

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, JANUARY 17, 2023 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 McGaughey 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, Administrative Assistant McKinney, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director McGaughey was present via teleconference.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 01/10/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 10, 2023 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 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. 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

President Atkins announced in addition to the warrants, a handout is included for the State Water Resource Control Board – 2022 Water Rights Fees.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 12, line item 94 for herbicide for weed abatement on New Melones System. Director Sanguinetti wanted to know about Target Special Products, and the price of the chemical. Director Sanguinetti asked why the District is buying from them and not one of the chemical companies in San Joaquin County. Manager Hopkins replied the District reached out to Target to acquire advice on the vegetation the District is trying to combat. The Target company helped to identify some products to try, and offered free training to the District. The

purchase was made to compare Targets' product to other products the District has been using. Assistant Manager Vega replied the chemical purchased is a Custom Aquatic P65 chemical with a cost of \$1,607 per drum, and \$3,424 for a case of Esplanade 200 SC plus tax and freight charges. These products will be used on the canal. President Atkins asked if this is a registered aquatic round up which can be sprayed in the water, and Assistant Manager Vega replied it is a custom aquatic chemical. Manager Hopkins stated we have to file a use report. Manager Hopkins stated this product came with a recommendation from the PCA.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 17, 2023 Warrants and the State Water Resources Control Board – 2022 Water Rights Fees (Handout) as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Bellota Pipeline Headworks Fish Screen Retrofit

Manager Hopkins reported the District has two existing fish screens at the Bellota Intake Facility on the Calaveras River. The District has experienced issues with one of the fish screens this past year. In the process of obtaining parts to repair the screen, the District found they used the last of the parts the manufacturer had on the shelf. There is the potential if the screens failed again, there would be no spare parts available to make the repair. Assistant Manager Vega added there are no spare parts for the fish screens from the manufacturer. This project is budgeted for fiscal year 2023-24, and District Staff wants to be sure work is mobilized at the beginning of the fiscal year, so there are no issues during the irrigation season when more water volume and more use of the screens would be present. The process and price include removing the hydraulic drives as well as the brush arms and replacing these with new electric drives and brush arms, and a new control system. The frames and screens of the current fish screens are in good shape, so these will not be replaced. This price also includes removal and installation. Assistant Manager Vega reported the budget is \$200,000 for fiscal year 2023-24. The quoted price for this project is \$172,150 plus a 10% contingency. The remaining amount will be enough to fully install the retrofit parts of the screens.

Director Sanguinetti stated this is the same company who manufactures fish screens at their Freeport facility. Manager Hopkins confirmed this is the same company. Director Panizza asked if there is a shelf life with this product, or is it unknown. Manager Hopkins stated it is more less unknown, but rotating equipment in general has a 15-20-year life expectancy. Director Panizza asked if there is a budgeted amount for the replacement of these parts in twenty years. Manager Hopkins answered these parts should be budgeted before the new equipment fails. The Bellota Weir Modifications project should be completed in several years and then this will be a backup facility.

Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the purchase of the Intake Screens, Inc. retrofit of the Bellota Pipeline Intake Structure Fish Screens in the amount of \$172,150, plus a 10% contingency, for a total approved amount of \$189,365, and make all other necessary approvals.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. California Farm Water Coalition – Written Ballot for the Board of Directors (Must be received by February 13th to be counted).

Manager Hopkins reported the District received this ballot to vote for the north central region representative. There is one individual listed on the ballot (Bill Diedrich, Director San Luis Water District). Manager Hopkins inquired if the Board would like to place a vote or not.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve placing a vote for the individual listed on the written ballot, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. ACWA/JPIA – 2023 JPIA Executive Committee Election Notice, 01/12/23

Manager Hopkins reported the District received notice soliciting four new executive committee members. This is a committee of the ACWA/JPIA Board. Manager Hopkins stated to qualify for this committee, you do have to be an ACWA/JPIA Board member, and added Director McGurk is a member of the board. Manager Hopkins inquired if the District would like to nominate Director McGurk for consideration of the executive committee.

Director McGurk stated at the ACWA convention he spoke with the ACWA/JPIA Executive Director, and learned they are looking for a representative from the northern part of California. Director McGurk stated this would dilute his time as he is currently a member of ACWA Region 4 and the Advisory Water Commission for San Joaquin County. The Board had no interest in Director McGurk's nomination.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 01/11/23

Director Panizza attended the board meeting on 01/11/23 along with Manager Hopkins and Director Watkins. The meeting was an organizational meeting, approving minutes, reviewing and selecting two officers (pro tem and president who were both present). It was suggested the new appointee by the Board of Supervisors should be the chair following the tradition of the county for representation of a supervisor. Director Watkins stated Mr. Robert Rickman was appointed as president. Director Panizza reported it was recommended for action to the GWA Board to delegate the development of the water year 2022-23 annual reports to the ESJGWA steering committee and technical advisory committee, and authorize submittal to the Department of Water Resources by April 1st. At the meeting, Matt Zidar offered a detailed review of priorities for 2022-23. Staff recommended to provide dates for the board to meet four times a year, and schedule an additional meeting to coincide for a budget review and emergency items. Discussion followed.

2. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District & Stockton East Water District, 01/11/23

Director McGurk reported the meeting was productive. The key points were agreed upon by both districts. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District requested the District put their ideas in writing for review before the MOU is submitted to LAFCO. President Atkins stated some people didn't know how the budget worked. Mr. Roberts stated he had not received any information regarding the budget, or the rates for SEWD. Manager Hopkins reminded Mr. Roberts that information explaining the budget and rates was sent to him. Finally, after discussion and an explanation from Legal Counsel Zolezzi, Mr. Roberts came to understand. President Atkins stated

more details should have been explained, and additional information needs to be covered before finalizing the merger.

Director Panizza stated the name needs to be changed for the at-large committee. The three directors for CSJWCD are Anthony Chiappe, Richard Wagner and Grant Thompson. Director Panizza stated Legal Counsel Zolezzi offered some legal advice with the LAFCO process, and the five-year review process beginning in 2025 through 2030 with regards to SGMA compliance. Discussion followed.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/09/23

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 226,173 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,888 cfs. There is 902,998 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 36 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,900 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 11 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 5,046 gpm (~7 mgd).

Shane Romero from California Water Service Company asked if the District will ever get to use New Melones water. Manager Hopkins replied it depends on the water year. The Districts' allocation is based on the San Joaquin index, and with the latest rainfall, there is a chance the water year can be defined as below normal or wetter. If this is the case, the District will receive water. If its defined as a dry year, then SEWD will not receive water. However, Central San Joaquin will receive a portion of their water allocation and the City of Stockton receives the first 15,000 AF of that allocation. Manager Hopkins stated unless it's a critical year, there would be some amount received from New Melones. Director Watkins stated in the lower years there would be transfer water. Manager Hopkins stated the District also has a transfer agreement with OID and SSJID to receive 10,000 AF in critical years, and 20,000 AF in dry years. It was clarified by Directors Cortopassi and Watkins and Manager Hopkins the 15,000 AF was for the urban contractors, not just the City of Stockton. A final allocation determination should be made in May. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied we should know in January or February. Discussion followed.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS), 01/13/23

This meeting was cancelled

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he spoke with Scot Moody regarding the long-term transfer agreement with Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID). OID found the agreement with SEWD did not include a provision for escalating the agricultural water rate which is included in all of OID's out-of-district contracts with their growers. OID determined they could not sell water to SEWD agricultural customers for less cost than their own. The proposed revisions in the agreement will come back for Board approval. Manager Hopkins reported the Phytophthora study is finally complete. In working with the USDA and the UC Davis Extension, a tentative date for a presentation is set for the April 14th Board meeting date. Manager

Hopkins reminded the Board that a shutdown at the treatment plant is scheduled for tomorrow. Manager Hopkins reported he will be meeting with the Executive Director from ACWA the morning before the next Board meeting on January 24th.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 01/16/23
Director Cortopassi attended the meeting along with Director Atkins, McGurk and Watkins, and Manager Hopkins. Director Cortopassi reported a lot of people were involved with volunteering, and the Municipal Advisory Commission is working on area mapping. San Joaquin County Supervisor Ding attended and officiated with the swearing in. President Atkins was impressed with the event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 01/18/23
This meeting was cancelled
2. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 01/18/23
This meeting was cancelled
3. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 01/20/23

Director Watkins stated Ag Ventures will be held on January 18th if anyone has time to volunteer for set up. And Representative Josh Harder has a Town Hall meeting from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on January 18th.

President Atkins reported the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20th at 10:00 a.m.

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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)
3. Closed Session – Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:37 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:49 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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