THE 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 6, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Director Nakaue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higares, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez and Consultant Barkett. Legal Counsel Zolezzi was present via teleconference. Director Sanguinetti was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 09/15/26 Regular Board Meeting

2. Warrants
    a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
    b. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
    c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
    d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
    e. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund
    f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
    g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
    h. Payroll
    i. Summary
    j. Short Name/Acronym List
    k. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

3. Warrants – California's Public Employees' Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Recommendation to Approve Adoption of Rule No. 181 (Water Allocation Rule) and Policy No. 3900 (Water Allocation Policy)
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Recommendation to Approve Adoption of Rule No. 181(Water Allocation Rule) and Policy No. 3900 (Water Allocation Policy). Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.
    a. Public Hearing

President McGurk opened the Public Hearing at 12:31 p.m., to receive comments on the Adoption of Rule No. 181.

Seeing no public comment, President McGurk closed the Public Hearing at 12:32 p.m.

b. Rule No. 181
Manager Hopkins reported Rule No. 181 will provide notice to customers, while Policy No. 3900 will guide staff in implementing the water allocation rule. The proposed allocation hierarchy prioritizes riparian users, followed by municipal and industrial demands not met by other sources, with groundwater recharge receiving the lowest priority. Manager Hopkins will present an annual water supply plan to the Board, followed by quarterly updates on allocation status. Staff also corrected the agricultural irrigation efficiency figure from 50 percent to 40 percent in the staff report, clarifying that the figure more accurately reflects overall system efficiency and delivery losses rather than agricultural losses alone.

A motion was moved and seconded to Adopt Rule No. 181, Water Allocation Rule, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

c. Water Allocation Policy No. 3900
Manager Hopkins reviewed the Water Allocation Policy No. 3900 and staff provided responses to questions.

d. Analysis of New Hogan Reservoir Releases and Reported System Losses 2016-2025

Director Atkins inquired if the Municipal customers have more authority than Agriculture on water. Manager Hopkins reported Municipal has priority over Agricultural use for remaining demand on Hogan, after riparian rights.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Policy No. 3900, Water Allocation Policy, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

2. Preliminary Base Monthly Payment – Fiscal Year 2027/2028
   a. Public Hearing 12:42
   President McGurk opened the public hearing at 12:42 p.m., to receive comments the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for fiscal year 2027/2028.

   Seeing no public comment, President McGurk closed the Public Hearing at 12:43 p.m.

   Resolution No. 26-27-11 – Setting Preliminary Base Monthly Payment (BMP) for FY2027-28 Director of Finance & Administration Ram presented the Board with the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported that the

proposed total BMP, including the State Revolving Fund loan payment, is $3,065,093.95 per month, representing an increase of approximately $227K per month, or 8.13%, over the current amended BMP. Preliminary BMP is based on the District's initial FY 2027-28 budget estimates and is subject to revision. The full budget will be reviewed with the Administration, M&I, and Agricultural Committees before being brought to the Board for final adoption. Director of Finance and Administration Ram also reported the preliminary BMP resolution, and all the supporting schedules were provided to the Urban Contractors on September 30th.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 26-27-11 – Setting Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Period April 7, 2027 to March 31, 2028, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff report – Consideration of Adopting Policy No. 3020 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Approving the Updated Injury Illness Prevention Plan
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report and staff provided responses to questions.
   a. Injury & Illness Prevention Plan
      Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the updated Injury & Illness Prevention Plan.

   b. Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Policy No. 3020
      Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Policy No. 3020. Manager Hopkins reported beginning July 1, 2024, the district was required to establish and maintain a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. The Workplace Violence Prevention Plan was separated into its own policy because updates made it large enough to stand alone.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Policy No. 3020 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan and Approving the Updated Injury Illness Prevention Plan, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Cancellation of the Agricultural Lease with Carna Farming, Inc and New Agricultural Lease with Lagorio Brothers – North Site Property
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Cancellation of the Agricultural Lease with Carna Farming, Inc and New Agricultural Lease with Lagorio Brothers – North Site Property. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Atkins inquired if the lease cancellation is just a cancellation or are there other requirements. Manager Hopkins replied cancellation required 30-day notice, missing the 90-day window before the lease ends allows the tenant claims for reimbursement for investments made.

Director McGurk inquired whether the District has insurance coverage for tenant-related liability. Manager Hopkins stated that staff would research the matter and provide the Board with an update.

Director Atkins inquired if all the tenant workers are identified and trained. Manager Hopkins replied the District maintains an emergency action plan for the treatment plant campus but does not train the tenant's employees.

Director Watkins inquired if all visitors, chemical truck drivers and landscapers are tracked. Manager Hopkins replied truck drivers are tracked; landscapers generally stay in public areas; all visitors must be checked in and escorted.

Director Hansen inquired if there have been problems with tenant spills. Manager Hopkins replied no spills; access was the primary issue.

The item will be brought back before the Board at a future meeting.

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Direct Purchase of Flow Meters for the Bellota Weir Modification Project
   Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Direct Purchase of Flow Meters for the Bellota Weir Modification Project. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

   Director Watkins inquired where does the 54-inch meter go. District Engineer Evensen replied it goes on the steel pipe in the original 54-inch alignment.

   Director McGurk inquired if the valve purchase just for hardware. District Engineer Evensen replied staff can install the flow meter and valve.

   Director McGurk inquired about what the lead time is for the meters. District Engineer Evensen replied approximately 22-25 weeks.

   Director Hansen inquired how deep the pipes are. District Engineer Evensen replied about 30 feet.

   A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute the direct purchase of two 48-inch Rubicon Slip Meters for the Calaveras Headworks and one 54-inch Krohne magnetic flow meter for the New Bellota Pipeline Inlet, for a total estimated purchase price if $334,443, as presented.
   Roll Call:
   Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
   Nayes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Sanguinetti

6. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Contract Award for Lighting and Surge Protection Project
   Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Contract Award for Lighting and Surge Protection Project. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Bockmon and Woody Electric Co., Inc for $353,765, plus a 10% contingency of $35,376.50, for a total Board approval of $389,141.50, and make all necessary approvals, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

7. Stockton East Water District – Designation of ACWA Voting Representative
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to designate a voting representative for ACWA. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to appoint Manager Hopkins as the Districts authorized voting representative for the ACWA membership vote, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanguinetti

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 09/16/26
None to report.

2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 09/16/26
None to report.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 09/15/26
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 October 5th

2. Information Items: F-2a and F-2b

3. Report on General Manager Activities
   a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update
   Manager Hopkins reported the Groundwater Resources Association 2026 Western Groundwater Congress was last week and the District Engineer, Darrel Evensen, presented the Calaveras River Watershed Resilience Plan.

   Manager Hopkins reported he had a CWP GW Recharge Working Group meeting last week. The primary purpose is to satisfy SB 659 that requires recharge be integrated into the 2028 CWP. Department of Water Resources expects 1.5 – 3MAF of the 9MAF SB72 goal to be met with recharge. There will be another working group meeting in December.

   Manager Hopkins reported he completed the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) survey to that was sent to all GSA's. Manager Hopkins advised the survey included two questions about the GWA performing outreach engagement activities on behalf of the GSA's

and the GSA's funding the GWA for the additional work. The Board did not express interest in funding GWA outreach activities.

Manager Hopkins reported the State of the County will be on October 14th at the Great Wolf Lodge.

Manager Hopkins reported the Central Valley Water Supply Coalition effort is coming together, with seven of eight agencies having signed the coalition letter. Chowchilla Water District will decide whether to sign on Wednesday, October 14.

Manager Hopkins reported Assistant General Manager Vega will attend the Denmark operations delegation, Manager Hopkins will attend a C-suite summit of global water leaders in Los Angeles on October 20, and Manager Hopkins will call in remotely for the board discussion before the quarterly milestone tour.

Manager Hopkins reported Water Professionals Week is taking place from October 3-11, so the District will be making some related posts on the Districts LinkedIn account.

Manager Hopkins reported the employee spotlights for the month of September featuring Stephen Bonnensen, Water Supply Supervisor and Heather Wood, Safety & Compliance Analyst.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of September 28th.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering & Maintenance & Construction Update
   Assistant Manager Vega provided the Board with an Engineering update. Assistant Manager Vega reported on the following; Filter & Sedimentation Design, Clements Pipeline & Reservoirs Design, LLPS Electrical Design Build, Mormon Slough RR Bridge Fish Passage and SWEEP and SWEG Grants.

   Maintenance & Construction Manager Higares presented the Board with a Maintenance & Construction update. Manager Higares reported on the booster pump station, ASR Well. Highway 4 Trash Racks, George Watkins and preventive and corrective maintenance.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 2026 AMWA Q3 All Membership Meeting, 09/17/26
   Director Watkins attended the 2026 AMWA Q3 All Membership Meeting. Director Watkins reported the meeting included discussion of a rate comparison matrix tool.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Letter, 09/04/26
   Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a letter of the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. District Holiday, Columbus Day, 10/12/26

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 10/14/26

3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 10/14/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:14 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:41 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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