

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 2, 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. Administrative Assistant Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/23/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 23, 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

a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

f. Summary

g. Short Names/Acronym List

h. SEWD Vehicles & Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expenses on page 15, line items 71 & 72 for SunE Solar Mission III LLC for energy produced on high side solar panels Jan 2021 in the amount of \$7,037.46 and for energy produced on low side solar panels Jan 2021 in the amount of \$6,727.68. Manager Moody replied this is the electricity produced by SunE Solar. The District pays them for electricity at a lower rate than what would be paid to PG&E.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expenses on page 15, line items 52 & 53 for Aqua Metrology Systems for THM meter maintenance 11/13/19-11/12/20 in the amount of \$17,950 and for THM

meter maintenance 11/13/20-11/12/21 in the amount of \$17,950. Manager Moody replied this is annual maintenance and Aqua Metrology Systems forgot to bill the District for the work in 2019.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 29 for Dokken Engineering for CEQA fees for Gotelli Bridge 2 in the amount of \$7,760. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied this is for the CEQA documentation for the project. Manager Moody added with CEQA the District has to indicate instream work that will be conducted, what that will entail and the mitigation measures that will be used.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 17 for JWT & Associates, LLP for final bill for audit services FYE 03/31/20 in the amount of \$19,100. Finance Director Vega replied the total cost for all audit services was around \$33,000, which is reasonable compared to the last firm used. And when staff went out to bid for this work JWT & Associates were significantly cheaper than other firms.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 2, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – April 2021 Salary Adjustment Per Memorandum Of Understanding Memo, 02/22/21

Manager Moody reported except in years where a salary survey is conducted, an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is administered to all staff. Manager Moody reported when the salary survey was conducted in 2020 it was found that some positions are currently overpaid. The Board agreed that those overpaid would not receive a COLA increase until they equal out with their salaries.

Manager Moody advised that all positions coded with green boxes in the COLA increase column on the included exhibit will receive a COLA increase ranging from .89% to 2.5%. The positions coded with tan boxes will not receive a COLA increase until their salary has evened out.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 2021 Salary Adjustment Per Memorandum Of Understanding Memo, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ACWA Agriculture Committee Meeting, 03/02/21

Director Watkins and Manager Moody attended the March 2, 2021 ACWA Agriculture Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported Cindy Tuck provided an update on the bills that were introduced and that ACWA is reviewing. There was a Federal Relations update provided as well. Manager Moody reported the USBR provided an update on the water status for this year. President Watkins added that the central regions received 61% of the normal snowpack and that

is the best of all regions within the state. Manager Moody reported there was a presentation provided on the Airborne Snow Observatory. There was discussion on how observatory locations could be put in the mountains. It was discussed that using a plane for this work is far more expensive than older methods of having someone physically place markers in the snow. Currently this process is being funded by the state and state funding is trying to be acquired. Director Watkins added that the plane method is 90-96% accurate and the physical placement of the snow stick is 40-46% accurate. Manager Moody reported Tim Quinn, Stanford University led a discussion on the San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Program. There was a report provided on Lake Shasta and how temperature management is conducted. Manager Moody reported there was an update provided on Regions 2 & 8 and their projects. Director McGurk inquired if Northern California Water Association provided a presentation. Manager Moody replied yes, at the very end of the meeting. Manager Moody reported at one point they had 51 participants in attendance of the meeting.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/02/21

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 147,884 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 23 cfs. There is 1,555,440 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 210 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Moody reported staff broke ground on the Whittle's Project on Monday for the primary crossing. Due to impending rain next week there will likely be overtime hours worked over the weekend to finish part of the Project prior to the rain.

Manager Moody requested to take vacation from March 15th – 17th. There was no objection from the Board.

Director McGaughey inquired where the Linden Herald receives their information from regarding the District. Manager Moody replied they have requested to receive the Board Packages, so they are included on the weekly email distribution list.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/04/21

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 03/08/21

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)

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:49 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Moody, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:30 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:34 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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