

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 7, 2021 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, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Clerk Feliciano and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/31/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 31, 2021 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 September 7, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO-MAR) Study

Manager Moody inquired with the Board about their interest in participating in the New Hogan Reservoir Climate Resiliency and Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study. President Watkins added Staff needs to create the documents to then be reviewed by Legal Counsel but requires the Board to show intent to support the Study. The completed Resolution will be brought back to the Board for approval to participate in the Study.

Director McGurk inquired what the District’s role is in the Study. President Watkins replied the District was asked to be the lead agency on the three-year project. Manager Moody commented the benefits are not flooding in the City but because the District holds the water

rights, the Study needs the District's participation for forecast informed reservoir operation and to move the water off of the river during flood control operations.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi inquired if the Army Corps of Engineers are involved. Manager Moody replied yes, they will be.

Director Atkins inquired on the amount of grant funds. Manager Moody replied the Department of Water Resources is providing \$3.8 million and will be matched by the Army Corps of Engineers. Director Atkins inquired about the timeline. Manager Moody replied the Study was given a three-year timeline.

Director McGurk inquired if staff is familiar with flood control work. President Watkins replied the context of the Study is new. Manager Moody commented there may be opportunities in the future for flood control grants to complete projects for flood control in the City of Stockton.

President Watkins inquired if staff communicated with Merced on their Pilot Study. Legal Counsel added Mendocino also completed a Pilot Study. President Watkins inquired with staff about reaching out to those entities for information. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes. This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – High Voltage Electrical System Repairs

Manager Moody reported staff has studied the electrical grid on campus and have identified five electrical power poles in high service that failed.

President Watkins inquired if the power poles service the wells. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied they service both the wells and High Service Pump Station. President Watkins added electrical service was added to high service about ten years ago.

President Watkins inquired if the poles were going to be the same height or if the lines were being raised since there have been issues with copper being stolen and the equipment being tampered with. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied they will be the same height. Manager Moody commented staff will consider the options.

Director McGaughey inquired if the electrical poles are checked regularly. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied they should be checked every 3-5 years but there were no records of the service being performed so staff scheduled it.

President Watkins inquired if there was a hotspot or connection issue. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the picture on page 18 illustrates the connections for the overhead wire which connects to the underground wire that were loose. This item was for information only.

5. Stockton East Water District – Sodium Hypochlorite Project Alternative Project Delivery Methods, 09/01/21

Manager Moody reported at the 30% design presentation with the consultant engineer, the option for design build was brought up in an effort to avoid the possibility of change orders when the project approached the construction phase. Manager Moody reported District Engineer Evensen collaborated with the consultant engineer to come up with recommendations of how to complete the project with the concerns in mind. District Engineer Evensen explained the design was nearing 90% and there would be no significant cost savings

to change the plan at this point. District Engineer Evensen reported the project should have begun with an alternative delivery method like Construction Management at Risk or design build. With the Construction Management at Risk process, the District would hire a consultant engineer and then the District and the consultant engineer would hire a contractor to complete the project with a guaranteed maximum price. With the Design Build method, a Design Build construction company would be hired, complete with engineering staff, and they would do the whole project. Manager Moody clarified changing the plan to a design build is not a good idea because the project is small and it is nearing the 90% design phase. This item was for information only.

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Request for Proposals for Electrical Motor Control Center Replacement (MCC-2M System) Project

Manager Moody reported the Electrical Motor Control Center Replacement (MCC-2M System) is a budgeted item planned for this year; staff has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to acquire a contractor to provide a design proposal and a cost analysis to replace the MCC-2M. District Engineer Evensen commented it was installed in 1979 and is a critical component for the flocculation area and needs to be updated.

Director McGurk inquired if this control center can be hacked. Manager Moody replied no, it is a switch board for major loads out of the flocculation basin. Director McGurk inquired if a computer controls the MCC-2M. District Engineer replied it is controlled by Staff. This item was for information only.

7. United States Bureau of Reclamation – New Melones O&M Charges in a Drought Year Memo, 09/04/21

Manager Moody commended Finance Director Vega on a phenomenal job putting together a Memorandum that is easy to understand the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) New Melones O&M Charges; it explains the difference between the water year and finance year. Manager Moody reported USBR's finance year begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and the water year begins January 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Moody added the District in 2015 took water from New Melones from October thru February and instead of paying \$19.21 AF, the District paid \$135.05 AF; O&M charges are incurred when water is taken from New Melones outside USBR's fiscal year.

President Watkins commented that the District needs to discontinue taking New Melones water after September 30<sup>th</sup> for irrigation purposes. Manager Moody replied he would like the Board to decide that practice going forward. President Watkins added those irrigators need to be told now that there will no longer be any New Melones water available after September 30<sup>th</sup> because paying the O&M cost is unacceptable.

President Watkins recommended we stop taking New Melones water after September 30<sup>th</sup> this fiscal year and the Board concurred.

8. Stockton East Water District – Request for Bids for Tunnel Outlet Flume Project Discussion

Manager Moody reported the Request for Bids for the Tunnel Outlet Flume Project has been published and bids are due September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Manager Moody reported this project has a very narrow window of eight weeks during the shutdown of the New Melones system, which construction could potentially be moved to next summer depending if the District receives New Melones water. Manager Moody added once the bids are submitted, the District can

assess the cost and bring it to the Board to decide when to complete the project. This item was for information only.

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 09/02/21

President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the September 2, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. President Watkins reported the Request for Qualifications was finalized and will be presented for the Board to approve at the September 8, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting. President Watkins reported there was an update on the TSS wells; Assistant Manager Hopkins has been made the point of contact for that matter. President Watkins added two WaterSMART grants were awarded. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021.

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

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 08/30/21**

Manager Moody 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 96,646 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 160 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 352 cfs and release to all water users are set at 200 cfs. There are 10 irrigator(s) on New Hogan and 4 irrigator(s) on New Melones. There are currently no Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 32 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 24 mgd.

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

Manager Moody noted items: (None)

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

#### **a. United States Bureau of Reclamation – Funding Opportunity No. R21AS00289 – WaterSMART: Applied Sciences Water Smart Grant for Fiscal Year 2021 for Eastside Groundwater Use Measurement Project (ASG-20), 09/02/21**

Manager Moody reported the District was awarded two WaterSMART grants; one is to double our capacity to purchase meters in the amount of \$75,000.00 and the other is for Stockton East Water District, Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and San Joaquin County to use ET satellite data tracking in the amount of \$58,000.00. Manager Moody added there was an additional grant for \$50,000.00 awarded for the Hosie Crossing; kudos to District staff for their hard work in applying for grants to benefit the District.

President Watkins inquired if the Dal Porto's were contacted about the project at Hosie Crossing. District Engineer Evensen replied yes.

#### **b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update**

Manager Moody reported a meeting with San Joaquin County to discuss Elkhorn Golf Club regarding switching Elkhorn Golf Club from groundwater to surface water. Manager Moody commented the District cannot provide the water because we do not have a connection but we can supplement the water to Woodbridge if they were willing to deliver

the water to Elkhorn Golf Club. President Watkins commented City of Stockton has the ability to deliver the water as well. Manager Moody replied that he would like to get City of Stockton involved as well.

Manager Moody reported he is meeting with Finance Director Vega on Friday to finalize the numbers to submit to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

Director Cortopassi inquired when we will know if we have water for Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District. Manager Moody replied we will know by the end of March.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 09/08/21
2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 09/13/21

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

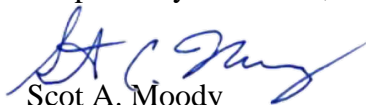
1. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights  
Agency Negotiator: Scot A. Moody  
Negotiating Parties: USACE & SJFCA  
Under Negotiation: Borrow Material
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case
3. Closed Session – Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. Administrative Clerk Feliciano was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:20 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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