

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, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:31 p.m., and President Atkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Directors Cortopassi and McGurk were absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/13/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 13, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 20, 2024 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

3. Stockton East Water District – Adopt Resolution 23-24-16 To Accept California Department Of Water Resources Watershed Resilience Pilot Program Directed Funding Memo

a. Resolution No. 23-24-16 – Authorization To Accept The Grant Award With The California Department of Water Resources Under Watershed Resilience Pilot Program, Execute Any Required Documents And Provide Delegation Of Authority

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo and resolution regarding the California Department Of Water Resources (DWR) Watershed Resilience Pilot Program Directed Funding. DWR engaged the District in August 2021 to begin studying climate change impacts on the Calaveras River watershed and to identify corresponding Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge) opportunities. Through the District’s existing work with DWR and the regions’ adoption of an Integrated Water Management Plan, the District was selected by DWR to receive directed funding through the Watershed Resiliency Pilot Program. The Program intends to expand upon existing Calaveras River watershed studies and fund development of watershed scale climate resiliency plans

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and projects to provide equitable solutions to for all stakeholders affected by climate change within the Calaveras River watershed. District staff have discussed the Program terms and objectives with DWR. Since the Program is a pilot for a future grant program, the District is benefiting from non-competitive funding and greater flexibility with project implementation. Staff propose development of a Calaveras River and Littlejohns Creek Watershed Resiliency Study.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 23-24-16 and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Watershed Resilience Pilot Project grant funding and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/13/24

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 191,822 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 103 cfs. There is 1,972,469 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,387 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,521 cfs and release to all water users is set at 0 cfs. The district water treatment plant (WTP) is currently processing 26 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 8 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 7 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District – SWEEP Block Grant Application Workshop, 02/16/24

Manager Hopkins reported the District hosted the first application workshop for the State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Project Block Grant (SWEEP Block Grant) on February 16th. Staff did a great job providing constituents with information on the grant program. District Engineer Evensen reported the SWEEP Block Grant is very favorable among the growers.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he and Assistant Manager Vega met with the Urban Contractor (UC) representatives to discuss the extension of the Water Supply Contract. There is interest on all sides to continue these efforts. Manager Hopkins stated this item will need to be discussed at the Board level at a later date.

Manager Hopkins reported the District is currently recruiting for an Electrical Technician. Any interested applicants are encouraged to apply on the District's website.

Manager Hopkins reported he spoke with a South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) representative regarding the continued administration of the Groundwater Authority (GWA). The Temporary Administration Agreement between the GWA and SSJID is scheduled to sunset next month.

Manager Hopkins reported staff have been diligently preparing all necessary paperwork related to filling the Board vacancy and are hoping a new board member will be appointed by next week.

4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update
Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with an update on the District's water supply. Every month the monitoring well data is collected.

From February 2023 to February 2024, the 3 monitoring wells located between Administration and the South Raw Water Reservoir are up 17.2ft. The 3 monitoring wells located east of the recharge site and the East Reservoir are up 8ft. The 3 monitoring wells located on the eastside of the nursery are up 10.3ft. The well located in the northwest corner of the property is up 21.9ft. The well located in the center of the Bozzano property is up 23.1ft. The 4 wells located on the eastside of the North Raw Water Reservoir are up 29.ft. The New Melones storage was 1,066,088 AF as of February 20, 2023. As of today, the New Melones storage is 1,973,236 AF which is an increase of 907,148 AF. New Hogan storage was 174,920 AF as of February 20, 2023. As of today, the New Hogan storage is 192,526 AF which is an increase of 17,606 AF.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. California Special Districts Association – Board of Directors Call For Nominations Seat A Letter
Manager Hopkins reported the District received a notice from California Special District Association (CSDA) solicitating nominations for the CSDA Board of Directors. The filing deadline for nominations is April 10th.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/21/24
2. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/21/24
This meeting was cancelled
3. North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – Town Hall, 9:00 a.m., 02/22/24
4. Electrical Power Alternatives Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/22/24
5. Stockton East Water District Special Board Meeting, 02/23/24
President Atkins reported the Special Board Meeting is being held on Thursday, February 22nd.
6. ACWA DC Conference, 02/26/24 – 02/29/24
7. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 02/27/24
8. Eastern Water Alliance (EWA)/DREAM Monitoring Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 02/28/24

9. AgVenture Days – Lodi, 9:00 a.m., 02/29/24

10. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/01/24

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – three cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:52 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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