

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, MARCH 1, 2022 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., and Manager Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Cortopassi thanked the Board and District Staff for their condolences regarding the passing of his brother, Dino Cortopassi.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that
  - (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or
  - (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Minutes 02/22/22 Regular Meeting

President Watkins made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 4, section E-3, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, 6<sup>th</sup> sentence – strike “they are planning to take over a basin or two which would require one year of all extractors reporting in those basins” and replace with “the SWRCB is getting ready should they need to take over a basin; which would require one year of all extractors reporting in those basins like a conservatorship, if DWR denies their Groundwater Sustainability Plan”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- h. Payroll
- i. Summary
- j. Short Names/Acronym List
- k. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expenses on pages 9 and 22, lines 1 & 2 and 84 & 85 for Pacific Western Bank – Twice a Year regarding the Payment #6 Series – 2019 Debt Service (Component 1 & 3 and Component 2) and why they are allocated to two funds, Fund 56 and Fund 94. Finance Director Vega replied when the COP's were originally issued, the proceeds from some were held in Fund 56 – New Melones Conveyance System Fund; since the proceeds were held there, the repayment also came from Fund 56. Finance Director Vega explained when the COP's were refinanced in 2019, the bonds were allocated to the same funds with different description names. Finance Director Vega added that Component 2 was refinancing of a 2005 Installment Purchase Agreement, the proceeds of which funded Treatment Plant improvements. Director Cortopassi inquired if the total refinanced amount is held within Components 1, 2 & 3 and Component 2. Finance Director Vega replied yes. Director Cortopassi inquired about the life of the Debt Service. Finance Director Vega replied Component 1 will be paid off this year and Component 3 will be complete in 2029; the payments are made twice a year. Manager Moody added the terms were not changed to ensure all the debt is paid off by the end of the contract with the Urban Contractors in 2035.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 19, line 64 for Batteries Plus – B&C Renewable Energy in the amount of \$4,550.40. Manager Moody replied the amount covers two sets of batteries for the Polaris vehicles.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 21, line 66 for Alameda Electrical Distributors in the amount of \$11,562.65 and if cost includes installation or just the fixtures. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the cost only covered the fixtures and District Staff will replace the fixtures.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 22, line 101 for Willie Electric Supply Co, Inc. in the amount of \$48,699.02. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the purchased VFD drive is for pump that does not have a VFD.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 1, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Cotta-Ferreira Dam Rebuild Memo, 03/01/22

Manager Moody provided the Board with a memo on the Cotta-Ferreira Dam Rebuild. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Board authorized funding in the current budget to replace the existing Cotta-Ferreira Dam in-house however due to unforeseen maintenance needs during irrigation season and other higher priority projects, District Staff does not have time to complete the project within the current fiscal year. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported three contactors were contacted to provide quotes for the design-build project and Conco West Inc. provided the least expensive quote of \$129,600 and guaranteed the rebuild would be complete before April 1, 2022. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the project was not budgeted for contractor construction however there was a significant savings with the Gotelli Bridge II Project and the unused funding can be applied to rebuilding the Cotta-Ferreira Dam.

President Watkins inquired about the \$41,412 amount already spent on the project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the amount covered some equipment and materials; an automated control gate and structural steel pieces. President Watkins inquired what work is included in the \$129,600 quoted cost. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied demolition of the existing dam, rebuild the concrete structure and install the equipment.

Director Atkins inquired if Conco West Inc. will be using our equipment and material. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied yes and the contractor will be providing materials like concrete and rebar which is included in their price; the contractor will also be installing the automated control gate.

Director McGurk inquired if the District took over the Cotta-Ferreira Dam. President Watkins replied yes. Discussion followed regarding the condition of the Cotta-Ferreira Dam.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Conco West to construct the concrete portion of the Cotta-Ferreira Dam for \$129,600 plus a 10% contingency of \$12,960 for a total amount of \$142,560, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Business Consultant Agreements 04/01/22 – 03/31/23

a. Anthony Barkett

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Business Consultant Agreement with Anthony M. Barkett for a one-year period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

b. Doyce Boesch

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Business Consultant Agreement with Doyce Boesch for a one-year period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 02/22/22

Director Sanguinetti and Manager Moody attended the February 22, 2022 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the meeting was brief and there were only three districts in attendance; South San Joaquin Irrigation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Stockton East Water District. Manager Moody reported each district gave a brief update; Manager Moody reported Stockton East Water District will not likely be receiving New Melones water. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022.

2. ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting, 02/23/22

Director McGurk and Manager Moody attended the February 23, 2022 ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting. Director McGurk reported vacancies in the Committee due to unforeseen reasons however they were filled. Director McGurk reported discussion in the work group update regarding member participation in Region 4; a two-question survey will be sent out inquiring “What is Region 4 to you?” and “What do the members of Region 4 (all five counties) want from the Board of Directors?” Director McGurk reported the distribution list to receive the survey will include all general managers, directors and key staff with a footnote to include sharing the survey with their staff and cohorts. Director McGurk reported discussion regarding the meetings held at the ACWA Conferences and what they accomplish; the business meetings for all the Regions being held at the ACWA Spring Conference in Sacramento, CA will be together. Director McGurk reported an interest with Committee members in attendance to change the normal structure of the business meeting to a round-table discussion. Manager Moody suggested to Director McGurk after the meeting a more inviting and interesting change to the Region 4 Board Meetings would be to invite districts to present success stories to motivate and educate everyone; along with the formal meeting structure. Director McGurk reported Region 4 and Region 2 will be conducting a joint Shasta Dam Tour with a tentative date of June 2, 2022. Discussion followed regarding the tentative Shasta Dam Tour. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022.

3. Bellota Project Committee Field Trip (Sunol, CA), 02/25/22

Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Sanguinetti, Watkins, Manager Moody and Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the February 25, 2022 Bellota Project Committee Field Trip (Sunol, CA). Manager Moody provided the Board with a slideshow of pictures of the Alameda Creek Fish Diversion Structure. Director Cortopassi reported the Alameda Creek Fish Diversion Structure

is very similar to the Bellota Project which serves as an example for the District. Discussion followed regarding the build and structure of the Alameda Creek Fish Diversion Structure as it relates to the Bellota Project. Director Cortopassi reported the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) had a reservoir they were putting water into from this dam through the Calaveras Reservoir to raise the volume of the reservoir; in order to do that SFPUC had to add a fish screen. Director Cortopassi reported the project cost \$36 million and since it was constructed, a minimal amount of fish was reported to have passed through. Discussion followed regarding the Alameda Creek Fish Diversion location and geographical conditions. President Watkins reported the field trip was interesting and informative.

## **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 03/01/22**

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 132,534 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 65 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 804 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 30 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 12 mgd.

Director McGurk inquired about the amount of water South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Oakdale Irrigation District will receive from New Melones. President Watkins replied the estimated inflow amount would be 400,000 acre-feet, 200,000 acre-feet for each.

### **2. Information Items:**

Manager Moody noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

Consultant Barkett commented on F2a-2 and stated the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) acts like a redevelopment agency that can be used to borrow from for the purpose of the 200-year flood; not a new tax on the homeowners however the assessment will be a cost incurred by the homeowners. Consultant Barkett added although it would be more difficult with agriculture, the EIFD could be used for SGMA efforts. Director Cortopassi inquired on the Proposed Boundary of Mossdale Tract Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Map and if going forward all maps can be printed in color for clarity.

### **3. Report on General Manager Activities**

#### **a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update**

Manager Moody reported he received a call from Sharon Hertlein regarding the lack of movement with the District ~~indexing-annexing~~ her area; she understands Oakdale Irrigation District is preventing the service. Manager Moody added discussion regarding the Bureau of Reclamation changing the water allocation however the District is still fighting to get out-of-district customers water. This item was for information only.

Manager Moody reported he received two emails regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Act Committees; the emails requested a designated member from the District to be appointed. Manager Moody added the Committees in question were the Legal Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee; Manager Moody inquired with Legal Counsel Zolezzi and President Watkins to be the designated members; they replied yes.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS** (None)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS** (None)

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. AG Venture Days (Lodi, CA), 03/03/22
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), 10:30 a.m., 03/03/22
3. Pacific Southwest Irrigation – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House, 11:30 a.m., 03/03/22
4. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Great Wolf Lodge, 5:15 p.m., 03/03/22

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

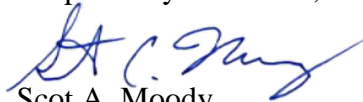
1. Closed Session – Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) two cases
2. Closed Session - Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:12 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scot A. Moody  
Secretary of the Board

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