

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 12, 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 Director Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Ferral, Chief Policy Officer with Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce invited the Board to participate in the Chamber's Symposium on Air Quality and Water scheduled for July 10th. The event will be focused on educating constituents on water and air quality issues. Mr. Ferral introduced Sachi Shiroma as the Sustainability & Equity Coordinator for the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 03/05/24 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 5, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. 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 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Payroll
- h. Summary
- i. Short Names/ Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 1 for Pacific Western Bank-Twice a Year for Payment #10 – Component 3 – Series 2019 Debt Service Principle in the amount of \$2,996,000.00 and line item 2 for 1 for Pacific Western Bank-Twice a Year for Payment #10 – Component 3 – Series 2019 Debt Service Interest in the amount of \$366,041.00. Manager Hopkins replied the expenses are for the refinance of the bonds for the construction of the New Melones Conveyance System.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 12, 2024 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Ardurra Group Inc. – Benchmark Survey for Subsidence Monitoring

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a Benchmark Survey for Subsidence Monitoring. Manager Hopkins reported The Department of Water Resources (DWR) identified eight inches of subsidence located in the area along and east of Jack Tone Road between Comstock Road and HWY 26 over the past eight years by use of satellite radar. In response to these findings District Staff reached out to a Professional Land Surveyor, Ardurra Inc. to verify the satellite information through traditional surveying methods. Ardurra Inc. confirmed some subsidence has occurred, but not as severely as the satellite data indicated. These findings will be brought to the Project Management Committee to recommend the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board monitor subsidence more closely going forward.

Director Panizza suggested adding more benchmarks within the area. Director Watkins suggested the elevations be checked on a biannual basis as the current technology may be more accurate than the technology used in 1962. Discussion followed.

General consensus of the Board was for the General Manager to take these findings to the Project Management Committee and to provide a recommendation to the GWA to set additional benchmarks for biannual subsidence monitoring.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ACWA Spring Regulatory Committee Meetings, 03/06/24

Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA Spring Regulatory Committee Meetings on March 6th. Manager Hopkins reported during the Groundwater Committee Meeting, Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) reported its support for \$1 billion to be directed towards Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation through a climate bond. Although, that may be difficult as the state's finance office has reported a \$30-40 billion deficit in the state budget for the next few years. Additionally, ACWA will focus on land use and well permitting as another tool to help comply with SGMA. Manager Hopkins reported during the Agriculture Committee Meeting, Eliza Jane Whitman with Woodard & Curran provided a presentation on Northern California Agriculture. Justin Haessly with Rancho California Water District presented information on the CropSWAP Program. The program provides financial assistance to the district's agricultural customers for crop conversion projects. During the Energy Committee Meeting, Craig Duehring with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) provided a presentation on the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) Regulation. One of the options for near-zero emissions vehicles that meet the ACF Regulations are plugin hybrids so long as it meets the minimum electric range. By March 21st CARB is hoping to provide a list of available zero-emission vehicles.

2. Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) Committee Meeting, 03/07/24

Director McGurk, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen and Finance Director Ram attended the Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting on March 7th. Director McGurk reported the EWA adopted Resolution 24-01, extending the extraction timeline for the DREAM Pilot Project.

3. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 03/11/24
President Atkins reported this meeting was cancelled.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/05/24
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 214,001 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 301 cfs. There is 2,005,109 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,040 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,501 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,801 cfs. The district water treatment plant (WTP) is currently processing 18 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 3 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 7 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 10 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 10 mgd.

Director McGurk inquired when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) will start reducing the cfs from New Hogan Reservoir. Manager Hopkins replied the release is expected to be reduced later this week and control returned to the District starting March 19th.

2. Information Items:
 - a. Manager Hopkins noted items: F-2a and F-2b
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 03/08/24
Manager Hopkins reported he and Mitch Maidrand with City of Stockton attended the Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting on March 8th. Manager Hopkins reported City of Stockton has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out to finish the design of their groundwater recharge basin.
 - b. Stockton East Water District – Employee Pot O’ Luck, 03/08/24
Manager Hopkins reported the food was good and the event turned out well.
 - c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Hopkins reported he met with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss the status of the Calaveras River Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations Managed Aquifer Recharge (FIRO-MAR) Study. DWR has made good progress on the modeling to see what the climate change impacts are on the Calaveras River Watershed and to develop potential project areas for increased recharge as well as the opportunity to re-operate New Hogan Reservoir to allow for forecast informed operations. This coincides well with the work U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) is doing. USACE is in the process of updating the Water Control Manual. Manager Hopkins reported DWR will provide a presentation to the Board at a later date.

Manager Hopkins reported District Staff has submitted an application through Senator Butler’s Office requesting an appropriation in next year’s budget for the Bellota Project.

Manager Hopkins reported he and Legal Counsel Zolezzi met with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to discuss some outstanding items. USBR should be providing an update in the next few weeks.

4. Stockton East Water District Treatment Plant Update

Water Operations Manager Wunderlich provided the Board with an update on the District's water treatment plant production. Water Operations Manager Wunderlich reported for the month of February 91 samples of E coli were collected and 0 were positive. The water treatment plant rain fall totals for the previous week were 0.08 inches, the District's water treatment plant produced 2,427 AF, between Cal Water and City of Stockton the production was 2,135 AF, City of Stockton, Cal Water and Diamond wells produced 540 AF and the City of Stockton water treatment plant produced 348 AF in the month of February.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Mixer, 03/07/24
No District representative attended this event.
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Dinner Meeting, 03/07/24
President Atkins and Director Watkins attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Annual Dinner Meeting on March 7th. Director Watkins reported the event was well attended.

Director McGurk attended the Northern California Water Agency Annual Meeting in Chico, California. Director McGurk reported Assemblymember Cecilia Aguilar-Curry and State Representative James Crawford pointed out the five key leadership positions are held by individuals who grew up on farms and understand water rights. Director McGurk suggested the District direct any agriculture related issues to those representatives.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Meeting, 03/12/24
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 03/13/24
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 03/13/24
4. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m., 03/15/24
5. Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 03/15/24

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

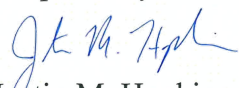
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:23 p.m. President Atkins left the meeting at 1:23 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:33 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

Board Meeting – 03/12/24
Draft Approved



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