

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, JULY 21, 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 Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, McGurk, Hansen, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Operations Manager Brothers, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Director Nakaue was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Policy Officer, Frank Ferral, from the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce provided the Board with an update on the STAART Program. Mr. Ferral reported to date that more than 900 incident reports have been filed, resulting in double-digit convictions related to retail theft and other theft incidents. A newly wrapped 53-foot trailer was recently unveiled, with a re-unveiling event planned for next week in Tracy. The Green Team San Joaquin continues to host monthly guest speakers and is planning an upcoming Recycling Expo. The group has also expressed interest in water-related issues and the District's expertise in those areas.

Mary Elizabeth provided a public comment to the Board. Mary Elizabeth noted the 2022 supplemental election ballot caused confusion and inconvenience related to ballot submission and limited in-person polling locations. Mary respectfully requested the District work with the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to provide a clear explanation on the Stockton East Water District (SEWD) website of how each director is elected. Mary also asked the Board to consider covering the cost of candidates' statements of qualifications, as some school districts do, and place this item on a future Board meeting agenda.

Mary advised the next Eastern San Joaquin Ground Water Authority (ESJGWA) meeting will consider decisions on the water accounting framework for evaluating GSA demand management plans. Mary encouraged the District to support retaining all three categories, including the industrial category, as it captures important data for industries such as data centers and agricultural users.

Regarding the recent water odor concerns, while Mary did not notice any issues at her residence served by Cal Water, many residents within both the Cal Water and City of Stockton service areas reported significant odors. Both agencies stated the water remained safe to drink and that their systems were being flushed. To better understand the situation, Mary submitted a Public Records Act request to the City of Stockton for communications between the City of Stockton and Stockton East Water District, but it was redirected and she has not yet received a response. Mary encouraged the District to communicate any future changes in water sources or conditions that may affect taste or odor as early as possible to help keep the public informed.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 07/14/26 Regular Board Meeting

Mary Elizabeth provided a public comment on Page 3, section G. Director Reports. Mary Elizabeth reported the July 7, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes missed the important resource that the Department of Water Resources Referenced which is being called the Groundwater Sustainability

Agency (GSA) Onboarding Resources dated May 2026. Mary reported this resource included a template that, if completed, would provide a valuable tool for informing the public about the process, where to find relevant information, and the appropriate contacts for assistance.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Nakaue

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- c. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- d. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- e. Summary
- f. Short Names/Acronym List
- g. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Watkins inquired on the expense of page 11, line item 49 for DXP Enterprise, Inc for ACH Metering Pump-Centrac Metering pump with motor in the amount of \$36,579.21. Manager Hopkins replied the pump is one of the ACH chemical pumps located in the Operations Building basement.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 21, 2026 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Nakaue

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Nakaue

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Budget Amendment to Facilitate Completion of a Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report on the Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Project to Consider Approval of Budget Amendment to Facilitate Completion of a Professional Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff responded to questions.

Mary Elizabeth provided a public comment inviting the Directors to the Mormon Slough Restoration Association meeting on July 25th.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve a budget amendment as presented in Table 2 for the Professional Services Agreement with HDR in the amount of \$149,522 and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Nakaue

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Authorization to Apply For WaterSMART Drought Response Program

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report for Authorization to Apply For WaterSMART Drought Response Program. District Engineer Evensen reviewed the staff report and provided responses to questions.

Director Watkins inquired if the grant is for the regulating reservoir. District Engineer Evensen replied that this fiscal year's phase of the budgeted project is just to install a new Old Calaveras River Inlet and 42-inch pipeline, with the proposed grant funding for the regulating reservoir and pump station to return 20 CFS to the Old Calaveras River as needed by Water Supply.

Director McGurk inquired if the grant funding is delayed, the District would need to cover project costs until the grant funds are received. District Engineer Evensen no, the District will not proceed with the project until grant is received.

- a. Resolution No. 26-27-09 – Authorization to File Grant Application With The United States Bureau of Reclamation for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program (Funding No. R26AS00016) Fiscal Year 2026, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize Resolution No. ~~27~~6-27-09, Authorizing the General Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation under the WaterSMART Drought Response Program (Funding Opportunity No. R26AS00016) requesting up to \$1,500,000 for the regulation/recharge reservoir and pump station phase of the Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Project and Affirming the District's intent to budget the required local matching funds of \$2,000,000 in FY 2027-2028 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2028-2029 budget processes, subject to annual budget adoption, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Nakaue

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 07/15/26

Directors McGurk, Panizza, Atkins, Manager Hopkins and Assistant Manager Vega.

Director McGurk reported David Beauchamp from ESA provided the committee with a presentation. ESA presented a comprehensive overview of 28 years of background information and technical

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work supporting the Water Supply Enhancement Program (WSEP). The presentation emphasized that the WSEP is designed to capitalize on available floodwater diversion opportunities while improving long-term water supply reliability. Director McGurk reported without implementation of WSEP or a similar program, the region could face an increased risk of water curtailments. It was also noted that potential Proposition 4 funding opportunities could help offset project costs. These funding opportunities are expected to support key project activities, including environmental review, permitting, technical modeling, and other planning efforts necessary to advance WSEP toward implementation. Director McGurk also reported the proposed scope of work is estimated to cost approximately \$1.3 million over three fiscal years. The first phase, identified as Part A, is scheduled to begin in August 2026 and continue through March 2027, focusing on the initial planning, environmental, and technical tasks required to move the project forward.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/21/26

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 last night.

2. Information Items: None

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the incorrect chemical delivery issue has been resolved.

Manager Hopkins reported Operation staff were having issues with SCADA and had to operate the water treatment plant manually. This issue was resolved this morning.

Manager Hopkins reported he will be attending a meeting with the Army Corps Water Supply Coalition to discuss the group's next steps and future direction.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 07/13/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations Update

Water Operations Manager Brothers presented the Board with a WTP Update. Water Operations Manager Brothers reported, for the month of June, the WTP collected 95 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 0 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 4,521 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 2,195 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 331 AF, California Water Services was 283 AF and City of Stockton was 19 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average was 33 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.07 ppm.

5. The Gualco Group Monthly Update

Kendra Daijogo with The Gualco Group presented the Board with a monthly update. Ms. Daijogo reported on the 2026 Tentative Legislative Calendar, highlighting several upcoming key dates. She reviewed the timeline for floor bills to be introduced in each house, upcoming floor sessions, the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house, the final day to pass bills, and Election Day. Ms. Daijogo also reported on the remaining State Legislature and US Congress issues.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Tour, 12:30 p.m., 07/21/26

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 1:21 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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