flow by modifying their infrastructure. Finance Director Vega reported staff reported in ~10-11 days they hope to have the increase flow going but have stopped flow in the meantime as they have an irrigator taking water.

2. Information Items:  
Finance Director Vega noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

Director McGurk inquired on F2a-3 and if SEWD is one of the 30 largest water providers in the state. Manager Hopkins replied the District has not been confirmed as such; however, the District has conducted PFAS testing for both sources as part of exploratory work for future disinfection processes and the amount of PFAS in our water is currently lower than what is currently being discussed as the threshold.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Eastern Water Alliance – Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM) Expansion Discussion Meeting, 09/09/22

Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the September 9, 2022 Eastern Water Alliance – Demonstration Recharge Extraction and Aquifer Management (DREAM) Expansion Discussion Meeting. Manager Hopkins there was general interest among the agencies however it will be difficult to move forward until EBMUD can provide data. Manager Hopkins reported on scheduling another meeting in a few weeks to discuss potential projects and how to put that water to use.

b. San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department – Introduction to Executive Order N-7-22 Review Criteria Meeting, 09/12/22

Director Watkins and District Engineer Evensen attended the September 12, 2022 San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department – Introduction to Executive Order N-7-22 Review Criteria Meeting. President Watkins reported the meeting was hard to hear attending via teleconference. Discussion focused on criteria, such as if you are within 1,500 feet from an existing well and draw-down is minimal that is okay however if you have high draw-down that is not. District Engineer Evensen reported the requirements seem like a method for the County to use for help determining well application approval.

c. San Joaquin County Public Works – Water Resources – Basin Accounting Charter Meeting, 09/12/22

Director Watkins and Administrative Services Manager Carido attended the September 12, 2022 San Joaquin County Public Works – Water Resources – Basin Accounting Charter Meeting. President Watkins reported a draft outline was provided regarding the tasks needing to be accomplished in a very fast schedule. The tasks are established to determine each GSA's groundwater model component as either common pool or GSA resource. President Watkins commented it is water accounting they want to use to do fiscal accounting. Director McGurk inquired whether there was any hint if this is going to get linked to water marketing. President Watkins replied having concern about GSAs having credits and if that will mean they can sell their credits adding the ultimate test is water levels and if you do not maintain water levels, the GSP says you will be curtailed. Director McGurk commented on Wall Street not being transparent with adding water to the commodity exchanges. President Watkins commented to focus efforts into projects that solve the problems in the basin, not fix in the past. President Watkins added another meeting is scheduled for next week on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

d. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Finance Director Vega reported currently 1 District staff member is out with COVID.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)**

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Comments on the State Water Resources Control Board Notice of Preparation Regarding the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, 09/07/22  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the September 7, 2022 correspondence regarding comments on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Notice of Preparation Regarding the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported this is for information only, the correspondence has been submitted to the SWRCB.

## I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 09/14/22
2. Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) Meeting/DREAM Monitoring Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 09/14/22
3. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting Schedule, 10:00 a.m., 09/16/22
4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 09/16/22
5. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 09/19/22

## J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation  
California Water Service Company,  
City of Stockton & Stockton East Water District vs. Central San  
Joaquin Water Conservation District  
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 1:07 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with the no reportable action.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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