

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, APRIL 25, 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 President Atkins 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, Finance Director Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Consultant Barkett, Administrative Clerk Mendoza, and Legal Counsel Selke.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 04/18/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 18, 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 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 & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired about how project numbers get designated. Director McGurk noted on page 13, line 103 the project number for the meter replacements is project number 2316 and asked if there have been 16 meters replaced in 2023. Finance Director Ram clarified the designation system for numbering the projects was placed by the previous finance director for last year’s projects. Finance Director Ram mentioned going forward, the projects number will show 2023 and start from one onward to match Engineering’s job numbering system.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 25, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – 2023 Landscape Bid Results and Award Memo
Manager Hopkins reported the contract with Valley Landscaping expired in March however the contract was extended a month to accommodate the request for bids that were solicited. Manager Hopkins reported the requests were sent to eight landscape companies and the only bid the district received was from Valley Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Valley Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc., in the amount of \$26,950 plus a 10% contingency of \$2,695, for a total approved amount of \$29,645, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Stockton East Water District – Injury & Illness Prevention Plan Update
Manager Hopkins reported the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan gets brought to the Board every few years to adopt new updates that have been applied. Manager Hopkins reported since the plan was last updated on October 19, 2021, Staff worked with ACWA/JPIA to develop a Hazardous Energy Control Program. Manager Hopkins mentioned that the new program has been added to the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan in Section N Appendix B. Manager Hopkins commented the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan draft that is in the agenda is incorrect and the correct, updated version of the draft will be presented at the May 2, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

There was a consensus of the Board to bring this item back for review at the next board meeting.

5. Cancellation of May 9, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting
Manager Hopkins reported that a majority of the board members will be out of the area for various trips and since there will not be a quorum of the Board available, Staff recommends the Board cancel the May 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting with the next meeting to be held on May 16, 2023.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation of the May 9, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 04/19/23
Director McGurk reported South San Joaquin Irrigation District is recharging an average of 69,000-acre feet per year. Director McGurk reported some of the bills being brought up to the

legislature were talked about and the county sent opposition letters for four of those bills. Director McGurk further reported Reclamation District 1608 and 2074, Lincoln Village West and Brookside respectively, mentioned during the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency report they wanted to get credit for the all money they are spending of their own. Director McGurk reported commissioner Mary Elizabeth passed out a five-page discussion regarding the domestic well needs of underprivileged communities and their drinking water.

Director Cortopassi inquired what the concern was about regarding the wells. Director McGurk commented he assumes the problem is, according to Commissioner Elizabeth's comments, the people that are pumping groundwater make the groundwater levels go down and all the people with shallow wells and no money need to be taken care of because they don't have the funds to afford to make their domestic wells deeper.

2. Stockton East Water District – 75th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 04/20/23
Manager Hopkins reported a date was established for the Stockton East Water District's 75th Anniversary event which will be Friday June 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Manager Hopkins reported he worked with the San Joaquin Farm Bureau and there will be a copy of the 75th anniversary invitation in their May newspaper. Manager Hopkins mentioned flyers were given to Kristin Coon to give out during the earth day festival but never made it to that event so additional outreach will need to get done.

President Atkins commented that staff was very energized and excited about planning and putting on this event. President Atkins also mentioned many great ideas were presented by staff about the event itself and ways to advertise this event. Manager Hopkins reported it is confirmed the District will have a booth at the Cherry Festival and there will be a few District vehicles in the parade.

Director Panizza inquired about the specific things that were planned for the event and where it would be held. President Atkins commented that there will be tours of the treatment plant, food, music and raffle prizes. President Atkins added the location of the event would be at the treatment plant. Manager Hopkins commented consultants Boesch and Barkett are working with federal, state, and local elected officials to try and coordinate their attendance.

Director Watkins inquired about the budget for the event. Manager Hopkins commented after looking at the accounts specific for events like this one plus another account that is historically under budget, the budget that has been discussed is about \$30,000. Manager Hopkins mentioned there will need to be a budget adjustment made to transfer funds from one line of the budget to another. Manager Hopkins mentioned the budget adjustment will be presented to the board for the next board meeting. Manager Hopkins reported the cost estimate as of now is about \$15,000.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/25/23
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 237,985 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 80 cfs. There is 1,483,786 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,908 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,503 cfs and release to all water

users are set at 61 cfs. There are 2 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 26 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

Director McGurk inquired where in the system is it already charged. Manager Hopkins commented above Bellota is fully charged and certain parts of Mormon Slough are charged.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 04/21/23

Finance Director Ram reported it was attended by another staff member. Finance Director Ram reported there were a few job changes. Finance Director Ram reported three new employees were hired for the Accounting Services position. Finance Director Ram reported Sabir Ahmad is the new Regional Director. Finance Director Ram reported there was a poll conducted for special, stand-alone meetings with Richard Welsh regarding storage projects. Finance Director Ram reported there was a presentation regarding the BDO funding plan. Finance Director Ram mentioned in that presentation was an analysis reporting and the budget was for \$21,708,901. Finance Director Ram reported the long-term measurements of the physical environment in track changes, the proposed budget was for \$15,401,974.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he attended the Stanislaus Watershed Team Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported the Bureau of Reclamation is getting ready to begin their spring fish flow pulse releases on the Stanislaus River. Manager Hopkins reported by May 1 the release past Goodwin Dam is expected to increase to 3,000 cfs and will remain relatively high at around 2,600 cfs through mid-May then it will get throttled down to about 1,500 cfs. Manager Hopkins further reported by the end of June it is expected to go down to about 300 cfs, however depending on the inflow that's received from the snow run off, releases may maintain 1,000 cfs throughout the summer to make storage available. Manager Hopkins reported currently the Bureau of Reclamation is estimating nearly 1.7 million-acre feet of inflow in the New Melones by the end of July. Manager Hopkins reported the 1.7 million-acre feet plus the current storage is more than 2.4 million-acre feet so the Bureau of Reclamation is really relying on the fish releases and the water use by Stockton East Water District, Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District to alleviate flooding.

Manager Hopkins mentioned he met with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District last week and spoke with their staff and the District plans to move forward with a collaborative SWEEP block grant application. Manager Hopkins mentioned both districts will apply for a total of \$5 million to be shared between both districts and that money would be sub-awarded, as selected by the individual districts, to customers within the district to connect irrigation facilities to surface water. Manager Hopkins mentioned there is a maximum award of \$200,000 per customer, which would fund at least 10 new connects within each district to increase surface water use.

Manager Hopkins reported the dam installations are ahead of schedule and all the dams should be complete by the end of the day tomorrow, April 26, 2023, except for Tully which

is still scheduled to be completed on Friday April 28, 2023. Manager Hopkins mentioned the objective of a May 1st irrigation season is still on track. Manager Hopkins presented the Board with pictures of the progress of the Tully Dam.

Director Cortopassi inquired about the height of the box and if the boards will be placed at the top of the box. Manager Hopkins commented that the boards could go that high but there will be no need for them to go that high. Manager Hopkins mentioned that due to the flooding, the concrete got dirty and the holes in the foundation are hard to see but there are holes for vertically-placed wide flange beams to go into to support the boards.

Director Watkins asked if they are bringing engineering backfill dirt to compact on the back side or adding bentonite clay. District Engineer Evensen ~~commented that they are bringing engineered dirt and clay~~ clarified the engineered dirt contains bentonite.

Manager Hopkins reported that, thanks to the County a 2:30 pm Thursday April 26, 2023 meeting was coordinated with the Urban Contractors to discuss the Bellota Weir Modifications Project and the Ozone Project. Manager Hopkins advised Director Watkins' attendance of the meeting was requested; none of the Board objected.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. California Department of Water Resources Spring 2023 GSA Forum, 04/19/23

Director Watkins, Panizza and Manager Hopkins attended the California Department of Water Resources Spring 2023 GSA Forum. Manager Hopkins reported that there was a panel that was comprised of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District General Manager, who is also the Yolo Sub Basin Manager, who talked about their role in the Yolo Sub Basin. Manager Hopkins reported they focused on three things: subsidence in the eastern portion, declining water levels in three distinct areas and the domestic well mitigation program.

Manager Hopkins reported the Department of Water Resources talked about their support of the groundwater act implementation. Manager Hopkins reported DWR still has financial support services to help with planning efforts or implementation efforts. Manager Hopkins mentioned that the District's GWAs outreach engagement plan is being funded by that service.

Director Watkins commented all the presentations, during the meeting, were about the sub basin and what they are doing. Director Watkins mentioned one interesting aspect of the presentations was the Merced Irrigation District's basin has a 3-year groundwater allocation. Director Watkins mentioned the allocation has carry over, there could be penalties if too much is taken and pooling could be done. Director Watkins commented there could be a limited allocation per year however, the interesting part was there was 3.3-acre feet for three years. Director Watkins mentioned a person can have an allocation of 1.1-acre feet per year so it sounds like the individual could ~~follow~~ follow for two years, build up the groundwater allocation and, with the carry over, it can be farmed one year and get 3.3-acre feet. Director Watkins mentioned one out of three years the individual would be able to farm it out of the groundwater and that person had surface water they would be able to do it. Director Watkins commented the system made sense however he hadn't heard of it being done in this manner.

2. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce and the Linden Lions Club Town Hall Meeting, 04/19/23

President Atkins, Directors Watkins and Cortopassi and Manager Hopkins attended the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce and the Linden Lions Club Town Hall Meeting. President Atkins reported that Fritz Buchman mentioned the flood issues in the Linden area. President Atkins reported people living off of Copperopolis Road talked about the flood situation. President Atkins mentions some people, during the meeting, talked about how dirt was brought in and moved around which caused flooding to neighboring properties and subsequently damaging sewer systems that upset people. President Atkins reported that Manager Hopkins spoke at the meeting about what Stockton East Water District was about and what the District does. Manager Hopkins added he received an email from a land owner who reached out to partner for the dry well installation. Manager Hopkins commented Staff is trying to schedule something to meet with the land owner to look at the site and see how it can be installed where the flooding is and be able to connect it to the Peters pipeline so the District can recharge all summer long.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Rates for Water from New Melones Reservoir Letter
Manager Hopkins reported this was the letter the District sent out to the officials

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 04/25/23
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Hammer Head Security Ribbon Cutting Event, 2:00 p.m., 04/27/23

J. Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government code 54956.9 (a)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District/South San Joaquin Irrigation District
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:32 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m., with the following reportable action:

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the agreement for the Transfer of Water between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District as presented.

Roll Call:

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

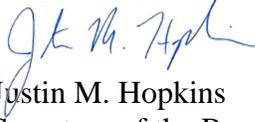
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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