

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, NOVEMBER 8, 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 Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 11/01/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

2. Warrants

a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund

b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

f. Summary

g. Payroll

h. Short Names/Acronym List

i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 13 for McCrometer, Inc. for meter replacement in the amount of \$12,971.03. Manager Hopkins replied this is part of the District's on-going meter installation project for Senate Bill 88 compliance.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 8, 2022 Warrants as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

3. Department of Water Resources' (DWRs) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program

a. Stockton East Water District – SGMA Grant Application Consultant Cost Memo, 11/08/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo and a resolution regarding the Department of Water Resources' (DWRs) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. Manager Hopkins stated he and President Watkins are working with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) on a grant application package for the SGM round two funding for sustainability of groundwater. Through the Technical Advisory ~~Committee~~Committee, the District was able to get two projects included. One project is the West Groundwater Recharge Basin. The funding request for this project would provide the infrastructure required to get existing surface water and potential flood water conveyed to the future basin once it's constructed. The second project is the Bellota Weir Modifications Project which was included for \$14 million grant funding which, with additional funding, will cover the remaining balance of the Phase I construction costs and other construction costs. DWR has confirmed that the grant application may be for the full \$20 million limit, and DWR will ~~not factor~~not factor in any round one funding previously awarded. Thus, with these two projects and the other four projects included in the package (sub-basins), grant application is expected to be the full \$20 million amount. There are some consultant costs to include with the grant application package. The County is working through the ESJGWA to have ESJGWA's consultant, Woodard & Curran, provide some additional work to complete this package. This cost is estimated to be \$70,000. Originally, the cost sharing proposal to the GWA members was a proportional share based off of the projects' grant request in the overall grant amount. Between the Bellota Project and the West Groundwater Recharge Basin, this amount totals \$54,250.

Manager Hopkins stated funds under account 10-5116-0 Professional Services will be utilized to cover grant expense, as the funds will not be used in full for the New Hogan conveyance system crossing evaluation and will be available to cover the additional costs for the grant application. Manager Hopkins noted one caveat to all of this is the four GSAs that have projects for funding (SEWD, North San Joaquin, Groundwater Authority and City of Stockton) are still negotiating the appropriate way to share the \$70,000 cost for the consultant preparing the grant application.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize and approve the consultant work to complete the SGMA Grant applications for Bellota Weir Modifications and West Groundwater Recharge Reservoir for \$54,250, plus a 10% contingency of \$5,425, for a total cost of \$59,675.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

b. Resolution No. 22-23-13 – Authorization to File a Grant Application with The California Department of Water Resources Under The 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

Manager Hopkins noted a correction on Resolution 22-23-13 on page one, third paragraph to change budget amount to \$4 million for FY 23-24 towards construction of the first phase of the Bellota Weir Modifications Project, and fourth paragraph to change amount to \$13,910,000 for the Bellota Weir Modifications Project.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-13 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The California Department Of Water Resources Under The 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant, Execute Any Required Documents And Provide Delegation Of Authority, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Special Meeting, 11/03/22
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the November 3, 2022 San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported discussion of negotiating the cost share of the \$70,000 for consultant services for the grant application. Manager Hopkins stated there will be a Board meeting item tomorrow to approve a budget adjustment to Woodard & Curran's agreement. The current agreement is \$90,000 over budget. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 11/07/22
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 50,697 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 51 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 209 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 25 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 14.5 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,924 gpm (~10 mgd).

2. Information Items:
Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and handout F2a-3.

Board members discussed the confusion regarding the supplemental ballot for Stockton East Water District. Director McGaughey asked if the District received many calls regarding this ballot. Administrative Clerk Feliciano stated there were three phone calls received.

3. Report on General Manager
 - a. Report on General Manager Activities
Manager Hopkins indicated the District completed the Rock Creek Water District transfer today. This item was for information only.

The State has begun releasing the aerial electromagnetic survey data for San Joaquin County. The current data is sparse, but expects to release more data over the remainder of this year. District Engineer Evensen is monitoring when this will be fully populated and should offer some useful information. This item was for information only.

District Staff has surpassed the one-year mark for no reportable injuries. Manager Hopkins thanked Staff for practicing safety. This item was for information only.

Lastly, Manager Hopkins queried the Board regarding the organizational meeting that typically occurs in December after the election. Manager Hopkins stated an email notice will follow with optional dates.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Lodi District Grape Growers Association – Local Water Forum, 11/03/22
Manager Hopkins attended the November 3, 2022 Lodi District Grape Growers Association – Local Water Forum. Manager Hopkins report indicated the Ag Commissioner is accepting unused pesticides which can be dropped off.
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Lincoln Center, 11/03/22
Nothing to report.

H. –COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Department of Water Resources (DWR) – Fall 2022 GSA Forum Virtual Meeting, 11/09/22
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 11/09/22
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 11/14/22
4. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 11/14/22

REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

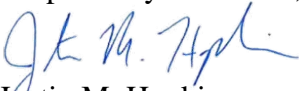
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:50 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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