

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 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 Director Cortopassi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that
 - (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or
 - (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Minutes 08/30/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 30, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 6, 2022 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Stockton East Water District – Benefit & Salary Study Proposals Memo, 09/06/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding Benefit & Salary Study Proposals. Manager Hopkins reported in accordance with the 2020 Employee Handbook approved by the Board in March 2020, a salary survey will be conducted every three years by a consulting firm selected at the discretion of the Board. Manager Hopkins reported Staff reached out to three firms for proposals; Ralph Anderson & Associates did not submit a proposal, CPS HR Consulting submitted a proposal for a classification study and a base salary study, both required with their firm, in the amount of \$65,405 and Bryce Consulting submitted a proposal to conduct a salary survey in the amount of \$10,800. Manager Hopkins stated Bryce Consulting was used to conduct the 2019 Salary Survey and recommended the Board approve executing a Professional Services Agreement with Bryce Consulting to conduct the 2023 Benefit & Salary Survey in the amount of \$10,800, plus a 10% contingency of \$1,080, for a total cost of \$11,800.

Director Panizza inquired about the disparity in price between CPS HR Consulting and Bryce Consulting and how Bryce Consulting will present their work as CPS HR Consulting presents via video conferencing. Manager Hopkins replied the disparity is due to CPS HR Consulting requiring a classification study in addition to the salary study. Administrative Services Manager Carido replied Bryce Consulting is available to meet and present the study in person.

President Watkins inquired if the Employee Handbook was amended and requires the use of a consulting firm or if it can be done in-house as it was done in the past. Manager Hopkins replied the Employee Handbook was updated in 2020 to include requiring a consulting firm to conduct the benefit and salary survey.

Director McGurk inquired in regards to the study, what is at the discretion of the Board. Administrative Services Manager Carido replied the firm selected to conduct the study is at the discretion of the Board.

Director Cortopassi inquired when the study has to be conducted. Manager Hopkins replied the study has to be adopted in ~6 months. Director Cortopassi suggested Staff reach out to other consulting firms for proposals to answer Board inquiry in regards to the price disparity. President Watkins commented Bryce Consulting is highly qualified and conducts the majority of the studies for all the water districts in this area.

Manager Hopkins inquired if the Board would like to utilize the Benefits & Salary Survey Ad-Hoc Committee. President Watkins replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Bryce Consulting to perform the 2023 Benefit & Salary Survey in the amount of \$10,800, plus a 10% contingency of \$1,080, for a total cost of \$11,880, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Stockton East Water District – Preliminary Dam Removal Schedule, 09/06/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Preliminary Dam Removal Schedule for their consideration. Manager Hopkins reported the Bellota Weir is required to be removed by October 10th if not, a Time Variance Request must be submitted to Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

Director McGurk inquired when Staff know to submit a Time Variance Request without the knowledge of how the drought will affect us by the end of September. Manager Hopkins replied long-term weather reports through March 2023 are predicting below normal precipitation.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the diversion capacity remains the same when the smaller dam is installed at the Bellota Weir as it supplies the Water Treatment Plant. Manager Hopkins replied the conveyance capacity does decrease ~30 cfs; if the 2-foot weir is installed ~45 cfs can be conveyed. Director Cortopassi inquired how it affects the Urban Contractors specifically the City of Stockton. Manager Hopkins replied the District has to coordinate with the City of Stockton to increase their production at the Delta Water Treatment Plant or increase their groundwater extraction to supplement their demand.

Director Sanguinetti commented at this time of year demand goes down. Director Cortopassi commented the demand should go down as they have water restrictions for their customers.

President Watkins inquired about the turnaround time involved with submitting a Time Variance Request. Manager Hopkins replied there is a timeline that Staff will follow. This item was for information only.

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – HVAC Engineering Services – High Service Pumping Station Analysis Memo, 09/06/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding HVAC Engineering Services – High Service Pumping Station Analysis. Manager Hopkins reported with the addition of variable frequency drives (VFDs) on the motors, Staff has noticed an increase in room temperature; to temporality remedy the issue, a portable air conditioning (AC) unit was used. District Engineer Evensen reported along with the portable AC, the protective temperature setpoints for each new drive were modified from 105°F to 135°F, after consultation with the manufacturer, which allowed the VFDs to withstand higher room temperatures but will over time decrease the lifecycle of the VFDs. District Engineer Evensen reported the exhaust fans are also creating more dust from the outside air which also creates unfavorable conditions for electrical equipment. District Engineer Evensen reported Staff reached out to three engineering firms for HVAC design proposals and received two responses; Kennedy-Jenks provided a quote of \$19,318.80 and Keller Associates provided the lowest quote of \$14,655. District Engineer Evensen recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Keller Associates to provide HVAC engineering services for analysis of the HSPS in the amount of \$14,655, plus a 20% contingency of \$2,931, for a total cost of \$17,586.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the room would be sealed off and additional AC units would be installed. District Engineer Evensen replied yes, the existing AC units and additional units would be ducted to cool down the VFDs and motors.

Director McGurk inquired about the design of the AC system and if a heat exchanger could be used to fix the temperature issue in the High Service Pump Station. District Engineer Evensen replied Staff is

looking at a standard design that would work with the current design of Trane AC units; a heat exchanger would be more complex technology solution and may be more than what the District needs. Director McGurk expressed concern with the solution not being effective long-term with climate change over the years. Discussion followed regarding the AC engineering design.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Keller Associates to provide AC engineering services for analysis of the HSPS in the amount of \$14,655, plus a 20% contingency of \$2,931, for a total cost of \$17,586, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 09/01/22
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the September 1, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported substantial discussion regarding how to make the groundwater model available to the public. Manager Hopkins reported Department of Water Resources provided an update on available funding through legislative action and propositions. President Watkins reported involving the public in the details of the groundwater model is challenging due to the size and complexity of the model data. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 09/05/22

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 67,705 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 307 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 227 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 29 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 55 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 18 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,377 gpm (~9.2 mgd).

Manager Hopkins reported Staff coordinated with California Water Service Company and City of Stockton to increase their production due to the District losing ground on clearwell storage; California Water Service Company turned on more wells and City of Stockton increase production at the Delta Water Treatment Plant.

Director Panizza inquired if water usage has decreased for the Urban Contractors. Manager Hopkins replied usage reports are given at SAWS meetings and he will report the answer after the next meeting.

Director McGurk inquired about the clear wells losing ground and if it has been gradual or based on the high demand. Manager Hopkins replied it has been gradual but relatively recent, it has been a struggle all summer but the District has been keeping up with production. Manager Hopkins reported this past weekend the 24-hour change in the clear well levels has been dropping with a cyclical demand

between morning and evening with the Urban Contractors. Discussion followed regarding the change in demand for water with the Urban Contractors. This item was for information only.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the Rock Creek Water District Water Transfer is set to begin on September 8, 2022. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins informed the Board of a jury summons he received. This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Premier Staffing, 09/01/22

Nothing to report.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. South San Joaquin Irrigation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/26/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the South San Joaquin Irrigation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.

2. San Joaquin County – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/30/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the San Joaquin County – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Bellota Project Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 09/07/22

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 09/12/22

3. San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department – Introduction to Executive Order N-7-22 Review Criteria Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 09/12/22

4. San Joaquin County Public Works – Water Resources – Basin Accounting Charter Meeting, 11:00 a.m., 09/12/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:26 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:42 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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