

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, APRIL 21, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

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

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Operations Manager Wunderlich, Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Clerk Barraza, Legal Counsel Selke and Consultant Barkett. President McGurk was absent.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 04/07/26 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 7, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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/Acronym List
- h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Atkins inquired about the Warrants and staff provided responses to the questions.

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

Roll Call:

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

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the April 21, 2026, California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Ava Community Energy Presentation

Manager Hopkins introduced Juan Cortez and Alex DiGiorgio with Ava Community Energy (Ava). Mr. Cortez reported Ava Community Energy is a community choice power provider serving Alameda County and the cities of Lathrop, Stockton, and Tracy offering lower rates and renewable energy options. Beginning May of 2026, Ava will become the default provider of electric generation services for all eligible customers in unincorporated San Joaquin County. Mr. Cortez clarified that Ava provides generation service only, while PG&E will continue to own and operate transmission infrastructure and meters in our service area. After enrolling with Ava customers will continue get one monthly bill from PG&E, which will show electricity generation charges and credits from Ava. Mr. Cortez highlighted Ava’s benefits, including lower rates, local control and investment, sustainability, and customer choice programs.

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Acceptance of Control Vault Electrical Improvements Project Completion

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Acceptance of Control Vault Electrical Improvements Project Completion. Manager Hopkins reported the Control Vault Electrical Improvements Project located at the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Water Treatment Plant (WTP) was substantially completed by Bockmon & Woody Electric Co., Inc. on March 23, 2026, with final Project completion on March 27, 2026.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Project as complete and authorize the General Manager to proceed with signing of the Notice of Completion and file it with San Joaquin County Recorder’s Office, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee Meeting, 04/08/26

Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee Meeting. Water Supply manager Donis reported the committee received a presentation from Mary Hildebrand with the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership, who discussed water quality and water operations. He reported the committee received district reports from surrounding water districts.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/07/26

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.

There is 211,699 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 34 cfs. There is 1,861,078 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,520 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,527 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,121 cfs. The District's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 32 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 10 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 11 mgd.

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. AMWA 2026 Water Policy Conference, 04/12/26 – 04/15/26

Manager Hopkins and Assistant Manager Vega attended the AMWA 2026 Water Policy Conference. Assistant Manager Vega reported the conference was very informative, with discussions focused on evolving dynamics and potential changes in power dynamics in Washington DC, noting the importance of staying aware of these developments as it pertains to carrying agency messages to legislators. He also reported insights on data centers, highlighting that a representative advocating for said data centers was very enthusiastic about the infrastructure required and the resources needed to support them.

b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 04/17/26

Manager Hopkins introduced Kendra Daijogo from The Gualco Group who attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Ms. Daijogo reported on AB 1754, AB 2469, AB 2777, SB 952, SB 1313, SB 1326, and AB 2447. She also provided updates on the Committee Working Groups, which include Climate Bond, Emergency Management, Golden Mussels, Headwaters, Legislative Permit Streamlining, and Low-Income Rate Assistance.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Kendra Daijogo from The Gualco Group provided the Board with a monthly lobbying update. Ms. Daijogo reported that State Legislators are returning for the second year of the 2025–2026 legislative session. She also provided updates on legislative and administrative priorities, as well as the Governor's divided focus and potential changes anticipated in 2027.

Manager Hopkins reported the District hired a new Electrical Technician named Zach Zamaroni.

Manager Hopkins reported this month that the District is featuring two new employees on its website and LinkedIn page. He reported the featured employees are Derrick Veldstra, Water Supply Operator I and Luis Perez-Luna, Maintenance Mechanic I.

Manager Hopkins reported that he met with Congressman Josh Harder's Office and learned that the District's primary supporter, Taylor Reed, has left the office and has not yet been replaced. Despite her departure, Congressman Harder's Office remains committed to supporting the District.

Manager Hopkins reported that he and Assistant Manager Vega met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administration. He noted that staff were very supportive and encouraging regarding the 203 process, which appears to be a viable path for the District.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 04/13/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations Update  
Water Operations Manager Wunderlich presented the Board with a WTP Update. Water Operations Manager Wunderlich reported, for March, staff collected 98 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 2.02 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 3,293 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 987 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 500 AF, California Water Services was 161 AF and City of Stockton was 75 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average is 36 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.00 ppm.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 04/08/26  
Director Panizza and Watkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported that the minutes were approved, next month's meeting was canceled, and the board voted to review the budget at the June meeting.
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – A Toast to Time, 04/09/26  
Director Atkins and Watkins attended the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – A Toast to Time. Director Atkins reported that the event was very nice, and Supervisor Paul Canepa spoke about the 125 years of the Chamber of Commerce. He reported the Director of the Historical Society presented on the organization's history and origins. Additionally, awards were given to individuals who have been with the Chamber of Commerce for many years.
3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 04/15/26  
Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting. Director Atkins reported that Public Works provided an update on projects planned for FY 2026–27. The top priority project is the Redneck Creek at Dustin Road Culvert Replacement Project, with an estimated duration of two years. The second project is the Linden–Leaning Road at Berg Road Drainage Improvement Project, followed by the Gilt Creek Drainage Master Study.
4. 2026 SJCOG One Voice Kick Off Meeting, 04/16/26  
Director McGurk, Nakaue, Sanguinetti, and Watkins attended the 2026 SJCOG One Voice Kick Off Meeting. The meeting consisted of a discussion on what to expect at the upcoming SJCOG One Voice Trip.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Special Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 04/22/26
2. Special Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 04/22/26
3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Farm to Table Candidate Banquet, 5:30 p.m., 04/24/26
4. Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Tour, 12:30 p.m., 04/28/26

### **J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code

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Section 54956.9 – two cases

Vice President Nakaue adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:07 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:12 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Nakaue adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

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