

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, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Administrative Clerk Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Clerk Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes

a. Minutes 02/21/23 Regular Meeting

Manager Hopkins made the following correction to the minutes:

Page 3, section E-1, 1st paragraph, 10th sentence – strike “with” and replace with “within”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

b. Minutes 02/24/23 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 24, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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. Payroll
- i. Short Names/Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Watkins inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 39 for HDS White Cap Construction Supply for Rebar/tire wire/concrete stakes/nail gun/nails-Tully Dam project and stated tire wire should read tie wire.

Director Watkins inquired on the expense on page 17, line item 70 for Big Valley Ford for parts to repair damage to front bumper on Unit 67 and inquired what happened to the front bumper. Manager Hopkins clarified an employee ran into a piece of stationary equipment located by the High Service Pump Station.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 9, line 1 for PG&E for electricity 01/09/23-02/07/23 6767 E Main-Extract Well South and asked if we are using the pumps to supply water. Manager Hopkins replied yes, the wells were supplementing surface water supplies to maximize our carry over into next year. Although the wells are now turned off, we are still receiving electric bills for the time period the wells were running.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 21, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 3. Stockton East Water District – Electrical Engineering Single-Line Diagrams and MCC Elevations Memo

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Electrical Engineering Single-Line Diagrams and MCC Elevations Memo. Manager Hopkins reported since the DWJ WTP was designed and constructed in the late 1970's there have been many additions to the treatment plant which have resulted in additional electrical drawings also known as red lining on original plan sheets. Over the last 45-50 years, the Engineering Department has accumulated various electrical drawings with many redline changes. The District engineering staff reached out to various electrical engineering consultants for proposals to consolidate the drawings.

McGurk inquired if the scope of work would include a digital version of the plan sets. District Engineer Evensen replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with A T.E.E.M. Electrical Engineering, Inc. to provide design services for updating the District's single-line diagrams and MCC and Switchboard elevation layouts in the amount of \$28,060, plus a 10% contingency of \$2,806, for a total of \$30,866, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Draft Senate Bill 23 (Caballero) – Water Supply and Flood Risk Reduction Projects: Expedited Permitting Letter of Support

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with information on Association of California Water Agencies SB 23 Letter of Support. Manager Hopkins reported the objective of this legislation is to allow organizations to fund positions within the California State Water Resources Control Board so staff can dedicate more time in reviewing water quality permit applications. Manager Hopkins added the legislation is designed to establish a 180-day timeframe for the California State Water Resources Control Board to issue permits once the applications are complete. This allows the permitting process to be more consistent with other state agencies.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Draft Senate Bill 23 (Caballero) – Water Supply and Flood Risk Reduction Projects: Expedited Permitting Letter of Support, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Delta Conveyance Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Letter, xx/xx/23

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Delta Conveyance Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Letter. Manager Hopkins reported the purpose of this letter is to garner comments identifying deficiencies within the environmental impact statement for the Delta Tunnel project. This is part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ public comment period on the environmental document and comments are being provided through the public review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A motion was moved and seconded to Delta Conveyance Project – Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Letter, xx/xx/23, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Salary Survey Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 02/27/23

Director Atkins, Director Sanguinetti, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the February 27, 2023 Salary Survey Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti gave an overview of the meeting; highlighting the purpose of the salary survey and how it benefits the District.

Director Watkins reported the consultant provided percentage amounts relating to salary and benefit comparisons but did not provide a dollar amount comparison. The committee requested staff provide a dollar comparison to better understand how it could affect the agricultural, municipal and administrative budgets.

Manager Hopkins reported this item will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 02/23/23

Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the February 23, 2023 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported the committee reviewed 3 out of 7 discussion items. Most of the discussion was centered on the current fiscal year budget, where funding should be applied, and projects or actions that should be considered for the budget. There was a lot of support to increase funding for implementation of instrumentation on the representative groundwater wells for assisting with data collection and archiving, data management system implementation, and funding development of a domestic well policy. Manager Hopkins reported there was also discussion on modeling being performed for the Mokelumne River boundary flows into and out of our groundwater basin. There was concern for the water accounting framework being developed that does not align with the scope of work. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2023.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/27/23

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 185,675 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 103 cfs. There is 1,091,419 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 438 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 339 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 24 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 0 gpm (~0 mgd).

Director Cortopassi inquired if the release at Goodwin Dam was a substantial amount. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied there was notice that the releases would increase due to flood flows.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

Manager Hopkins reported District staff is working with MBK Engineering and DWR on a 180-day temporary floodwater diversion permit which is expected to be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board next week.

Manager Hopkins reported the District's newsletter and final bills have begun reaching customers. So far 29 online payments have been received since bills were mailed out last Friday.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Representative Josh Harder's Water Town Hall Meeting, 02/21/23

Director Atkins and Manager Hopkins attended the February 21, 2023 Representative Josh Harder's Water Town Hall Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Representative Harder's goal was to inspire his constituents to write letters to Army Corp of Engineers opposing the

environmental document for the Delta Tunnel Project. Representative Harder also voiced support for new water supplies like flood water recharge and surface water storage.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Citrus Heights Water District Request for Nomination – Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Executive Committee Membership Letter, 02/15/23
Manager Hopkins presented a Citrus Heights Water District Request for Nomination – Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Executive Committee Membership Letter. Manager Hopkins reported President Atkins received this letter from Director Wheaton of the Citrus Heights Water District who is running for a position on the executive committee. The position requires support from other agencies. Director McGurk added the nominee would need to obtain support from at least 4 other districts.

Director McGaughey asked if the District has received any other requests. Manager Hopkins replied we have received no other requests for support.

Director McGaughey responded that she would like to bring this item back for consideration after reviewing Director Wheaton’s candidate statement.

2. United States Department of the Interior – Notice of Initial 2023 Water Allocation – Stockton East Water District (District) – Contract Number 4-07-20-W0329-P (Contract) – Eastside Division, Central Valley Project (CVP), California Letter, 02/22/23
Director Atkins provided the Board with a Notice of Initial 2023 Water Allocation from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Director McGurk inquired if the District applied for the 100% of the contract total. Manager Hopkins replied yes, the District did apply for the entire 75,000 contract total.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 02/28/23
2. Delta Water Conveyance Project Open House Public Workshop, 6:00 p.m., 03/01/23
3. ACWA Region 2-4 Legislative Meeting, 8:00 a.m., 03/02/23
4. Pacific Southwest Irrigation 16th Annual Open House, 11:30 a.m., 03/02/23
5. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Stockton Arena (Stockton Kings vs. Texas Legends Basketball Game), 5:00 p.m., 03/02/23

Director McGurk inquired if this event was free to attend. Director Watkins replied you have to pre-register. Manager Hopkins added to reach out to him should there be any interest in attending.

6. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/03/23
7. F & M Bank 2023 Annual AG BBQ, 11:00 a.m., 03/09/22

Manager Hopkins reported this event also requires a reservation.

Director Watkins reported the San Joaquin County AgVenture event is on March 2, 2023 in Lodi.

J. Closed Session

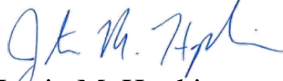
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code
Section 54956.9 - one case

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:31 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:53 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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