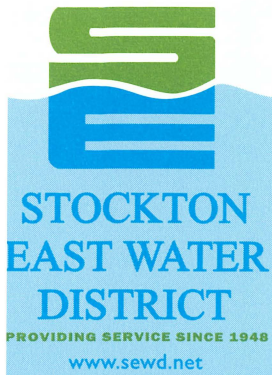




REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2024



MEETING NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT 12:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 6767 EAST MAIN STREET STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95215

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Executed at Stockton, California on February 15, 2024.



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Priya Ram, Finance Director  
Stockton East Water District

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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 13, 2024 AT 12:30 P.M.

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

President Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Legal Counsel Selke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Chief Plant Operator Brothers, Administrative Assistant Wood and Legal Counsel Selke. Consultant Barkett arrived at the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR** (None)

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** (None)

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 02/06/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 6, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

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

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 7, line item 10 for Employment Development Department for EDD Unemployment in the amount of \$10,798.77. Manager Hopkins replied a previous employee filed for unemployment. The Employment Development Department (EDD) determined the District is responsible for paying those unemployment benefits. Finance Director Ram added the charges are currently being disputed however, the District must pay to avoid any penalties.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 8, line item 17 for Robert Half Finance & Accounting for Temporary labor for Admin week ending 12/15/23-01/19/24 in the amount of \$3,961.77. Manager Hopkins replied Robert Half Finance & Accounting specializes in providing temporary labor.

Director McGurk inquired on the acronyms for line items 109-111 on page 17 for “LLPS”. Manager Hopkins replied “LLPS” is the abbreviation for Low Lift Pump Station.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 18, line item 118 for ControlPoint Engineering, Inc. for Welding wire, cutting wheel & grinding wheels in the amount of \$45,890.00. Finance Director Ram replied the description is incorrect. The work performed is for integration of the SCADA system in the Sodium Hypochlorite building. Finance Director Ram stated staff will correct the description.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 157 for Standard Insurance Co. for March 2024 long-term insurance-M&I in the amount of \$1,452.70. Assistant Manager Vega replied the District offers a long-term disability benefit.

President Atkins inquired on the expense on page 19, line item 158 for Stockton Auto & Truck for Oil – Ironworker machine in the amount of \$326.96. Assistant Manager Vega responded the expense is for twenty (20) gallons of hydraulic oil.

President Atkins inquired on the expense on page 17, line item 104 for Acme Saw & Supply for Parts & labor to repair hedge trimmer in the amount of \$396.59. Manager Hopkins stated he would have staff research what type of equipment needed repair. Staff confirmed the equipment was a pole mounted hedge trimmer and new equipment is twice the cost of the repair.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 13, 2024 Warrants, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

3. Resolution No. 23-24-16 – Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 23-24-16. Manager Hopkins reported the District occasionally receives well permit applications from the San Joaquin Environmental Health Department (SJEHD). The District is required to submit a statement of consistency to San Joaquin County stating the proposed well would be consistent with the District’s Groundwater Sustainability Plan. This resolution would authorize staff to make well consistency determinations to help expedite the process. Director Cortopassi expressed concern for giving staff a ‘rubber stamp’ for approval.

President Atkins inquired what the consequence would be should the Board deny a well permit application. Manager Hopkins replied the District could be liable for denying the applicant access to groundwater.

Director Watkins suggested the Board continue to be notified when the District receives a well permit application should this resolution be approved and offered the Consent Calendar as a potential alternative.

Discussion followed.

No motion was made to adopt the resolution.

4. Stockton East Water District – Injury & Illness Prevention Plan Update  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the District’s Injury & Illness Prevention Plan. Manager Hopkins reported the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan gets brought to the Board every few years to adopt new updates that have been applied. Manager Hopkins reported since the plan was last updated on May 2, 2023, Staff have added sections; H. Monthly Inspection Report, K. Reporting of Serious Injury and Death, M. Workplace Violence Protection Plan, Q. Appendix B – District Safety Policies & Programs, X. Appendix I – Monthly Inspection Report Form, and Y. Appendix J – Workplace Violence Report Form.

Director McGurk inquired on Section A. Overview, item 4. Unsafe Condition or Practice Assessment. Manager Hopkins replied staff are regularly encouraged to report unsafe conditions as they are identified by use of this form.

Director McGurk inquired on Section Q. Appendix B – District Safety Policies & Programs, item 12. Wildfire Smoke Protection Program. Manager Hopkins replied the Wildfire Smoke Protection Program outlines measures to protect employees where the current Air Quality Index (AQI) for PM2.5 particulate is 151 or greater. Director McGurk inquired if District agreements contain language pertaining to the delay of projects due to unhealthy air quality. Manager Hopkins replied staff would research the language stated in the general conditions.

Director Watkins inquired on the workplace security practices identified in Section M. Workplace Violence Protection Plan. Manager Hopkins replied the District is required to develop workplace security practices by July 1, 2024.

Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District – Injury & Illness Prevention Plan, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Substance Abuse Policy No. 2015  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Policy No. 2015. Manager Hopkins reported the Substance Abuse Policy has been updated to reflect 1) compliance of new laws related to substance abuse testing and 2) clarification on the terms DOT employees and safety-sensitive employees.

Director Cortopassi inquired if this policy applies to DOT employees or to all employees. Manager Hopkins replied this policy applies to all employees, however, only DOT employees are subject to the random drug & alcohol testing program. All employees will be subject to drug and alcohol testing when there is a reason to believe that controlled substances or alcohol use is adversely affecting job performance. Managers and Supervisors are trained to identify circumstances and indicators that may create reasonable suspicion. Director Cortopassi requested Staff consider performing random drug tests on all employees.

Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Substance Abuse Policy No. 2015, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District – Vault 66 Fish Passage Project – Scope and Grant Potential Memo  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Vault 66 Fish Passage Project. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District’s Calaveras Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) includes numerous fish passage improvement projects on the Calaveras River and Mormon Slough. These critical projects in the HCP must be completed by 2030. One such project is the railroad bridge improvements in the Mormon Slough at Vault 66 for improved fish passage and potential siphons under the Mormon Slough to increase Peters Pipeline capacity. Peters Pipeline presently crosses over the Mormon Slough on top of a former railroad bridge. The concrete skirt for the bridge foundation is a barrier to fish passage as the skirt is several feet above the streambed elevation. District staff performed cost estimates for three different project options for grant funding to improve the site 1) demolishing the existing concrete railroad bridge and 322 linear feet of steel pipe and installing two 48” Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) siphons that go under the Mormon Slough then intertie to the Peters downstream 2) similar to option 1 except the railroad bridge would stay and the foundation would be modified to allow for fish passage and 3) perform modifications to the in-channel concrete of the bridge to improve fish passage. Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to direct staff to proceed with project development consistent with Option #3, Fish Passage Improvements on Concrete Skirt with an estimated cost of \$1.5M and apply for pertinent grant opportunities for said project. Manager Hopkins said a scope of work must be identified when submitting grant applications. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to direct staff to proceed with project development consistent with Option #3, Fish Passage Improvements on Concrete Skirt with an estimated cost of \$1.5M and apply for pertinent grant opportunities for said project as they arise, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Stockton East Water District – High Service Pump Station Roof Hatches and Proposed Budget Amendment Memo  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the High Service Pump Station (HSPS) Roof Hatches. Assistant Manager Vega reported urgent concerns about the deteriorating condition of the sunroof skylights on the HSPS building. The skylights are original building features and have been repaired numerous times over the years. As such, they are in very poor condition, and at the end of their useful life, where additional repairs are not advised. Two electric motors are believed to have been damaged, due to moisture or foreign elements as reported by an outside motor pump service company. Additionally, the District is in the middle of installing air conditioning (A/C) units that require a thermally enclosed building. Given these challenges, staff have solicited quotes to replace the eight (8) existing 4’x4’ skylights with thermal roof hatches. Overall, CRS, Inc. provided the lowest quote for a total of \$28,804.90.



Director Sanguinetti stated there are other factors that can contribute to the moisture problem such as condensation. Assistant Manager Vega replied it is possible the damage to the motors is not solely based on the deteriorating skylights however they could be a contributing factor. District Engineer Evensen added replacing the skylights are necessary as the A/C units require a thermally enclosed building and should be performed prior to roof replacement budgeted next fiscal year. Director Cortopassi inquired if the A/C units have been installed. Assistant Manager Vega responded installation has not yet been completed but is in process.

Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve the purchase of eight roof hatches from CRS, Inc. to replace the 8 existing 4’x4’ skylights in the HSPS Building for \$28,804.90, plus a 10% contingency of \$2,880.49 for a total of \$31,685.39, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

8. Final Partnership Charter – Mokelumne River Integrated Water Storage and Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP)

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Mokelumne River Integrated Water Storage and Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP) Charter. Manager Hopkins reported San Joaquin County (SJC) received grant funding to help pursue options to advance the Mokelumne River Water & Power Authority (MRWPA) Water Right Application by identifying viable projects that can be implemented. GEI Consultants, Inc. and Rincon Consultants, Inc. have been contracted to facilitate the project, ongoing project management and coordination. The intent is to clarify the work plan, support the coordinating committee, and establish goals and objectives. The consultants are working to develop a MICUP Partnership Charter. Any agencies who commit to the partnership will uphold to the expectations outlined in this document.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the participation in the Partnership Charter for the Mokelumne River Integrated Water Storage and Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP), as presented.

Roll Call:

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

9. Cancellation of February 27, 2024 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation of the February 27, 2024 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

10. Resolution No. 23-24-18 – Authorization to File a Grant Application with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding No. R24AS00052) for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 23-24-18. Manager Hopkins reported the District desires to file a grant application with the United State Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant to gunitite line the Upper Farmington Canal (UFC) to improve hydraulic conditions, minimize plant growth and save water. The UFC Canal Lining Phase 1 Project budget is estimated at \$1,690,844. The District is seeking \$845,422 in grant funding and the District will budget \$845,422 for FY 25-26 towards matching funding.

Director Cortopassi inquired if this would include a liner between the existing lined section and the new flume. District Engineer Evensen replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 23-24-18 – Authorization to File a Grant Application with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding No. R24AS00052) for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan: Project Management Committee Meeting, 02/08/24  
Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan: Project Management Committee Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Manager Hopkins reported the committee reviewed modeling information. The District has provided Woodard & Curran with Geospatial Resources of Water Management for Agricultural Systems (GROWMAS) assessment information to determine Evapotranspiration (ET) with the satellite methodology. Additionally, the District provided non-irrigation season recharge data for the natural waterways. An estimate of allowable subsidence for District facilities is due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 02/12/24  
President Atkins attended the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. President Atkins reported the minutes were approved. During the Memberships report the committee discussed the percentage of users utilizing the portal and ways to improve the portal. During the Program Manager’s Report, the committee discussed toxicity in Terminus Tract, Roberts Island, Whiskey Slough, Rindge Tract, and Union Island. During the Old Business report the committee discussed Methylmercury. The committee also discussed CV Salts.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/06/24  
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 185,141 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 100 cfs. There is 1,973,674 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,362 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,501 cfs and release to all water users is set at 0 cfs. The district water treatment plant (WTP) is currently processing 28 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 9 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 7 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 0 mgd.

2. Information Items:

- a. Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 02/09/24

Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Manager Hopkins reported the Deputy Executive Director Cindy Tuck noted this year's legislature leaders are rural representative. There is high expectation legislation will primarily focus on housing. It was unofficially reported AB1337, a water rights bill from 2023, will not be moving forward due to heavy opposition. ACWA introduced AB2257 which will require opponents of proposition 218 process to exhaust all administrative remedies before a lawsuit can be filed. The committee discussed SB937 which prohibits local agencies from collecting connection and capacity fees. ACWA is in an opposing position unless the bill is amended to exclude water districts. During the Regulatory Update the committee was notified in April the State Water Resources Control Board will begin to move forward with the GSAs that are in probation and move forward with the Voluntary Agreements.

- b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he had a meeting with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding watershed resiliency grant funding. The funding does not require any matching funds however, it does require the District to participate at a regional level. The District will need to identify ways to improve our watershed resiliency, address climate change and how to make water availability more equitable. This information will be brought before the Board for consideration next week.

Manager Hopkins reported he met with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), and CalWater and the City of Stockton, respectively regarding mutual aid agreements.

Manager Hopkins reported the application period for the Division 6 Vacancy has been closed and two applications were received. Copies of the applications will be provided to the Board for review.

4. Stockton East Water District Treatment Plant Update

Chief Plant Operator Brothers reported for the month of January 98 samples of E coli were collected and 0 were positive. Stockton East Water District treatment plant processed 2,363 AF, and delivered 2,222 AF Cal Water and City of Stockton , Cal Water, Diamond Walnut and City of Stockton Groundwater Wells produced 1,118 AF and the City of Stockton Treatment Plant processed 0 AF

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Anders Christensen's Retirement Dinner, 6:00 p.m., 02/08/24

President Atkins, Director Sanguinetti and Manager Hopkins attended Anders Christensen's Retirement Dinner on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Christensen was presented with a gift honoring his accomplishments during his tenure.

Director Panizza thanked staff for recognizing him on his birthday.

Director Panizza stated he received a postcard from the District with information on the State Water Energy & Efficiency (SWEEP) Block Grant Program. Director Panizza stated the postcard was well put together.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 02/14/24  
Manager Hopkins reported this meeting was cancelled.
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 02/14/24  
Manager Hopkins reported this meeting was cancelled.
3. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/16/24
4. District Holiday – President's Day, 02/19/24

Director McGurk reported the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Advisory Committee Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled.

### **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 2:45 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 3:20 p.m., with no reportable action.

### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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**STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT  
INVOICES FOR BOARD PACKAGE  
CALPERS EFT REQUEST  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

Vendor name	District Fund#	Account #	Description	Amount	Invoice No.
1 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	70	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 02/16/24-Admin	5,361.70	02/16/24 1245106351
			<b>Total Fund 70 Admin</b>	<b>\$ 5,361.70</b>	
2 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	71	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 02/16/24-WS-NM	5,628.03	02/16/24 1245106351
3 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	71	10-5058-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 02/16/24-WS-NH	1,363.02	02/16/24 1245106351
			<b>Total Fund 71 Water Supply</b>	<b>\$ 6,991.05</b>	
4 CA Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)	94	10-5049-0	Retirement Contributions for Payroll 02/16/24-M&I	21,803.11	02/16/24 1245106351
			<b>Total Fund 94 Municipal &amp; Industrial</b>	<b>\$ 21,803.11</b>	
<b>Grand Total for Electronic Funds Transfer Request on RBM 02/20/24</b>				<b>\$ 34,155.86</b>	

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# Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager  
**Date:** February 20, 2024  
**Re:** Adopt Resolution 23-24-16 to Accept California Department of Water Resources Watershed Resilience Pilot Program Directed Funding

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## **Background**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) engaged Stockton East Water District (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 (Program). The Program intends to expand upon existing Calaveras River watershed studies and fund development of watershed scale climate resiliency plans and projects to provide equitable solutions to for all stakeholders affected by climate change within the Calaveras River watershed.

## **Summary**

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 to evaluate the three major interests of the Program.

1. Use the climate change information developed with the Calaveras River Flood-MAR study to quantify climate change impacts to the Calaveras River and Littlejohns Creek watersheds to satisfy the climate change analysis.
2. To ensure equitable access to groundwater and surface water supplies to Calaveras River and Littlejohns Creek stakeholders, engage with the District's Urban Contractors, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District to perform a long-range water supply reliability study, with climate change impacts, for the region.
3. Building upon the water supply reliability study results, the District Master Plans, the Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan, the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability plan, the project team will further develop water storage, conjunctive use, groundwater banking, Flood-MAR, and new water supply projects to address climate change impacts to the watersheds and improve the region's long term water supply resiliency.
4. Perform preliminary engineering design, draft, and adopt environmental documents for the most beneficial project(s). Pending availability of funding and time, use the environmental documents to support submission of permitting applications.

## **Financial Impact**

The Program will provide \$2,000,000 of directed funding towards development of the watershed scale climate resiliency plan and projects. The Program does not require any

matching funds, but the District and project partners are estimated to invest several hundred staff hours throughout the project.

**Recommendation**

Staff respectfully recommends the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 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.

Resolution No. 23-24-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, the Stockton East Water District (SEWD) has ongoing collaboration with the California Department of Water Resources to complete the Calaveras River Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge) Study; and,

WHEREAS, SEWD was selected by the California Department of Water Resources to receive an additional \$2,000,000 of directed funding through the Watershed Resiliency Pilot Program (Program) to further evaluate the Calaveras River watershed; and,

WHEREAS, the Program intends to expand upon existing Calaveras River watershed studies and fund development of watershed scale climate resiliency plans and projects to provide equitable solutions to for all stakeholders affected by climate change within the Calaveras River watershed; and,

WHEREAS, SEWD intends to accept the directed funding, identify and collaborate with Calaveras River watershed stakeholders, and lead efforts to develop watershed scale climate resiliency plans and project; and,

WHEREAS, the designated representative will be the General Manager or designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District to accept the Watershed Resiliency Pilot Program grant award by the California Department of Water Resources and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement to receive the funding and make all other required approvals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 by the following vote of the members thereof:

- AYES:
- NAYES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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Justin M. Hopkins,  
Secretary of the Board  
Stockton East Water District

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Richard Atkins, President  
Board of Directors  
Stockton East Water District

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Weekly Water Report	As of: Feb 13, 2024	As of: Feb 20, 2024
<b>New Hogan (NHG) TOC</b>	<b>176,260*</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	185,141*	AF
Net Storage Change:	+6,275	AF
Inflow:	251*	CFS
Release:	100*	CFS
<b>New Melones (NML) Allocation</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	1,973,674*	AF
Net Storage change:	-7,586	AF
Inflow:	835**	CFS
Release:	1,362**	CFS
<b>Source: CDEC Daily Reports</b>		

<b>Goodwin Diversion (GDW)</b>		
Inflow (Tulloch Dam):	1,508	CFS
Release to Stanislaus River (S-98):	1,501	CFS
Release to OID (JT Main):	0	CFS
Release to SSJID (SO Main):	0	CFS
Release to SEWD:	<u>0</u>	CFS
Total Release	1,501	CFS
<b>Source: Tri-Dam Operations Daily Report</b>		
<b>Farmington Dam (FRM)</b>		
Diverted to SEWD:	0	CFS
Diverted to CSJWCD:	0	CFS

<b>Surface Water Used</b>		
Irrigators on New Hogan:	0	
Irrigators on New Melones:	0	
Out-Of-District Irrigators:	0	
DJWWTP Production:	28	MGD
North Stockton:	9	MGD
South Stockton:	7	MGD
Cal Water:	19	MGD
City of Stockton DWSP Production:	0	MGD

<b>District Ground Water Extraction</b>		
74-01	0	GPM
74-02	0	GPM
North	0	GPM
South	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 1	<u>0</u>	GPM
Total Well Water Extraction	0	GPM
Total Ground Water Production	0	MGD

**Note: \*\*The data reported here is available as of 02/11/24**

**\*The data reported here is available as of 02/12/24**

**All other flow data reported here is preliminary, as of 9:00 a.m. on 02/13/24**

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## SWEEP BLOCK GRANT

- ◇ Grant opportunity available for local farmers!!
- ◇ Up to \$200,000 available per project.
- ◇ Application Workshops: February 16th, 2024 at 9 AM at SEWD office. February 22nd, 2024 at 11 AM at Lodi Grape Festival Grounds after NSJWCD meeting. February 22nd, 2024 at 1:30 PM at SSJID office.
- ◇ For more information please visit: <https://www.sewd.net/state-water-energy-efficiency-block-grant-program>



For more information:



## SWEEP BLOCK GRANT

- ◇ Oportunidad de subvención disponible para agricultores locales.
- ◇ Hasta \$200,000 disponibles por proyecto.
- ◇ Taller de solicitud: 16 de Febrero de 2024 a las 9 a.m. en la oficina de SEWD, y 22 de Febrero de 2024 a las 11 a.m. en NSJWCD en los terrenos de el Festival De Las Uvas en Lodi, y 22 de Febrero de 2024 a las 1:30 p.m. en la oficina de SSJID.
- ◇ Para obtener más información, visite: <https://www.sewd.net/state-water-energy-efficiency-block-grant-program>



Para obtener más información:



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**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

**DATE:** February 5, 2024  
**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers  
**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee  
**SUBJECT:** **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT A**

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The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2025 - 2027 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent.  
(See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, professional development, and other resources for members. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

**Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.  
*(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).*
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*



**Nomination Procedures:** Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 10, 2024. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916.442.7889  
E-mail: [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net)

**Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.**

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 10, 2024. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 26, 2024. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 30, 2024. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Indian Wells, CA in September 2024.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

<b>Northern Network</b>	Seat A – Greg Orsini, Director, McKinleyville Community Services District*
<b>Sierra Network</b>	Seat A – Noelle Mattock, El Dorado Hills Community Services District*
<b>Bay Area Network</b>	Seat A – Chad Davisson, General Manager, Ironhouse Sanitary District*
<b>Central Network</b>	Seat A – Patrick Ostly, General Manager, North of River Sanitary District*
<b>Coastal Network</b>	Seat A – Elaine Magner, Director, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
<b>Southern Network</b>	Seat A – Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation District*

(\* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

**CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely.** *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 10, 2024.* All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 26, 2024.

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net) by **April 10, 2024** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

**CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 10, 2024 per district request only.**

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net).



California Special Districts Association

# DISTRICT NETWORKS





**Agenda Item:** 4 - Establish 2024 Board Elections Timeline

**Item Type:** Discussion/Action

**Submitted By:** Amber Phelen, Management Analyst

**Presented By:** Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

**Strategic Plan Reference:** 1. Association Governance;  
7. Management/Administration

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**BACKGROUND:**

The nomination process for the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election is quickly approaching. CSDA Bylaws direct that the Election & Bylaws Committee shall set the timeline for elections each year. Below is a staff recommended timeline for the nomination and election process that complies with the noticing periods outlined in the CSDA bylaws. The timeline works backwards from the CSDA Annual Conference start date which is September 9, 2024 this year.

- February 5**                    **Nomination applications mailed and emailed out**  
125 days to election start on June 9; bylaws requirement = at least 120 days.
- April 10**                    **Nomination application deadline**  
61 days to election start; bylaws requirement = at least 60 days prior to election.
- April 20**                    **Nomination application deadline – Coastal Network**  
Per CSDA Bylaws, the deadline shall be extended by 10 days in a Network where there is no incumbent re-running.
- June 10**                    **Electronic ballot voting begins – current Regular Members**
- July 26**                    **Deadline to receive electronic ballots - current Regular Members**  
45 days until conference; bylaws requirement = at least 45 days.
- July 29 or 30**              **Count ballots and inform candidates of win/loss**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
None at this time.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**  
Staff recommends a motion to approve the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A regular election timeline as presented.





**Agenda Item:** 5 – Review & Approve 2024 Election Materials

**Item Type:** Discussion/Action

**Submitted By:** Amber Phelen, Management Analyst

**Presented By:** Neil McCormick, Chief Executive Officer

**Strategic Plan Reference:** 1. Association Governance;  
7. Management/Administration

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**BACKGROUND:**

Attached is a draft of the nomination letter, form, and candidate information sheet which would be sent out to CSDA voting members in good standing for all six Networks as part of the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election.

Additionally, the background information that will be mailed with the ballots is included. A current list of Board Members and their terms are also attached. Seat A Board Members are up for re-election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The annual CSDA Board election process is a 2024 budgeted item.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the 2024 CSDA Board of Directors, Seat A election nomination letter, nomination form, candidate information sheet, and ballot letter to be sent to all voting Regular CSDA Members in good standing.



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## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

**Name of Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Network:** \_\_\_\_\_ (see map)

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form, a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate, and  
Candidate Information Sheet by mail or email to:**

CSDA  
Attn: Amber Phelen  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(877) 924-2732

amberp@csla.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:***

**April 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**



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## 2024 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected/Appointed/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service with District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

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2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

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3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

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4. List civic organization involvement:

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**\*\*Candidate Statement – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after the nomination deadlines will not be included with the ballot.**

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**STOCKTON  
EAST WATER  
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PROVIDING SERVICE SINCE 1948  
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**MEETING NOTICE**

The Agriculture Operations Committee  
Of the Stockton East Water District  
Board of Directors will meet at  
**10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
At the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, CA

**Assistance for the Disabled:** If you are disabled in any way and need accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact  
Administrative Staff at (209) 948-0333  
for assistance so the necessary arrangements can be made.

Agendas and minutes are located on our website at www.sewd.net.

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call - Chairperson Cortopassi, Director Atkins, Director Watkins, Director Sanguinetti (Alternate)
2. Public Comment
3. Stockton East Water District – Securing District Right-of-Way Policy Memo
  - a. Proposed Rule 176 – Securing Right-of-Way for District Interests
4. Stockton East Water District – On-Farm Recharge Policy Memo
  - a. Proposed Rule 177 – Establishing a Policy For On-Farm Recharge Of Surface Water
5. Stockton East Water District – Proposed Update to Rule 109 Memo
  - a. Proposed Rule 109 – Water Right Claims
6. Stockton East Water District – Proposed Updates to Rule 159 and Policy No. 3085 Memo
  - a. Proposed Rule 159 – Establishing a Policy to Encourage the Use of Surface Water Instead of Pumping Groundwater
  - b. Proposed Policy No. 3085 – Establishing Program and Incentives for Encouraging the Use of Surface Water
7. Adjournment

**DIRECTORS**

Richard Atkins  
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Division 2

Alvin Cortopassi  
Division 3

Melvin Panizza  
Division 4

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Division 5

Loralee McGaughey  
Division 6

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6767 East Main Street  
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**Certification of Posting**

I hereby certify that on February 16, 2024 I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the outside display case at the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California, and said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting (Government Code Section 54954.2). Executed at Stockton, California on February 16, 2024.

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Priya Ram, Finance Director  
Stockton East Water District

Any materials related to items on this agenda distributed to the Agriculture Operations Committee of the Stockton East Water District less than 72 hours before the public meeting are available for public inspection at the District's office located at the following address: 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, CA 95215. Upon request, these materials may be available in an alternative format to persons with disabilities.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION**

**\*\* CANCELLATION NOTICE \*\***

**THE FEBRUARY 21st, 2024  
ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION  
MEETING IS CANCELLED**

Please Note:

The Next AWC Meeting

Is scheduled for **MARCH 20th, 2024**, beginning at  
1:00 p.m.

Location

**San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center  
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206**

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# TOWN HALL

**You're invited** to join the District for an update to landowners and other interested parties on progress towards implementing the District's Strategic Plan.

This year, we're including a training session to apply for the **State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP)**!

**Learn about:**

- Strategic Plan Progress
- Water Deliveries
- Landowner Opportunities
- Groundwater Charge Expenditures



**9:00 - 11:00 am**



**February 22, 2024**



**Refreshments provided**



**Lodi Grape Festival and Events**

**Center – Burgundy Hall**

**143 E Lockeford St**

**Lodi, CA 95240**





**NSJWCD**

**We want to hear  
your thoughts!**

Visit [nsjgroundwater.org](http://nsjgroundwater.org) for more information!

2023



2024

**Manteca** (*Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, & Tracy Unified*) • **Thurs., November 2, 2023**

**Stockton** (*Stockton & Lincoln Unified*) • **Wed., January 17, 2024**

**Lodi** (*Linden, Lodi, New Hope, Oak View & Stockton Unified*) • **Thurs., Feb. 29, 2024**

**Tracy** (*Lammersville, Jefferson, Banta & New Jerusalem Unified*) • **Wed., April 10, 2024**

*Trips will run approx 9-1 p.m.*

San Joaquin County third graders will attend a **free**, educational field trip to learn about agriculture in San Joaquin County and the benefits of making healthy eating choices.

## We are in need of

**60+ plant, animal, machinery and other agricultural displays  
and 400 volunteers to accomodate 4,000 students**

**BONUS\*\*** Three LIVE, virtual farm trips will be offered to students. You are welcome to view these as well. Please let me know if you'd like to host a virtual farm trip. Examples can be found [here](#).

### AgVenture Partners

SJC Board of Supervisors  
SJC Agricultural Commissioner's Office  
SJC Office of Education • SJC Farm Bureau  
SJC California Women for Agriculture  
SJC Fairgrounds • Manteca Unified School District  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
University of California Cooperative Extension

### For more information

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