

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, NOVEMBER 15, 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, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Administrative Assistant McKinney, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 11/08/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 15, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – CEQA – Extraction Well No. 2 Project Memo, 11/15/22

- a. Extraction Well No. 2 Project – Initial Study and Final Negative Declaration
- b. Extraction Well No. 2 Project – Negative Declaration Regarding Environmental Impact
- c. Extraction Well No. 2 Project – Notice of Determination

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with an Initial Study and Final Negative Declaration, a Negative Declaration, and a Notice of Determination for approval to finalize the CEQA process for the Extraction Well No. 2 Project.

Director McGurk inquired where the location is for the Extraction Well No. 2; Manager Hopkins replied the new well is being installed on campus near the solar field.

Manager Hopkins stated the CEQA document was advertised for 30 days for public comment. The District has received two comments to date; one from the State Water Resources Control Board, and one from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Manager Hopkins stated both agencies boilerplate comments were addressed in the final document, as well as a few project specific comments.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to finalize the CEQA documents by approving and signing the Initial Study, Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination for the Extraction Well No. 2 Project.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce – Election of Board Members Ballot

Manager Hopkins stated SEWD is a member of the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce. Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Election Ballot for the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce. The five nominees are: David Frison, Dan Purviance, Mark Miller, Lesley Billigmeier and Teri Samuel.

Director McGurk asked if Lesley Billigmeier is the spouse of Jim Billigmeier. President Watkins replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the slate of five Nominees as casted on the Ballot presented for the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce Board Member Election, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Cancellation of November 29, 2022 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Cancellation of the November 29, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 11/09/22

Director Panizza attended the November 9, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting.

Director Panizza attended the ESJGWA Board meeting, and reported President Watkins and Manager Hopkins were also in attendance. Director Panizza reported the discussion was repeated from a report by President Watkins two weeks ago regarding the SGMA Round 2 grant priorities and cost allocations. The general approach agreed to is not to be focused on individual groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), but on the groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) and the Easter San

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Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) made up of 17 GSAs. Director Panizza reported three projects were presented to move forward for grant funding (GWA's Groundwater Monitoring, City of Stockton's Delta Water Treatment Plant Recharge Basin, and SEWD's West Groundwater Recharge Basin Projects). The San Joaquin County staff reported on GWA cost overruns. Finally, Director Panizza noted this was Supervisor Chuck Winns' last meeting to attend since there will be no meeting in December and Supervisor Winn was presented with a Resolution from the GWA. A new representative for Supervisor Winns' position will be decided by the Board in January 2023.

Manager Hopkins stated three more projects are included in the grant submission list (City of Stockton's Automated Metering Infrastructure System for disadvantaged areas of the city, Tecklenburg Recharge Basin in North San Joaquin, and the Bellota Project). Manager Hopkins stated there are six projects for submission for a total of \$20 million.

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 11/14/22

Director Atkins reported the financials came in under budget. Memberships unpaid invoices are slow and reminder notifications will be sent out. The Growers meeting has been doing fine this year with attendance. Approximately 375 Nitrogen reports are outstanding. The Program Manager's report has listed some toxicity on Union Island, French Camp Slough, Upper Roberts Island and Mill Creek. Also, some toxicity for algae was reported on Bacon Island, Union Island, Renege Track and Roberts Island. There are 14 wells which are checked for nitrogen, two wells are not being used anymore; and two new wells have been picked up for testing. A stormwater test was performed last week on stormwater. CV Salts was discussed, and fees could increase in the future. There is no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2023.

Director McGurk asked how does CV Salts relate to restored flows with the San Joaquin river? How does CV Salts relate to large flows arbitrarily being sent down the river? Director Atkins replied the algae blooms might be caused from nitrogen and/or low flows. This has been ongoing for a long time. Legal Counsel Zolezzi commented CV Salts is not flow related. Discussion followed.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 11/14/22

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 50,457 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 41 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 202 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 26 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 11 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,872 gpm (~9.9 mgd).

Director McGurk asked if 18 cfs is actually being released from New Melones Reservoir, but the total release to the Stanislaus River is 202, this means Tulloch is draining? Manager Hopkins stated they might be trying to lower the Tulloch Lake level for some reason.

2. Information Items:

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

Director McGurk commented on F2a-2 item, and stated he wanted to note (as stated in the article) that by taking water from urban and ag users served by the three rivers, it allows dams that serve the

massive Metropolitan Water District and even some Bay Area cities to keep more water in storage needed for their use.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Department of Water Resources (DWR) – Fall 2022 GSA Forum Virtual Meeting, 11/09/22
Manager Hopkins reported he attended the breakout and engagement activity which were small work groups of GSAs to discuss issues and challenges covering the cost of SGMA. Most of the discussion concerned challenges with rate settings. Fortunately, SEWD already has an established groundwater rate. The agencies who do not have rates set are struggling to put these rates in place. The key takeaway is lots of outreach prior to trying to set or increase rates. This was for information only.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the District is slowly moving forward with DWR on a temporary flood diversion permit. This looks promising for the District to obtain a permit on Littlejohn’s Creek on the New Melones side. Reid Roberts was in attendance to identify some opportunities in Central where they could divert floodwater for recharge. The Calaveras River water shed study is also continuing to move forward. Manager Hopkins added he has attended meetings to refine data entered into their model. There are no results to report yet, as DWR is understanding how the Calaveras River system works, and how the allocations are divided amongst SEWD and Calaveras County Water District. The groundwater recharge assessment tool development by DWR is moving forward concurrently which will help identify recharge areas along the Calaveras River when there is extra floodwater available.

Director Cortopassi asked if the permit for Central’s floodwater is to divert out of the creek. President Watkins stated the water would be diverted at Farmington Dam and sent down the Lower Farmington Canal. Manager Hopkins stated he was adamant about this being tied into SEWD’s existing application, but it is a separate stand-alone permit which is a 180-day permit for temporary diversions. This is issued by the Water Board, but is a DWR project to work with agencies such as SEWD. This allows DWR to cover technical support and the \$10,000 application fee, so once through the process, a conversation can follow with the Water Board and the Governor to help streamline these permits which has been a hassle to obtain. Discussion followed.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services – Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 11/16/22
2. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 11/16/22
This meeting has been cancelled
3. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 11/18/22
4. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11/18/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

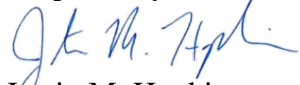
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:07 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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