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Stockton East Water District Elevates Interim General Manager to Permanent Position

The Stockton East Water District (Stockton East) Board of Directors confirmed their selection of Interim General Manager Justin Hopkins as the permanent General Manager. Hopkins brings his valuable experience with Stockton East to his now-permanent role as General Manager.

“Mr. Hopkins has served our Water District as Interim General Manager with distinction and we couldn’t be more happy to have him on board as our permanent General Manager,” said Stockton East Board President Andrew Watkins.

Mr. Hopkins came to the District in 2019 and has served as Assistant General Manager for Stockton East for the last two years. As a part of Stockton East leadership, Hopkins worked with the Board of Directors to implement critical projects to modernize the municipal water treatment plant, and expand agricultural use of surface water. Hopkins is a graduate of Arkansas State University with a Masters of Public Administration and has his undergraduate from California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering with an emphasis in Water Resources. Prior to his employment with the District, Hopkins was with Solano Irrigation District for 11 years. Hopkins has been an integral innovative member of District Staff with his introduction of an employee run Committee formed to honor District Staff that exemplify Stockton East Water District Employee Values of Honesty, Accountability, Humility and Diligence.

“Mr. Hopkins’s demonstrated work ethic, vast knowledge and dedication to Stockton East made him the clear choice for elevation to permanent General Manager,” said President Watkins. “We’re very pleased of the work Justin has done for us and look forward to continued progress under his leadership.”

Stockton East Water District serves the greater Stockton municipal area with treated drinking water supplies, and over 60,000 acres of irrigated agriculture. As a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Stockton East Water District is also charged with insuring sustainability of its portion of the critically overdrafted Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin. The District is overseen by a seven-member, publicly-elected Board of Directors. For more information about SEWD, please visit the District website www.sewd.net or call (209) 948-0333.