

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, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Director Watkins 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, Finance Director Ram, Maintenance Manager Higaes, Electrical Technician DeMattos, Administrative Service Manager Celestine, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Hopkins introduced Gregory DeMattos, Electrical Technician who started today June 20, 2023. President Atkins welcomed Gregory to the District.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes

a. Minutes 06/09/23 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

b. Minutes 06/13/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

a. Fund 67 – Agricultural

b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

e. Fund 91 – Vehicle

f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

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- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 9, line items 1&2 for Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District for Water Transfer Agreement dated May 08 2023. Manager Hopkins clarified the expense incurred is for [agricultural](#) out-of-district customers.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 19, line 93 for Envision Toyota Milpitas for 2023 Tacoma trucks (2) for District. Manager Hopkins clarified the Toyota Tacomas were purchased because they were the least expensive.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 21, line item 102 for CA State Water Resources Control Board for Principle payment #16 Safe Drinking Water State Rev Fund, and asked how many more payments are left. Finance Director Ram replied the payments end in the year 2035.

Director McGurk inquired on page 14, line item 38 for US Department of Agriculture for Phytophthora water testing project 01/01/23-03/31/23, and asked if the study is ongoing. Manager Hopkins clarified the study is now complete and this expense is the final invoice.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 13, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Consider Withdrawal of Protest to Water Right Application A033342 Memo

Manager Hopkins reported the Board previously reviewed Water Right Application A033342 and decided to protest the application due to the potential impacts on the District's water supply. The District's Legal Counsel subsequently submitted a protest document to the State Water Resources Control Board. The State Water Resources Control Board accepted the District's request to protest on May 19th and directed the applicant, Whiskey Slide Ranch Family LLP, to discuss potential resolution with the District. The applicant stated the diverted water is solely for recreational use and used to refill the estimated eight acre-feet of annual evaporation from the ponds. The applicant requested the District withdraw its protest. The District's Legal Counsel proposed a permit provision that water may only be diverted when New Hogan Reservoir is in flood stage, during which time water would be released from the reservoir anyways. The proposed condition was conveyed to the applicant; however, the applicant has not responded nor indicated any willingness to accept the proposed condition.

Director Panizza inquired what would happen if the applicant does not wish to agree to the proposed conditions. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the District would then inform the State Water Resources Control Board there was no resolution with the applicant and whether or not the District would like to maintain the protest.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the withdrawal of the District's protest to Water Right Application A033342 in exchange for the amendment to only allow diversion under the permit to occur when New Hogan Reservoir is in flood stage, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Cancellation of July 4, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation of July 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Stockton East Water District – Low Lift Pump Station P1 Pump Replacement Check Valve Memo
Assistant Manager Vega reported Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 approved budget includes funding for the replacement of the Low Lift Pump Station's (LLPS) P-1 Pump. On May 23, 2023 the Board approved purchase of a new 250 HP pump to replace P-1. In order to make the new, higher horsepower pump operational, other accessories need to be purchased. These accessories include valves and electrical system components. District staff obtained quotes to purchase a center-post guided "silent" check valve for the 250 HP P-1 pump to match the installed check valves on all of the pumps in the LLPS. The check valve ensures that water is not able to flow backwards through the pump while not in service and is designed to reduce transient pressure waves associated with water hammer. The lowest quote was received from B&K Valves & Equipment for the Val-Matic 30-inch check valve with an amount of \$55,537. The approved budget for this project is \$380,000 and \$255,866 have been spent so far for the pump and other materials. After the purchase of the check valve, approximately \$68,597 will remain based on the conservative assumption of the contingencies being fully used.

Director Watkins inquired how much pipe would need to be replaced on the manifolds. Manager Hopkins responded about 10 feet.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve the purchase of a 30-inch Val-Matic check valve from B&K Valves & Equipment in the amount of \$55,537 plus 10% contingency of \$5,554 for a total amount of \$61,091, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

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 Steering Committee Meeting, 06/14/23

This meeting was cancelled

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Committee Meeting, 06/14/23
Director Panizza, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Committee Meeting on June 14, 2023. Director Panizza reported the committee reviewed and approved the proposed budget, however the board concluded not to pass the income portion of the budget without a clear explanation of where the funding was being distributed. The approved budget includes funding to invest in installation of monitoring instrumentation, evaluate the monitoring well network (used to measure success of the GSP actions), implement a data management system, further develop the groundwater model, and create a domestic well mitigation program.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2023.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/13/23
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 233,021 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 225 cfs. There is 1,986,211 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,117 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,502 cfs and release to all water users are set at 2,868 cfs. There are 16 irrigators on New Hogan, 6 irrigators on New Melones, and 3 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 44 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 18 mgd.

2. Information Items:
Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1 and F2a-2
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/16/23
Manager Hopkins reported ACWA State Legislative Committee reviewed three bills; SB583 which is related to creating the Salton Sea Conservancy. The conservancy shall carry out programs, projects, and activities to further the conservancy's purposes in the Salton Sea Region. However, there is currently an agency who oversees the region, the Salton Sea Authority. ACWA has tabled the bill until a special meeting in July to allow time for the Salton Sea Authority to review the bill and provide amendments. AB676 which is a general state policy bill that would specify the use of water for health and safety purposes. ACWA made some amendments to the bill and moved forward with a watch position. ACWA is still working diligently to stop the three water rights bills which are currently at House and Senate Committees. Should the bills make it out of the committees the State Legislative Committee will discuss the appropriate action as it moves to floor votes. SB101 which is a state budget bill proposing to revert \$250M for voluntary agreements back to the general fund.
 - b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Hopkins reported Restore the Delta is hosting a dinner on Thursday, June 22nd at Michael David Winery.

Manager Hopkins reported the District received another certificate of recognition for its 75th year anniversary from San Joaquin County, which will be hung on the wall with the other certificates.

Manager Hopkins reported staff have discussed the District's letter of permission and encroachment permit with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board for the Hosie Project. The permit is tentatively scheduled for approval at the July 28th board meeting. Should the permit be approved in July, the Hosie Project would start mid-August and is expected to wrap up mid-November assuming a 3-month construction schedule. The current timeline based on permits, however, only allows the District to work on the project until October 31st. Director Watkins inquired if the project needs to be constructed during the irrigation season. Manager Hopkins clarified the flow of water would be easiest to manage then. A temporary crossing will be constructed and staff would utilize the inflatable dams to bypass irrigation flows. Director Cortopassi inquired if there is a reason why the District is building the crossing in the same location. Manager Hopkins explained due to CEQA processes a full environmental review would need to be completed if the crossing was constructed in a different location. Director Cortopassi inquired on the cost of the project. Manager Hopkins responded the cost is around \$420,000 for material and equipment. Manager Hopkins advised staff plans to begin construction upon receipt of the permit, but can also bring the Hosie Project back at a future Board meeting if the Board would like to further discuss the project. The Board had no objection to beginning project construction in mid-August.

Manager Hopkins informed the Board of ongoing discussions related to the District's water right applications on the Calaveras River and Littlejohn's Creek and the DREAM project. Manager Hopkins suggested the President designate an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the FloodMAR and recharged projects in more detail.

Manager Hopkins reported he will be out of the office attending CSDA's General Manager Leadership Summit on June 26th and June 27th.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. State Water Resources Control Board – Notice of Data Breach Letter, 6/08/23

Manager Hopkins reported the District received formal notification from the State Water Resources Control Board regarding a data breach, noting the District's access credentials have already been changed and there has been no indication that the District's information has been accessed.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission, 1:00 p.m., 06/21/23 - cancelled
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 6/22/23 - cancelled
Director Watkins clarified this meeting now meets at 1:15 p.m.
3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce 2023 Installation Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 6/22/23
4. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committees Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/23/23

5. Stockton Ports Baseball Game, 7:05 p.m., 06/23/23

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:18 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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