

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, OCTOBER 12, 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 Administrative Clerk Feliciano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and Panizza. Director Atkins was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/05/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- c. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- f. Summary
- g. Payroll
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 5, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Weir Box 1, Weir Box 2 and Distribution Box 1 SCADA Project Memo, 10/12/21

Assistant Manager Hopkins proposed to the Board of Directors the purchase of three Limitorque actuators for the gates which are located at the outlet of the east reservoir and allow water to flow over the east reservoir weir into the intake pond or out adjacent gates and into the north and south percolation ponds. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported this is part of the SCADA project and two new actuators will be installed on the WB1 and WB2 gates to allow water to be sent from the east reservoir to the percolating ponds and an existing actuator will be placed on the DB 1 gate. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the DB 1 gate is currently actuated with 208 volts and is the only 208 volt actuator on campus; the District is standardizing with 460V/3P so the motor will be replaced. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the District received a quote from MRC Global to purchase three Limitorque actuators for \$30,091.38, plus a 10% contingency, for a total approved amount of \$33,101.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the \$94,700 amount listed in the memo provided. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the amount covers the total budgeted amount for the project.

Director McGurk inquired if these gates are the same ones that have been serviced recently due to leaking and damage. Manager Moody replied the main valve on the east reservoir was leaking and the shaft was repaired. Assistant Manager Hopkins commented both the DB 1 and WB1 gates have been repaired in the last couple years. Director McGurk inquired if the valves are included in the work being done. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no, only the actuators are being replaced. This item was for information only.

4. Stockton East Water District – San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) Memorandum of Understanding Update Memo, 10/12/21

Manager Moody reported a new partner, Department of Water Resources (DWR) that has joined the project; DWR will pay the first amount of dirt from Area 1 and 2 which will increase the number of cubic yards that will be removed. Manager Moody reported more soil sampling is scheduled for November 9, 2021; the Lessee is currently growing beans but is confident he will be done before the sampling date. Manager Moody reported the District is waiting on results from the last sampling and will share the results with the Board when those are received.

Assistant Manager Hopkins added the phasing plan was reconfigured so the first phase of excavation happens in the north-east corner instead of the north-west corner.

President Watkins inquired if the irrigators will still be able to farm on the non-excavated land and still allow the District to fill the excavated areas with water. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes. President Watkins inquired about a CPI amount and if that has been added to the contract. Manager Moody replied the going rate is \$1-\$2 but Staff will work with Legal Counsel Zolezzi to add the CPI to the contract.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the contract details how deep they can excavate. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the language was removed from the contract because there is no limit to how deep they can excavate, the deeper the better; 10 acres at 144,000 cubic yards of barrowed material and excavating 10 feet deep.

Director McGurk inquired about the inspection of the levees and if the partnering agencies can reject the barrowed materials after creating the levees. Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported the

MOU includes language that states there is no warranty of the quality of the materials provided.

Director Panizza inquired about the revising of the MOU. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there will be further adjustments to the phasing plans due to the sampling and the phasing plan is part of the MOU; the MOU requires the Army Corps and SJAFCA to consult with the District and get approval for each phase of the project. Manager Moody added the phasing is set but could change based on their budget and the funds they have for the project.

Manager Moody commented once the sampling is received, it will be added to the MOU and presented to the Board of Directors.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the roadway that will be used to reach the project site as to not disturb our road. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the Cardinal Way entrance will be used. President Watkins inquired if District Staff has looked into how to secure a gate to allow access daily. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied nothing specific has been added to the MOU but there is language listing SJAFCA and their contactors are responsible for making sure the gates are locked and if they are not locked, they are responsible for securing the site. This item was for information only.

5. United States Bureau of Reclamation – Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) Close-Out Memo, 10/12/21

Manager Moody reported the District has completed the requirement to comply with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), Reclamation Reform Act (RRA).

President Watkins inquired if the out-of-district customers have been dismissed from a couple years ago. Finance Director Vega replied those customers appeared as comments a couple years ago as part of the 2019 USBR audit. Manger Moody added the memo was also sent to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation to show how that this process was done. This item was for information only.

6. Stockton East Water District – 2021 Dam Removal Temp Labor Update Memo, 10/12/21

Manager Moody reported the District is having difficulty finding labor to help remove dams. Manager Moody reported farm labor is not available and the District is contracting laborers with Balance Staffing at a higher price than previously presented to the Board. Manager Moody reported the District is accepting laborers as they are available and the downfall being other staff is being pulled from their work to remove dams but Staff is doing whatever they can to get the work done.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Sheriff laborers can pull dams. Manager Moody replied yes, but they are not available.

Consultant Barkett inquired if there is any required expertise needed to remove the dams. Manager Moody replied no, just people willing to do physical labor. Consultant Barkett commented he started an organization called Ready to Work which helps previously incarcerated people to get them back to work. Manager Moody replied the District would be interested in learning more about the program. This item was for information only.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 10/06/21
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 6, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion on the preliminary modeling results which involved a modeling update of 32,000 acre-feet of over-draft on average opposed to the 41,000 acre-feet over-draft prediction before. President Watkins reported one grant application was received from Department of Water Resources (DWR). The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021.

2. ACWA Agriculture Committee Meeting, 10/07/21
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 7, 2021 ACWA Agriculture Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported updates from Cindy Tuck, ACWA Deputy Executive Director, Government Relations discussing opportunities for funding for drought on the state level and an update from Dave Reynolds, Director of Federal Relations also discussing funding opportunities on the federal level. President Watkins reported additional updates from Department of Water Resources included discussion regarding the lakes and how historically low the water is and not being enough water for the future; Timm Quinn, Stanford University spoke about the think tank efforts to come up with resolutions for the drought issues. The reoccurring theme from all the speakers was the need to reprogram farmland to minimize the use of water, water cannot be delivered to farmland and farmland will be retired. President Watkins expressed how disheartening it was to listen to the subject. President Watkins reported a presentation from California Department of Food and Agriculture's State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) and Healthy Soils Program which was about reducing your carbon foot print and save water then funds are available. Manager Moody reported a presentation from Karla Nemeth, [ACWA Director California Department of Water Resources Director](#) discussing the draconian conservation mandates and also mentioned the only way to move forward in the future is to enact a modernized water rights program. President Watkins added people that had water could not deliver water to those that did not have water. Manager Moody commented the Farm Bureau is holding a presentation on the SWEEP program this month. . Manager Moody reported discussion about on-farm storage or recharge and how there is funding available for that as well. President Watkins added there is a calculator online which calculates carbon savings and water conservation in order to qualify for the funding. Manager Moody reported Todd Manley, Director of Government Relations, Northern California Water Association specialized in Salmon on the Sacramento River and was confused as to why salmon was being reported as decimated when in fact it was a record year for salmon. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2021 at the ACWA Fall Conference.

3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority – Selection Committee Meeting, 10/08/21
President Watkins and Manager Moody attended the October 8, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority – Selection Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported discussion on the two proposals that were submitted for the Basin Accountability Framework and the Committee will present the two proposals to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee at their next meeting on October 13, 2021. Director Cortopassi inquired about the reason for the Committee. President Watkins explained it was an Ad-Hoc Committee that looked at the Request for Qualifications, discussed what agencies should be accountable for the plan and to go over financing options.

4. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 10/11/21
Nothing to report.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/04/21

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 87,627 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 17 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 202 cfs and release to all water users are set at 70 cfs. There is 1 irrigator on New Hogan and no irrigator(s) on New Melones. There are currently no Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 22 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported Assistant Manager Hopkins will be contacting the Bellota Project Ad-Hoc Committee to schedule a meeting.

Manager Moody reported Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District will be meeting this Thursday, October 14th 2021 and Reid Roberts wants the Central Ad-Hoc Committee to meet to discuss the outcome of the Central meeting. Manager Moody reported he will be contacting the Central Ad-Hoc Committee to schedule a meeting.

Manager Moody reported the District has published a Request for Proposals for Grant Administrative and Writing Services to assist the District to track and apply for local and federal grants and take advantage of all the funding opportunities available to the District. Manager Moody explained it takes a tremendous amount of effort to track all the funding available and then to apply for those funds and there are people that specialize in those efforts. Manager Moody reported once the proposals have been received, that information will be brought back to the Board for further discussion. Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District has reached out to California State Assembly Member, Carlos Villapuda because he is interested in giving funds to agencies in San Joaquin County. Manager Moody replied we have not, but we will reach out to him.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10/13/21
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – 2021 San Joaquin Agricultural Hall Of Fame Awards Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 10/14/21

Board Meeting – 10/12/21

3. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 10/15/21
4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 10/15/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

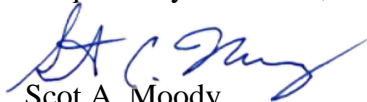
1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:04 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

arf

