

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, MARCH 7, 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 Director Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Administrative Clerk Wood, Administrative Assistant Segura and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Present at roll call via teleconference was Consultant Barkett. Director McGaughey was absent.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Ozone Presentation – CDM Smith

Michael Zafer, Mark Urban and Servando Molina with CDM Smith Engineering Consultants presented the Ozone Project Study and 15% Preliminary Engineering Report update. The project objectives were covered which involve evaluating ozone alternatives to improve water quality and production reliability, identifying required infrastructure to implement ozone and complimentary improvements and developing the preliminary design, implementation schedule and cost estimates.

Mr. Zafer discussed project components that are necessary to enhance the overall production, reliability and water quality of the plant which include; new raw water ozonation, raw water improvements, filter improvements and new standby power. The raw water pump replacement for the Low Lift Pumping Station would also include a thru-flow screen preventing debris from entering the pump station wet well and the existing low lift mixed-flow pumps would need to have increased head to reach the ozone contactor basin. The filter bed improvements would include stainless steel underdrains and an air scour blower. Two larger standby power generators would replace the current two small standby generators currently being used for the Low Lift Pumping Station and the Operations and Administration buildings.

Mr. Urban discussed the location of the ozone structures. The location selected for layout is north of the Low Lift Pumping Station and west of the Intake Reservoir Area. Construction at this location would allow fewer process interruptions resulting in more room for future expansion.

Director McGurk inquired if the District could generate oxygen on-site. Mr. Molina replied it is an option, however, it would be much more costly.

Mr. Zafer presented a preliminary schedule estimating the project completion time for finished design, construction and startup will be four to five years. Director Cortopassi inquired why the project would take five years to complete. Mr. Zafer explained the construction and programming of the facilities is very complex.

Mr. Zafer provided a cost summary for the Ozone project; estimating a range of \$72M to \$80M with implementation costs and \$22M to \$38M for the three complimentary projects. The total costs to operate the system annually is estimated to be \$1.4M which includes; energy costs, chemicals, equipment maintenance and labor costs.

Discussion followed.

2. Minutes 02/28/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

3. Warrants – California Public Employee’s Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 7, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

4. Cancellation of March 28, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Cancellation of the March 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

5. Request for Nomination – Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Executive Committee Membership

a. David C. Wheaton – Candidate Statement for ACWA JPIA Executive Committee

b. Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Insurance Authority Resolution Manager Hopkins reported the District received a nomination request from Citrus Heights Water District Vice President Wheaton for the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Manager Hopkins stated the nominee must submit support by resolutions from three other agencies to be officially nominated and recommended the Board adopt Resolution 22-23-19 if the District is in favor of nominating Vice President Wheaton.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Power Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Resolution No. 22-23-19, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

6. The San Joaquin Farm Bureau for Agricultural Education – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting, 03/23/23  
Manager Hopkins presented an invitation and sponsorship opportunity for the San Joaquin Farm Bureau for Agricultural Education – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting event.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve The San Joaquin Farm Bureau for Agricultural Education – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Sponsorship in the amount of \$500, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 02/28/23  
Manager Hopkins, Director Sanguinetti and Director Watkins attended the February 28, 2023 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Dan Purviance of Purviance Drillers provided information regarding the trends in groundwater storage noting from 2015 to now the estimated water levels have decreased by ten feet. Discussion followed.

Manager Hopkins stated East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) reported Gerald Swartz will be retiring at the end of the month.

2. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation and Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 03/06/23  
President Atkins, Director McGurk and Director Cortopassi attended the March 6, 2023 Central San Joaquin Water Conservation and Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. President Atkins reported the committee discussed the LAFCO Conditions upon Consolidation and water rates.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/07/23  
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 197,721 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,896 cfs. There is 1,124,563 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 446 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 506 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 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 0 gpm (~0 mgd).

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3, F2a-4 and F2a-5.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 03/03/23

Manager Hopkins attended the March 3, 2023 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA presented a proposal to develop their own bill that would protect existing water rights. ACWA deferred all water right bill discussion to the next meeting date to decide if they will move forward with the proposed legislation. Manager Hopkins reported there were multiple bills proposed to create bond funding for flood control and climate change. Manager Hopkins reported AB 62 will direct the state to increase surface water and groundwater storage by 3.7 million acre-feet by 2030 and up to 4 million acre-feet by 2040. Manager Hopkins reported AB 422 will require the Natural Resource Agency to post the status of statewide water storage projects on their website by June 1, 2024 and update the status as the projects progress. Manager Hopkins reported AB 361 will require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Board to reactive, upgrade and install 641 stream gages throughout the state.

b. Report of the General Manager

Manager Hopkins reported two Treatment Plant Operators have passed the T5 exam.

Manager Hopkins reported he met with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and North San Joaquin separately to discuss applying for U.S. Department of Agriculture and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) block grants, respectively. If awarded, the District would manage the funds awarded to district customers who apply for the grant funding. Director Cortopassi inquired what the purpose of the program is. Manager Hopkins replied the program would provide financial assistance for water-energy efficient improvement projects.

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Delta Water Conveyance Project Open House Public Workshop, 03/01/23

Nothing to report.

2. Pacific Southwest Irrigation 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House, 03/02/23

Director Atkins attended the March 2, 2023 Pacific Southwest Irrigation 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House. President Atkins reported the event was well organized with many different vendors.

3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Stockton Arena (Stockton Kings vs. Texas Legends Basketball Game), 03/02/23

Nothing to report.

4. Ag Venture Days (Lodi, CA), 03/02/23

Director Watkins attended the March 2, 2023 Ag Venture Days in Lodi. Director Watkins reported it was a nice event with a lot of kids and Director Sanguinetti BBQed.

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman, California State Senate – Letter of Support for Stockton East Water District’s (SEWD) Application for Temporary Recharge Permit, 03/01/23

2. Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua, Assembly California Legislature – Letter of Support for Stockton East Water District’s (SEWD) Application for Temporary Recharge Permit, 03/01/23

Manager Hopkins reported the District received two letters of support from Senator Eggman and Assemblymember Villapudua for Stockton East Water District’s application for the Rock Creek Temporary Recharge Permit. Manager Hopkins reported the permit is ready to be submitted.

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 03/08/23
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 03/08/23  
*\*This meeting was cancelled\**
3. F & M Bank 2023 Annual AG BBQ, 11:00 a.m., 03/09/23
4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 03/10/23
5. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 03/13/23
6. Stockton East Water District – Special Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 03/14/23
7. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 03/15/23
8. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 03/15/23
9. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/17/23

President Atkins reported Morada Producers is hosting an event on March 3, 2023 at Noon.

**I. Closed Session**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel  
Government Code 54957
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED  
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code  
Section 54956.9 – three cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:17 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. Director Sanguinetti excused himself from the meeting at 3:07 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 4:17 p.m., with the following reportable actions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District 2022 Salary Survey, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: McGaughey

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Agreement for Services with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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