

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 3, 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 Panizza 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, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram, Administrative Assistant McKinney and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Consultant Barkett was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

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 member 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 12/27/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 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 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - e. Summary
 - f. Payroll
 - g. Short Names/Acronym List
 - h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

President Atkins inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 36 for PG&E Cost for Canal Gate, and asked why the cost is so high. Manager Hopkins replied this account also includes the Potter Creek Pump Station, and the District has not been billed since May.

Director Panizza inquired on the expense on page 9, line 30 for Dokken Engineering – is this expense for the biological cultural survey for the excavation of burial bones. Manager Hopkins replied this is different as the previous survey was located at the Bellota site. This survey’s studies are required for CEQA for the George Watkins crossing replacement. This survey involves reviewing records, and performing a pedestrian site survey. Director Panizza asked if this requires the same level of excavation. Manager Hopkins replied the construction project will require excavation, but the District does not have to perform any archeological exploration unless there is known cultural resources. District Engineer Evensen confirmed there is no known cultural resources the District is aware of at this time. Manager Hopkins stated the cost for the other excavation was higher due to exhuming the area by hand, and performing a ritual to re-bury the found cultural resources.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 3, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – High Service Pump Station HVAC Retrofit, 01/03/23

Manager Hopkins reported in next year’s approved Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget, is a project to install new air conditioning (AC) units on High Service Pump Station to address the overheating issues the District experienced last year. Manager Hopkins introduced Assistant Manager Vega to report out. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District had issues, including failures, with the variable frequency drives (VFDs) overheating caused by the High Service Pump Station extreme room temperature and dust. Last summer, a portable AC unit was purchased as a -temporary stop gap to get through the hot months. The District is seeking a permanent solution. This amount is budgeted for next fiscal year, and because of the long lead time, District Staff is requesting that the purchase be approved now for fabrication and delivery next fiscal year. The plan is to purchase three AC units initially, and a fourth spare AC unit later. The three AC units for installation next fiscal year will keep the temperature at 85° in the High Service Pump Station during the summer months. The new AC units should prevent failures of the VFDs an additional fourth future unit will allow the District to be fully redundant for the High Service Pump Station AC. The cost does not include installation, but it us under budget so the District anticipates sufficient funds to cover installation. The AC units purchased are under the fiscal year 2023/24 budget amount of \$150,000 with a delivery time of 34 weeks.

Director McGurk asked if other alternatives were considered. District Engineer Evensen replied the District hired a consultant engineering firm to look into it, and stated it would be more complex and expensive. President Atkins asked if it is cost effective to have VFDs use cold water out of the pump. District Engineer Evensen replied he mentioned it to the consultant, and the consultant stated that the complexity and cost would be too much. District Evensen stated these AC units are to cool the whole High Service Pump Station building which was built in the 1970's. Assistant Manager Vega stated that all the VFDs are generating additional heat that wasn't present in the initial design. Along with the AC units, the District is looking at sealing the roof to make sure the AC units are operating efficiently to eliminate the heat inside the building. District Engineer Evensen commented the two existing AC units on the roof (a 10-ton and a 6-ton) will be kept in operation until all new AC units are working well, and then they will be removed.

Director Cortopassi asked if the District is trying to cool the whole room. District Engineer Evensen replied there is a lot of heat from the motors as well as the VFDs. President Atkins asked if there is any way to separate the motors from the VFDs, District Engineer Evensen replied that building a partitioning wall and false ceiling was considered, but it would get in the way of the maintenance. The open side louvers also cause a problem with dust, and the building overhangs need to be sealed off. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the purchase of three Daikin 20-ton HVAC units in the amount of \$120,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$12,000, for a total of \$132,000, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Water Transfer Agreement Between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District.

Manager Hopkins reported the final draft of agreement for a long-term transfer has been prepared between Oakdale Irrigation District (OID), South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID), and Stockton East Water District. This agreement was adopted by both of the irrigation district Boards at their respective September 13, 2022 board meetings. Finally, the agreement needs adoption from Stockton East Water District's Board in order to completely execute this agreement. Manager Hopkins stated this agreement will provide dry and critical year water to the District available from OID and SSJID.

Director McGurk asked what happens when SEWD and Central consolidate. Manager Hopkins stated there are provisions for M&I water and agricultural water. The agricultural water price is not conducive to use, plus volumes of water to transfer will be very critical to provide to the treatment plant. For example, in a critical year the transfer amount is 10,000AF, and if the District provides the urban contractors with the supply they want, that would probably be a 45,000AF demand.

Director Cortopassi asked what is the total acre feet in the agreement. Manager Hopkins replied in a critical year 10,000 AF and any other year when not receiving a full allocation is 20,000 AF (page 25, section A.i and ii). Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the agreement for the Transfer of Water between Oakdale Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and Stockton East Water District, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/26/22

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 136,245 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 28 cfs. There is 728,480 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 2,559 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 23 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 0 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,867 gpm (~9.9 mgd).

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the District's new accountant (Alejandra Rangel) began work today, and stated the District has been understaffed in finance for a while now, and is happy to have her on board. Manager Hopkins presented pictures and videos of the recent storm in various areas. Upstream from Farmington Dam showed a rise in the water level of about two feet. Downstream from Farmington Dam the Lower Farmington Canal experienced erosion of the Rock Creek diversion structure. The water is coming from Rock Creek through the embankment and into the canal causing the sluffing of the bank. At the Rock Creek diversion structure, the water coming from Farmington Dam is actually lapping over the headworks and flowing over into the forebay of the canal. Another picture showed the inflow from Rock Creek overflowing the bank between Rock Creek and Lower Farmington Canal. There was significant amount of sheet flow near Funck Road into the canal which caused additional erosion in the canal.

Manager Hopkins reported flows have subsided at Bellota Weir, but 8,000-9,000 cfs was measured at Escalon Bellota Road. The Old Calaveras River has over topped its banks, and has flooded to the south towards Comstock Road and Clements Road. The Cooper property west of Duncan Road, south of Mormon Slough where Potter Creek has topped its banks and flowed through an orchard and into Mormon Slough causing significant erosion on the property. Lastly, the Podesta Reservoir was full and started to overflow.

Director McGurk suggested taking pictures of the storm aftermath of the Whittle Crossings.

Director Panizza complimented the picture presentation.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters – 2022 General Election (SEWD Divisions 5 & 7), 12/02/22
Manager Hopkins reported a letter was received with final 2022 election results.

Director McGurk asked when will the bill arrive. Assistant Manager Vega replied by April.

Director Watkins suggested sending congratulation letters to the elected officials, as done in the past.

Director McGaughey asked about the meaning of under votes and over votes (page 37). Director Panizza replied an under vote means blank ballots were cast (no one voted), and an over vote means both parties received a vote.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Bob Hope Theatre, 5:15 p.m., 01/05/23
2. John Vernier’s Retirement Luncheon, Noon, 01/06/23
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 01/09/23

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:19 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:08 p.m., with the following reportable action:

The Board approved Resolution 22-23-16 a Resolution of The Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District Expressing Its Appreciation of John Vernier.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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