

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, MARCH 23, 2021 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. Manager Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Moody, Assistant Manager Hopkins, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido and Administrative Assistant Curtis. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey and Panizza. Also present via teleconference Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director McGurk joined the teleconference at 12:39 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes

a. 03/16/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGurk

b. 03/18/2021 – Special Meeting

A handout was provided with identifying two corrections, including, adding Director Panizza as an attendee and minor language change on page 1 of the minutes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 18, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGurk

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 23, 2021 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Projects Update Presentation
Manager Moody reported as there have been a number of projects completed over the course of the 2020/21 Fiscal Year, he wanted Assistant Manager Hopkins to provide an update and advise the Board on the status of each project.

Assistant Manager Hopkins provided a presentation on an overview of projects, a list of completed projects by department and a discussion on projects not yet completed. Assistant Manager Hopkins provided an overview on the projects within Fund 70 – Administration. These projects include, a plan for 3 studies (Agricultural/Urban Water Management Plans and Watershed Sanitary Survey); design analysis for Disinfection Alternatives; SCADA development; integration of North Site Project and Filters into SCADA system; 8 PC replacements and network software and hardware upgrades.

Assistant Manager Hopkins provided an overview on the projects within Fund 71 – Water Supply (New Hogan). These projects include, replacement of structural steel at Eight Mile and Tully Dams on Lower Calaveras River; automation of PC-1 outlet and Mosher Creek Headworks; continued installing turnout meters for SB-88 compliance; design Gotelli Bridge 2 replacement; design new flashboard dam in Potter Creek; design Cotta-Ferreira Dam replacement and all projects designed were scheduled for construction during Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Assistant Manager Hopkins provided an overview on the projects within Fund 71 – Water Supply (New Melones). These projects include, replacement actuator for Goodwin Inlet Gate 2; road grading along Upper Farmington Canal, leading to Goodwin Tunnel Outlet; installation of new automated gates at Lower Farmington Canal and integrate into SCADA; new traveling water screen at Funck Road and electric actuation of Funck Road Gates; 3 replacements of existing turnouts on the Peters Pipeline and Whittle Ranch Crossings. Director Atkins inquired when road grading, are the same rocks used or new gravel. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied new material was used. Director Sanguinetti reported when there are potholes and they are not filled properly than can resurface. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied that Caltrans specified material was used.

Assistant Manager Hopkins provided an overview on the projects within Fund 94 – M&I. These projects include, completion of the North Site Project; replacement of the P-28 VFD and new VFD on P-29; rebuilding the flow control valves for P-27, 28 and 29; replacement of the master backwash valve and filter effluent isolation valves and automation of Valve Structure 3 and integration into SCADA system.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on the projects completed by the District’s Engineering department. The Engineering department has worked closely with the Construction and Maintenance departments to complete a number of projects. Those projects include, installation of a Rubicon SlipMeter at the Mosher Creek headworks, which was designed by Engineering and installed by Construction. This SlipMeter will provide complete automation

for level or flow control. Construction and Water Supply staff performed structural modifications and installed two Rubicon FlumeGates, replacing one large Slide Gate. Manager Moody inquired if staff has been able to work through the automation issue with the Army Corps. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied no. Director Cortopassi inquired on measuring water at Lower Farmington Canal. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the District uses other gates and a rating table to determine the flow rate to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.

Assistant Manager Hopkins provided an update on the installation of the new actuator on the existing butterfly valve in Valve Structure 3 at the North Pond. This equipment was installed by Maintenance staff and integrated into the SCADA system. An update was provided on construction of PC-1 Outlet Automation by Water Supply and Construction staff. This new equipment will help to automate and control flow rate.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on the projects completed by the District's Maintenance department. Projects include installation of the newly rebuilt pump P-28. There was also a high voltage inspection which occurred during the Plant shutdown. An outside contractor tested and cleaned all electrical equipment on campus under supervision of a District Electrician. Manager Moody reported there was only one immediate fix found during inspection and it was in the Maintenance shop. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied it was a bad breaker and has been replaced as there was a spare onsite.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on the SCADA projects that were completed. These projects include installation of two new filter effluent butterfly valves with electric actuators and a new butterfly valve installation which replaced an existing master backwash valve plug valve. New PLCs were installed into 4 existing control cabinets to replace legacy PLCs that were at the end of life and no longer supported. Additionally, integration of new hardware into the SCADA system with displays at the MCB Operators desk. Manager Moody added when this project nears completion he will take the Board over to see the SCADA system in action.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported on the Water Supply department projects that were completed. Separate from Construction, this department only had one large project, which was installation of 27 new flow meters and telemetry units. Between Fiscal Year 2019/20 and the current Fiscal Year, 69 new meters and telemetry units have been installed and integrated into the AMI system.

Assistant Manager Hopkins reported all staff worked hard to achieve and accomplish everything that was budgeted in the 2020/21 Fiscal Year Budget. There were a handful of projects that were not completed, to include; the 2021 Watershed Sanitary Survey which is in progress with expected completion this June. The Low Lift Pump Station Manual Transfer Switch which was cancelled and may be found unnecessary pending the back-up power study in 2021/22. The Funck Road Travelling Water Screen Project, there was not enough staff to construct and only enough funding to purchase screens or have a contractor construct the equipment. The design was completed and construction postponed until 2021/22. Peters Pipeline Turnout Replacements, there was no new construction requested. The Sitkins Crossing and McGurk Crossing and Dam Replacement Designs. Both were merged with the DWR Calaveras River Restoration Projects. The Bellota House Removal was found to be too

expensive at this time and there was not enough staff to perform demolition. Bellota Pipeline Air Valve Relief (ARV) Replacement; there was not enough staff to complete this work. Whittle Ranch Crossings Project, this project was delayed due to COVID and production delays. Staff hopes to have the 3rd Whittle Ranch Crossing constructed after the 2021 water season.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on which of the remaining projects would be considered priority for staff. Manager Moody advised the Bellota Pipeline ARV Replacement is fairly high on the list. There has been discussion to permanently move some staff to a construction position only so they can continuously work on projects throughout the year. This item was for information only.

4. Revised Resolution No. 20-21-12 – COVID-19 Essential Worker Designation

Manager Moody provided the Board with Revised Resolution No. 20-21-12 – COVID-19 Essential Worker Designation. Manager Moody reported the Board previously approved this Resolution at the January 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, which classifies each member of staff as an essential worker.

Manager Moody reported that this Resolution is designed to help employees identify their essential work status when scheduling appointments for vaccination. Since the approval of this Resolution in January, there are been two employees who have left the District and a new employee added. This update Resolution reflects those changes.

Manager Moody advised that he still does like the idea of having official identification badges made for all employees. This Resolution was a quicker way of supplying staff with a document to prove their essential work status.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Revised Resolution No. 20-21-12 – COVID-19 Essential Worker Designation, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 03/22/21

Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Watkins and Alternate Sanguinetti attended the March 22, 2021 Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting. Director Cortopassi reported there was discussion on 2021 water rates. The consensus of the Committee was to set the groundwater rate at \$5.53 per acre-foot; surface water at \$23.00 per acre-foot and the domestic unit assessment at \$46.50. Director Cortopassi reported there was lengthy discussion on the expansion of surface water users. Assistant Manager Hopkins provided the Committee with maps of parcels next to streams and that have pumps. Discussion resulted in each member of the Committee took responsibility to reach out to landowners in their divisions to inquire if they would be interested in switching to surface water. Staff will contact the unknown parcels. Additionally, staff will be providing the Committee with paperwork of the exact locations of each parcel. Director Cortopassi reported there was a discussion on an excavator purchase.

The conclusion was to continue renting excavators instead of purchasing a new one, for now. There was discussion on a new grounds maintenance position. This topic was moved to another Committee for discussion. President Watkins advised the 2021 water rates will be brought to the Board for consideration and approval after a public hearing at the April 6th Regular Board Meeting.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/22/21

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 are no reportable numbers for storage at New Hogan Reservoir. There is 1,543,120 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 202 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 03/12/21

Manager Moody attended the March 12, 2021 ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Moody reported discussion focused on review of bills. Legislature is catching up on all the bills that were not sent for approval last year. ACWA is working hard to get federal and state recognition of special district so recovery funds can be shared with special districts. On March 12th the Governor agreed to allow water and wastewater in Phase 1b for vaccinations. There are a number of District personnel who have already received their first dose. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2021.

b. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 03/19/21

Finance Director Vega attended the March 19, 2021 Central Valley Project Water Association (CVPWA) Executive & Financial Affairs Committee Meeting. Finance Director Vega reported there was discussion on the CVPIA work plan and environmental work portion. The USBR is working on a cost split for San Luis Dam between DWR and USBR; an agreement has not been made. The CVPIA Finance Plan was submitted. The Committee is working on reworking the Trinity PUD rates calculation. It was advised that if substantially less water is used, per the initial allocation amounts, this coming water year, districts will likely be required to pay higher rates. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2021.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Nothing to report.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Stockton East Water District Zoom Meeting with City of Stockton Mayor Lincoln, 03/18/21
Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Moody attended the March 18, 2021 Meeting with City of Stockton Mayor Lincoln. Director Atkins reported Mayor Lincoln inquired on the relationship between the City and the District. President Watkins had replied that there are some issues to work through. Director Cortopassi provided an overview of the inner workings of the District and selling water. Director Sanguinetti then added that the District supplies water to the Urban Contractors for no profit. Director Atkins reported that President Watkins inquired on the Mayor’s background and history. Director Atkins reported it was a good meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported Mayor Lincoln seems to have a different demeanor than past Mayors, he seems accessible and listens. Manager Moody reported that Mayor Lincoln was invited for a tour of the District once it is safe to host in person. Director McGurk inquired how the District could follow-up with Mayor Lincoln after he speaks with City staff on the questions he had as a result of this meeting. Director Panizza replied it was his interpretation that the Mayor is open and indicated he is not an expert in water issues and understands its complexity. Mayor Lincoln is thoughtful and does not use his words casually and has a very calm demeanor. He seemed open to listening and non-combative.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS (None)

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 - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – four cases
- 3. Closed Session - Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:22 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. Administrative Assistant Curtis was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:59 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:16 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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