

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, MAY 11, 2021 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. Legal Counsel Zolezzi 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 Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Assistant Curtis and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Present via teleconference was Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 05/04/21 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Payroll
- i. Short Names/Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 52 for T&T Valve and Instrument Inc. for 2” air valve for Bellota Pipeline in the amount of \$9,690.82. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there are 14 continuously acting air vents.

Director McGurk inquired on page 16, line item 84 for Jesse The Tree Guy, Inc. for removal of dead tree limbs at WTP in the amount of \$3,400. Manager Moody replied the tree company was onsite for an entire day to work on the trees that were discovered to have splits in limbs during their last site visit.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 15, line item 65 for Arcfast Mobile Welding LLC for welding repairs for traveling bridge track in the amount of \$1,320.26. Manager Moody replied that given the weight of the equipment, staff wanted to use someone with that kind of welding experience. Friction spots had been found and it overloaded and burned the drive.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 11, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District & William C. Anderson & Katherine Mealer Anderson Irrevocable Living Trust – Quitclaim Deed

Manager Moody provided the Board with a quitclaim deed for the William C. Anderson & Katherine Mealer Anderson Irrevocable Living Trust. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported that during the design for the Bellota Project, Consultants noted a piece of property that is fenced in on Bellota property; however, the title holder is not the District.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported after investigation, it was determined that the District was given the deed to the property in 1977. Subsequent to the deed, the former owners were granted an easement to bring water across the District's property to theirs. At some point during this transaction the title owner became the easement, which belonged to the William C. Anderson & Katherine Mealer Anderson Irrevocable Living Trust (Anderson Trust).

Legal Counsel Zolezzi reported that the Anderson Trust was transferring property from themselves to different trusts and during this transfer, included the paperwork for the property in question. The attorney for the Anderson Trust was contacted and the attorney advised they would issue a quitclaim deed, which would need to be accepted by the District so the Anderson Trust can then record this information with the County.

A motion was moved and seconded to proceed with signing the Public Agency Deed Acceptance in the matter of the quitclaim deed for the William C. Anderson and Katherine Mealer Anderson Irrevocable Living Trust, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Association of California Water Agencies – Region 4 Call for Candidates

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) – Region 4 Board Ballot for the 2022/2023 Term. Manager Moody reported if the Board chooses to submit a nomination, staff will bring the necessary documentation back to the Board for formal approval.

Director McGurk reported he believes it is important to have representation from San Joaquin County on the Board and he would like to continue to serve as a Region 4 Board Member.

A motion was moved and seconded to nominate Board Member Thomas McGurk for the ACWA Region 4 Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 Term.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – United States Army Corps Of Engineers New Hogan O&M Charges Memo, 05/05/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New Hogan O&M Charges Memo. Finance Director Vega reported he contacted the USACE to request the District be provided with total costs of the Tainter Gate Project which was \$10,024,597.05 in total. The Project was completed in February 2021 and the final billing for the work was due to the USACE in April 2021.

Finance Director Vega reported he was provided with Project costs for each fiscal year and all agencies were charged for the Project. The estimated payment for 2021 to be included in the next cycle is \$863,704.14. After this amount is paid that will conclude the Project costs.

Finance Director Vega confirmed the District has not been double charged for this work it is just a longer Project.

President Watkins inquired on the split of costs between the District and Calaveras County Water District (CCWD). Finance Director Vega replied they pay whatever their contract percentage requires.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the green shaded box is the next cycle costs. Finance Director Vega replied that box shows the operating costs for 2011-2015 and the yellow box adjacent is what the District and CCWD paid during that cycle.

Finance Director Vega requested the USACE send an expense sheet to the District annually for review and they agreed to do so.

Director McGurk inquired why the District does not see bills from Farmington Dam if the USACE controls that area as well. Manager Moody replied because it is considered flood control. Manager Moody added that staff will follow up and inquire if there is flood control information that can be shared with the District.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 05/06/21

Director Watkins attended the May 6, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting. President Watkins reported the DWR gave an update and talked about when the GSP goes through, they will have 180 days to respond. The Plan will either be approved, incomplete or deficient. The GWA is not expecting to know the status until Quarter 3 of 2021. The GWA is currently being sued until the GSP is approved or deemed incomplete. President Watkins reported there will be three more funding opportunities

for grants through next year. Mel Lytle, City of Stockton, provided an update on the Delta Water Treatment Plant and the proposed 70 acre groundwater recharge. There was an update provided by Valerie Kincaid of the basin accounting framework throughout the state. President Watkins reported there was an overview provided on the WaterSmart Grant being applied for. The meeting went over by 30-minutes and ended without finishing out all agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2021.

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 05/10/21
Director Atkins attended the May 10, 2021 San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. Director Atkins reported there was an update provided on membership. The Coalition is sending post cards to those that did not complete the Farm Management Plans. They are also having issues with 3rd party individuals that have not paid their invoices. Director Cortopassi inquired on what is considered to be a 3rd party. Director Atkins replied if someone leases their land and the lessee uses a 3rd party for billing purposes, that 3rd party is not completing the invoices. There was an update provided on the program manager's report; samples were taken on April 20th, but there were issues with landowners allowing access for sampling in some areas. There was discussion on the pesticides reports, pyrethroids and sediment toxicity at Union Island. Director Atkins reported there were only 2 individuals to attend the recent growers meeting. The Coalition is working with the growers to find a new solution to offer the meetings that will not require to meet in person. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2021.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/10/21
Manager Moody 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 144,575 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 194 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 829 cfs and release to all water users are set at 153 cfs. There are 13 irrigator(s) on New Hogan, 4 irrigator(s) on New Melones and 0 Out-of-District irrigator(s). The water treatment plant is currently processing 31 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 22 mgd.
2. Information Items:
Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Moody provided the Board with a handout regarding the USBR changing releases to empty New Melones for Delta outflow requirements. Legal Counsel Zolezzi added there was discussion of this on a call last week, but no one was given notice of the flow changes starting. Director Atkins inquired what is considered to be empty. Manager Moody added they will dramatically lower New Melones.

President Watkins reported on a newspaper article in The Record regarding the Stanislaus River and fish flows and fish being eaten by predators. More flow does not always mean more fish.

Manager Moody reported he had a meeting on Friday with Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County and Chris Elias, SJAFCA regarding partnering with the District for flood control issues.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Senate Bill 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 04/30/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated April 30, 2021 regarding the District’s support of Senate Bill 656 (Eggman). This item was for information only.
2. San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors – Senate Bill 656 (Eggman) – Stockton East Water District Water Rates Letter, 04/30/21
Manager Moody provided the Board with correspondence dated 04/30/21 from the County Board of Supervisors support of Senate Bill 656 (Eggman). This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Association of California Water Agencies – 2020 Virtual Spring Conference, 05/12/21 – 05/13/21
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 05/12/21

Manager Moody reminded the Board of Ed Morley’s retirement luncheon next Friday, May 21, 2021 at Noon.

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

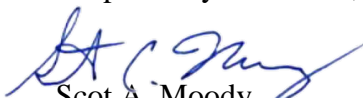
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session – Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:04 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. Administrative Assistant Curtis was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:06 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:23 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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