

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, DECEMBER 26, 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 Manager Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, Water Operation Manager Wunderlich, Administrative Clerk Rodriguez. Director McGaughey was absent. Legal Counsel Zolezzi was present via teleconference.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 12/19/23 – Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 26, 2023 California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

3. Revised Base Monthly Payment Schedule – Fiscal Year 2024-2025

a. Public Hearing

President Atkins opened the Public Hearing at 12:32 p.m., to receive comments on the Revised Base Monthly Payment Schedule – Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Seeing there were no public comments, President Atkins closed the Public Hearing at 12:33 p.m.

b. Resolution No. 23-24-15 – Revise the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with Resolution No. 23-24- 15 – Revise the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Manager Hopkins reported every year after the board approves the following fiscal year budget, the District is required to

establish a revised based monthly payment based on the adopted budget and staff is recommending the board consider adoption of Resolution No. 23-24-15 to set the revised base monthly payment for April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Director Cortopassi inquired if there was a change to the 24-25 Fiscal Year Annual Budget after the board approved it. Assistant Manager Vega replied no, there is a process for setting the annual budget which includes setting a “preliminary” base monthly payment and once the budget is approved the District is required to formally adopt a new, “revised” base monthly payment. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 23-24-15 – Revise the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2024 to March 31,2025, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

4. Stockton East Water District – Contract Award For Tunnel Outlet Flume Meter Project Memo
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a memo for the Contract Award For Tunnel Outlet Flume Meter Project. Manager Hopkins reported one of the projects the District budgeted for this fiscal year is construction of a new flow measurement flume at the Tunnel Outlet from Goodwin Dam. The District went out to bid and the bid results were unreasonable for the District’s budget, staff took this project out to bid a second time and received reasonable bid results. Assistant Manager Vega reported the current budget includes \$1.5M to improve the Tunnel Outlet meter in the Upper Farmington Canal with the first phase one of the project, being the shotcrete lining of the canal upstream of the meter location. That phase was completed by K.W. Emerson last fiscal year. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District solicited bids for the second phase of the project, which consists of constructing a reinforced concrete Replogle flow measuring flume in the canal. Accelerated Construction and Metal, LLC submitted a bid amount of \$1, 272,891 which is within the budgeted amount of \$1.5M and the shotcrete option coming in at \$618,475 which could be constructed next fiscal year utilizing the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant of \$363,500. Staff respectfully recommends the Board to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Accelerated Construction and Metal, LLC for \$1,272,891, plus a 10% contingency of \$127,289.10, for a total of \$1,400,180.10, and make all other necessary approvals.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the contract includes the flume and the measuring device. Assistant Manager Vega replied, the contract includes the actual flume measuring device.

Director Watkins inquired if the additional lining is to keep the debris out of the flume. Assistant Manager Vega replied it is for conserving water. Discussion followed.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manger to execute a contract with Accelerated Construction and Metal, LLC for \$1,272,891, plus a 10% contingency of \$127,289.10. for a total cost of \$1,400,180.10, and make all necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: McGaughey

5. Stockton East Water District – Authorization To Enter Into An Agreement With The USBR To Perform An ATP Study For The New Melones Unit CVP Irrigation Water Rates Memo
 - a. Resolution No. 23-24-16 – Authorizing The General Manager To Enter into A Reimbursable Agreement With The United States Bureau Of Reclamation To Perform An Ability-To-Pay Study

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with Resolution No. 23-24-16. Manager Hopkins reported the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) estimate is \$30K - \$50K. Director Watkins requested confirmation of the study data range and suggested waiting for the 2023 data to obtain better results. Director Watkins suggested notifying Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD) since the USBR would do the same analysis as Stockton East Water District (SEWD). Manager Hopkins will gather more information and will provide the board of directors with an update.

No motion was taken. Resolution No. 23-24-16 is set to come back on a future regular board meeting

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Committee, 12/20/23
Vice President McGurk attended the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Committee meeting. Vice President McGurk reported San Joaquin County Public Works Director Fritz Buchman was on vacation, San Joaquin County Deputy Public Works Director Alex Chetley led the meeting, Jenny Fromm from US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Farmington Operations Manager Marian Picher provided a thorough report about what they are working on. Director McGurk reported U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are working on a new, New Hogan Dam and Reservoir water control manual expected to be published in 2026. The next meeting is tentatively January 17, 2024. Discussion followed.
2. Tri Dam Project – 2024 Budget Review, 12/21/23
Director Panizza, Director Sanguinetti, President Atkins, and Manager Hopkins attended the Tri Dam Project – 2024 Budget Review Meeting. Director Panizza reported there were minor adjustments to the budget, Tri-Dam is looking towards increased capital expenditures for next year, however they are still unsure if they will move forward with it. Director Panizza reported the Tri-Dam budget will be approved in a future meeting by the board of directors. Discussion followed.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/19/23
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 170,5123 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 201 cfs. There is 1,976,090 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 211 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 202 cfs and release to all water users is set at 0 cfs. The District water treatment plant (WTP) is currently processing 34 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 13 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 15 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 0 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1, F2a-2

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District – Website Update

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a brief overview of the district’s new website. Manager Hopkins reported the Stockton East Water District new website went live last Thursday. Manager Hopkins also displayed the backend of the website where staff are able to run a report and view the ADA accessibility percentage and make any necessary changes to the website.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the Sodium Hypochlorite facility is at 75% capacity and the gas chlorine is picking up the other 25%. The new facility has been operating uninterrupted with no issues.

Manager Hopkins reported he attended a meeting with the Stockton Chamber of Commerce to discuss a potential partnership with them to help on public outreach for the Bellota Project and gain awareness and public support for the project to move forward. Stockton Chamber of Commerce does provide programs the District could partner up with for them to provide public outreach.

4. Stockton East Water District Water Treatment Plant Update

Water Operations Manager Wunderlich provided the Board with an update on the District’s treatment plant. Water Operations Manager Wunderlich reported the treatment plant bacti sampling number for the month of November. The District is required to sample ninety times, however ninety-four samples were taken due to the one-day shutdown of the treatment plant. Water Operations Manager Wunderlich reported the rain totals for December 19 at 0.4 and December 21 at 0.49, the treatment plant produced 3,388.158 AF of water, Cal Water produced 1,465.68 AF and City of Stockton produced 1,488.0 AF, City of Stockton wells produced 46 AF and Cal Water/ Diamond wells produced 172.51 AF and the City of Stockton treatment plant produced 624.52 AF of water.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 12/26/23
Director Watkins reported this meeting has been cancelled.
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m., 12/28/23
This meeting was cancelled

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Real Property Negotiations Government Code 54956.8 – Property: 6833 East Main St and 6700 East Copperopolis Rd, Stockton, Ca
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins
Negotiating Parties: Carna Farming, Inc.

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Under Negotiation: Price

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:27 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:29 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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