

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, JULY 11, 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 President Atkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Administrative Services Manager Celestine, Accountant Rangel, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/27/23

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 27, 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 – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 11, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Warrants

a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

d. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund

e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

g. Summary

h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

i. Short Names/Acronym List

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 2 for PG&E 1949656419-6 for Gas & Electric 05/04/23-06/13/23-TP-Electric Well #5. Manager Hopkins clarified the charge is for electricity and not for gas.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 67 for UniFirst First Aid Corp for a forklift training class and inquired how many employees participated and if those employees are permanent. Administrative Services Manager Celestine replied the employees are permanent and there were about 20 employees who participated in the annual training.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 76 for US Bank-Association CSDA for Water Supply Manager job posting and inquired if the position became available due to an employee leaving the District. Manager Hopkins replied no, the position had been vacant since 2015. Assistant Manager Vega replied the Board approved filling of the Water Supply Manager position on January 31, 2023.

Director Panizza inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 85 for US Bank-Your Life's Path for DISC assessment. Assistant Manager Vega replied the DISC assessment is a part of the staff development program.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 11, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. ACWA Committee Appointment Considerations For The 2024-25' Term Letter

Manager Hopkins reported Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is soliciting nominations for various committees as shown on agenda item D-4a, page 35 of the packet. Staff recommends submitting nominations for current attendees to remain on the committees they currently serve on.

a. ACWA Committee or Board by Region

The Board discussed the following changes be made to the committees list; Director Watkins will be nominated for the Groundwater Committee, Consultant Barkett will be nominated for the Federal Affairs Committee, and Manager Hopkins will be nominated for the Agricultural Committee to replace Scot Moody.

5. Stockton East Water District – 2023 Satellite ET Project – DCSE Professional Services Agreement Memo

Manager Hopkins reported the board previously approved two contracts with consultant DCSE, Inc. (DCSE) to perform evapotranspiration studies for water years 2021 and 2022. The previous studies included the agricultural parcels within the District's boundaries as well as evaluation of parcels within North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District. The cost of previous studies was partially offset by a \$58,000 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSmart Grant that has been exhausted. The District has received a proposal from DCSE to perform a 2023 water use evaluation through satellite imagery for the District's area. The evaluations will support the District's groundwater use information and crosscheck the groundwater use information developed by the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Director Panizza inquired if North San Joaquin Water Conservation District and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District will be participating in a cost share. Manager Hopkins replied no, they did not participate in 2022, and this study will only include parcels in the District's boundaries.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with DCSE for an amount not to exceed \$33,360, plus a 10% contingency of \$3,336 for a total amount of \$36,696, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District - CalPERS Yearly UAL Payment Options Memo

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memorandum outlining the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) – Pre-Payment vs. Monthly Payment. The valuations detail the normal cost, expressed as a percentage of payroll, and the District's yearly UAL portion for each plan respectively.

The savings are identified as being \$16,400 if the Board chooses to pay this amount in one lump sum.

A motion was moved and seconded to pay the full amount of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Unfunded Accrued Liability in the amount of \$490,405 for classic members, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Resolution No. 23-24-06 – Adopting Appropriations Limit For Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Manager Hopkins provided the Board Resolution No. 23-24-06 – Adopting Appropriations Limit For Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Manager Hopkins reported this is for informational purposes only as the information has to be made available to the public 15-days prior to the meeting establishing the Limit to allow for any public comment.

8. Resolution No. 23-24-07 – Authorization To Accept The Grant Award With The California Department Of Water Resources Under The 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program For The Bellota Weir Modifications Project, Execute Any Required Documents And Provide Delegation Of Authority

Manager Hopkins provided the Board Resolution No. 23-24-07. Manager Hopkins reported this resolution is required by the California Department of Water Resources to accept the awarded grant funding for the Bellota Weir project. Manager Hopkins added the District will budget \$3,070,656 in matching funds towards construction of the first phase of the Project.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 23-24-07 – Authorization To Accept The Grant Award With The California Department Of Water Resources Under The 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program For The Bellota Weir Modifications Project, Execute Any Required Documents And Provide Delegation Of Authority, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Meeting, 06/27/23

Director Watkins attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Meeting on June 27th. Director Watkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District will be hosting a tour on Friday, July 14th.

2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 07/10/23

President Atkins participated in the San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting on July 10th via Zoom. President Atkins stated the committee discussed coalition financials, membership late fees and monthly sampling reports for Pyrethroids and Algae.

President Atkins reported the Regional Board approved the Groundwater Protection Program which adds pesticides to the list of constituents for sampling and evaluation in wells. Discussion followed.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/27/23

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 224,600 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 237 cfs. There is 2,075,315 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,547 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,504 cfs and release to all water users are set at 3,111 cfs. There are 17 irrigators on New Hogan, 4 irrigators on New Melones, and 4 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 48 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 21.5 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 07/07/23

This meeting was cancelled

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he had a call with Consultant Boesch and Senator Feinstein's office regarding the District's ongoing efforts for the Bellota Weir and Farmington Dam

Repurposing projects. Senator Feinstein's office remains supportive of the District's projects and requested staff send all pertinent information over for review.

Manager Hopkins reported staff has met with three growers to discuss installing a shared turnout on Mormon Slough. The majority of the growers expressed interest. However, there was some concern regarding the right of way and potential funding sources.

Manager Hopkins reported staff has discussed a fleet plan to approach the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Zero-Emission Vehicle regulation. By January 1, 2024, fifty percent of the District's new vehicle purchases will have to be zero-emission and one-hundred percent of those purchases will have to be zero-emission by January 1, 2027. Staff is currently working on developing a fleet plan and vehicle replacement policy to reflect CARB's regulations. President Atkins inquired if the District would need to install electric vehicle charging stations. Manager Hopkins replied yes, staff is researching grant funding to implement charging stations.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Water Accounting Framework Workshop No. 1, 06/28/23
Director Watkins, Manager Hopkins, and Jeanne Zolezzi attended the Eastern San Joaquin Water Accounting Framework Workshop No. 1.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday July 26th.

2. ACWA Leadership to Leadership Listening Session, 07/06/23
Manager Hopkins participated in the ACWA Leadership to Leadership Listening Session. Manager Hopkins reported the goal of the meeting was for Pam Tobin and Cathy Green to identify the major concerns of the member agencies' Topics discussed included: water rights bills, the Delta Conveyance Project, groundwater sustainability requirements, Chromium-6 requirements, staffing, and aquatic vegetation and algae.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Ground Water Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 07/12/23
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 07/12/23
This meeting was cancelled
3. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Central San Joaquin Water Conservation & Stockton East Water District, 2:00 p.m., 07/13/23
4. Stockton East Water District – Projects Discussion With Urban Contractors, 4:00 p.m., 07/13/23
5. ACWA State Legislative Special Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 07/14/23
6. Stockton Area Water Suppliers Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 07/14/23

Director Watkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District will be hosting a tour of the Costa Recharge facility on July 14th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

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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 1:33 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:58 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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