

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 26, 2021 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 01/19/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 3, section E-2, 1st paragraph, 4th sentence – strike “amount the USBR will charge for water rates” and replace with “final construction costs as associated with the WIIN Act Conversion”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 26, 2021 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

3. Stockton East Water District – Watershed Sanitary Surveys Memo, 01/26/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey (WSS). Manager Moody reported the survey of the Calaveras and Stanislaus Rivers is conducted every 5-years and like in years past, the District is planning to partner with other agencies along the river to share the cost. Assistant Manager Hopkins added the Stanislaus/Calaveras River

Group (SCRG) met last week to review the proposal and discuss cost sharing allocation. The SCRG were all in agreement to sole source the WSS to Water Quality and Treatment Solutions, Inc. (WQTS). Manager Moody reported breakdown of the cost allocation for the SCRG may have minimal changes and the Cost Allocation Agreement will be brought back to the Board for separate approval.

President Watkins inquired on Calaveras County Water Districts (CCWD) participation, noting they did not participate in the Habitat Conservation Plan, and commented on staff working with Legal Counsel regarding this. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the WSS is due in May and the timeframe for the WQTS to complete is short. Manager Moody confirmed CCWD is included in the WSS and noted they will have a separate cost sharing agreement to enter into. Manager Moody added staff can look into this for the next 5-year update.

Director McGurk commented Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) is absent from the SCRG and inquired if it is because of their use of well water. Manager Moody replied yes and added mainly because OID does not take water for municipal use from the Stanislaus River.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve procurement of Water Quality and Treatment Solutions, Inc. (WQTS, Inc.) to conduct the 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey (Calaveras & Stanislaus Rivers) Update in the amount of \$139,910.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

4. Stockton East Water District – Eastern San Joaquin Regional Water Management Plan Memo, 01/26/21

a. Resolution No. 20-21-13 – Adopting The Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2020 Addendum

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the District signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2019 with other entities to form the Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee to facilitate the update to the IRWMP. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Coordinating Committee finalized the 2020 Addendum in November 2020, provided appropriate public notices for consideration of adoption and ultimately adopted the 2020 Addendum on January 20, 2021. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported because the District is a signatory to the MOU, the District must also adopt the 2020 Addendum by Resolution, noting Resolution adoption is also necessary to be eligible for IRWMP grant funding.

Manager Moody added the biggest difference is the District had to compete with all the agencies in the region for grant funding and now that has changed as there is guaranteed grant funding available for the Eastern San Joaquin IRWM region, in this round and future rounds. Director McGurk inquired on how many million in grant funding is guaranteed. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied there is ~\$6.5 million ear-marked for the Eastern San Joaquin region.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution No. 20-21-13 – Adopting The Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2020 Addendum.

Roll Call:

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

5. Resolution No. 20-21-14 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020

Manager Moody provided the Board with Resolution No. 20-21-14 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy. Finance Director Vega reported the District is mandated by law to have an Investment Policy in place and be revised and approved by the Board annually. Finance Director Vega reported there were no substantive changes to this Policy and highlighted the list of investment types if the District desired to go that route. Currently the District invests in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution No. 20-21-14 – Re-Authorizing Yearly Investment Policy – Investment Policy No. 6020.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 01/20/21

Director McGurk attended the January 20, 2021 San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting. Director McGurk reported a brief update was given on projects and Manager Moody gave a report on the SEWD/Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD) and LAFCo Process. Manager Moody reported to the Commission that the consolidation concept came about due to compliance with SGMA and the Basin needing to use more surface water. The 3 largest GSAs in the Basin are considering opposition to the consolidation efforts and the current effort working with Senator Eggman's office on legislation language. Director McGurk reported it was a good presentation and there was a question on how much surface water is being used by the municipalities. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County added inviting LAFCo to a future Commission meeting to explain the consolidation process. Manager Moody noted if less than 25% of the landowners protest, then the application will go through. Director McGurk reported a report was given on the status of the American River Water Rights and on the upcoming State Water Resource Control Board Status Hearing on February 16, 2021. Director McGurk reported on the costs to pay for the water right applications for the Mokelumne and American River, noting the County will have to decide whether to continue pursuing these applications. Director McGurk also reported a presentation was given on CV Salts. The Commission discussed 2021 Objectives and invited any ideas to be submitted to the County Public Works Department. Director McGurk reported action was taken on the Selection of Officers and it was voted to keep the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as is. Director McGurk added it was a full agenda and the meeting ended at 3:15 p.m. Manager Moody added he could not emphasize enough how disappointing the concerns of the SEWD & Central

consolidation noting, there is no sustainability if the consolidation does not get approved. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021.

2. ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting, 01/20/21

Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the January 20, 2021 ACWA Region 4 Board Meeting. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on the upcoming 2021 Elections and the timeline for call for candidates, resolutions and ballots. There was discussion regarding the Nominees for Region 4 Board and ACWA advised they will reach out to solicit continued interest from previous nominees from the 2019 Region 4 Board. John Mesinger, ACWA Region 4 Vice Chair Region 4 recommended representation from Turlock, South San Joaquin or Oakdale irrigation districts for representation from our end of the region. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Board discussed the Region's Work Plan and upcoming conference events. The Region 4 Spring event will be moved to mid-summer and upcoming conference discussions focused on wildfire impacts to water systems and water quality due to post fire runoff. Manager Moody added he has received confirmation that ACWA's Spring Conference will be virtual.

3. California Special Districts Association Roundtable with Assembly Member Villapudua & District Staff, 01/21/21

Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the January 21, 2021 California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Roundtable with Assembly Member Villapudua. Manager Moody reported Brandon Nakagawa, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Dane Wadlé, CSDA Public Affairs Field Coordinator were also in attendance. Manager Moody reported Assembly Member Villapudua's office would like to be notified when the rate cap legislation is out. Roundtable discussions focused on SGMA and unimpaired flow criteria. Director Sanguinetti added Assembly Member Villapudua's staff is knowledgeable and is good for the Assembly Member, and his office will be helpful with the consolidation.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/18/21

Manager Moody 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 132,560 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 29 cfs. There is 1,545,766 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 203 cfs and release to all water users are set at 37 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 10 MGD.

2. Information Items:

Manager Moody noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 01/20/21

Assistant Manager Hopkins attended the January 20, 2021 Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting and reported the bulk of the meeting was to get resolutions to adopt the Easter San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2020 Addendum to the individual Board for approval. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021.

- b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 01/22/21
Manager Moody attended the January 22, 2021 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported the 2021 ACWA Spring Conference will be virtual. Committee discussions focused on pushing the Voluntary Settlement Agreements for unimpaired flows. Manager Moody also reported the State Water Resources Control Board conducted surveys and found in excess of ~\$1 billion of debt owed due to COVID-19, and of that ~\$6 to \$7 million owed to water utilities. Manager Moody added there are efforts to lobby the federal government for financial relief to include special districts and reported there are bills out there to forgive debt owed to utilities. Director Atkins inquired on the bills regarding debt forgiveness. Manager Moody replied the initial language would require special districts, cities and others to write off the debt. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2021.
- c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Nothing to report.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. California Water Commission – Central California Workshop, 2:30 p.m., 01/26/21
- 2. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Bellota Project, 12:00 Noon, 01/28/21

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. Closed Session - Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:17 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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