

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, FEBRUARY 16, 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., and 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 and Administrative Services Manager Carido. Present at roll call via teleconference were Directors McGaughey, McGurk and Panizza. Also present via teleconference was Consultant Barkett. Legal Counsel Zolezzi joined via teleconference at 12:33 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 02/09/2021 – Regular Board Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 1, section D-3, 1st paragraph, 4th sentence – insert “members” after “~20”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- c. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- f. Payroll
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 6, line item 70 for Wienhoff & Associates, Inc., for Annual FMCSA Clearinghouse Query in the amount of \$30.00. Manager Moody replied Wienhoff & Associates, Inc., is the consortium the District uses for the Department of Transportation (DOT) Driving Program. Administrative Services Manager Carido added,

FMCSA is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and all DOT drivers are required to be enrolled in the FMSCA Clearinghouse.

Director Atkins inquired on the expenses on page 5, line items 8 & 9 for ControlPoint Engineering Inc., for the SCADA work remaining professional service agreements in the amount of \$208,650.00 & SCADA Operations Training Manual in the amount of \$16,800, inquiring on the status of the SCADA Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins replied the SCADA project is still in progress.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 7, line item 78 for FishBIO for the Biological assessment for Hosie Crossing in the amount of \$6,715.00. Manager Moody replied the District has to conduct this type of CEQA work for each Project.

Director Atkins inquired on the expenses on page 11, line items 104-107 for GoodYear/Wingfoot Commercial Tire for replacement of tires/repair of flat tires in the combined total amount of \$703.24, inquiring if there is another type of tire the District can use. Manager Moody replied no, due to the type of rocks the District vehicles drive on, it is very hard on the tires and District staff does not perform alignment work.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 119 for California Welding Supply Co., for new welder for Maintenance in the amount of \$5,549.26. Manager Moody replied the new welder replaced a Panasonic Gunslinger 260 welder that was purchased in 1998. Manager Moody added the new welder has all processes and is completely digital.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 16, 2021 Warrants, as presented.
Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – WaterSMART Grant Resolutions Memo, 02/16/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on WaterSMART Grant Funding. Manager Moody reported similar to funding the District received for the Raw Water Reservoir Project, the Department of the Interior United States Bureau of Reclamation has grant funding available with a 50% match under the WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (Funding No. R21AS00257). Manager Moody reported staff is writing a grant for the District's Meter Project that is already budgeted in the next Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget; and, for another grant for satellite imagery to assess aquifers. Director Cortopassi inquired on the grant for satellite imagery and inquired if it is for Groundwater Sustainable Agencies (GSAs). Manager Moody replied yes, SEWD is a GSA and was a partner on a pilot satellite imagery study with a group on the north side of the District boundary. The total grant amount award is ~\$75,000 and the District could include Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and SEWD if awarded funding; however, there is not enough funding to include the whole Basin. President Watkins commented the idea is this will also satisfy reporting to the State and that the State is looking into using satellite imagery also. Director McGurk inquired on the Resolution language, and use of the same funding number in both Resolutions

presented. Manager Moody replied this is the Bureau's Funding Number that projects will be awarded grant funding from.

Manager Moody added for clarification the Federal Government requires a Resolution from the Board for each grant submittal.

- a. Resolution No. 20-21-16 – Authorizing To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – Assessing Aquifers

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-21-16 – Authorizing To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – Assessing Aquifers

Roll Call:

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

- b. Resolution No. 20-21-17 – Authorizing To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – Meter Replacement

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-21-17 – Authorizing To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – Meter Replacement

Roll Call:

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

4. United States Department of the Interior – Central Valley Project Water Rates for the 2021 Water Year

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the United States Department of the Interior – Central Valley Project Water Rates for the 2021 Water Year. Manager Moody reported AG rates decreased and M&I rates increased but that there is no justification included as to why. Finance Director Vega added the M&I increase was expected due to the recent Cost Allocation Study and because of the WIIN Act there are no construction costs. Finance Director Vega also reported on the increase to restoration charges that occur annually because these charges are based on an index. This item is for information only.

5. Stockton East Water District – Fiscal Year 20-21 General Maintenance Budget Adjustment Memo, 02/16/21

Manager Moody provided the Board with information on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 General Maintenance Budget. Manager Moody reported the Board approved ~\$140,000 in the Fiscal

Year 2020/2021 Budget for general maintenance and staff watches budget to actuals closely, especially before nearing the end of the Fiscal Year. The budget consisted of items such as rebuilding a High Service Pump Station pumping unit, performing preventative maintenance and replacing or rebuilding failed equipment. The items that were not budgeted but had to be worked on this year are listed in Table 1. Manager Moody reported due to unbudgeted expenses there will be two line items over-budget in the Maintenance Budget; however, that is currently only 38% of the entire Maintenance Budget and we are ~75% through the Fiscal Year. Manager Moody queried the Board if they would like to make a Budget Amendment now or wait until the end of the year, the Board can decide then to approve an amendment.

Consensus of the Board was to direct staff to bring a Budget Amendment for the General Maintenance Budget to the Board next week.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 02/10/21
Director Watkins and Manager Moody attended the February 10, 2021 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported discussions focused on the County's American River Water Rights and if the County will continue to pursue its application. Matt Zidar, San Joaquin County reported on efforts setting-up a task force to figure out if there are projects so the County can move forward with the application. The Committee also discussed water budgeting to conduct water modeling. Manager Moody reported the Committee agenda was nearly identical to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda that met the week before. President Watkins reported on the update given on the status of GSA payments noting 3 entities have not made their invoice payments, everyone else is current. Director Cortopassi inquired on the American River Water Rights. President Watkins replied the application is for water from January 1 to June 1, ~350 cfs, 700 acre-feet a day for 6-months, noting the direct diversion is on the Sacramento to the Freeport diversion. There was discussion regarding the American River Water Rights and previous Folsom South Canal supply. Director McGurk inquired if there was anyone to partner with to the south such as Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District. President Watkins reported Matt Zidar commented they are protestors to the water right who could actually be customers in a project. Director Panizza commented on taking American River water at Freeport and inquired if the County purchased capacity in that pipeline and how could the County move water through that system. President Watkins commented the reason there could be capacity is because East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) can only use the Freeport Project in a dry year, when the elevation of Pardee Reservoir is below 500-foot elevation. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021.
2. Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting – Bellota Project, 02/11/21
Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the February 10, 2021 Stockton East Water District Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting for the Bellota Project. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Committee met and reviewed questions from the previous meeting. Many of the previous questions were addressed and some questions staff will circle-back to once closer to the end of project design. Assistant Manager Hopkins reported the Committee considered the various options presented to date and collectively decided on one design that includes “no-rise” water surface elevation and a roughened channel. Manager Moody commented the roughened channel adds ~\$6-\$7 million to the project. Director Atkins reported the Committee received answers to the previous discrepancy in elevation figures and

found elevations used were from 1929 and 1988 and had different base elevations resulting in 2.4 feet base elevation change. Director Cortopassi commented the opinion of some of the Committee attendees is to find a 50% matching grant fund to help fund the project due to all the additions to the Project design from the fishery agencies. President Watkins reported the Committee did make a recommendation to make a presentation to the Board and bring to the Board next week to have the Board vote.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/08/21

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 146,500 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 28 cfs. There is 1,554,017 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 602 cfs and release to all water users are set at 638 cfs. The water treatment plant is currently processing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 12 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

President Watkins commented on the 43% of the ocean harvest of salmon came from the Mokelumne River Hatchery and commented if the fish are in danger than maybe we should stop fishing them in the ocean, instead of putting more money towards the fish and maybe it is time to step up and be heard.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan Virtual Workshop, 02/10/21

Manager Moody reported on the February 10, 2021 Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan Virtual Workshop. Manager Moody reported FishBIO and Assistant Manager Hopkins did a good job on the presentation and noted it is available on the District's website under the HCP tab. The AG interests on the call were farmers/Board members and the District did reach out to all landowners above Bellota. Landowners were sent a postcard to attend the Virtual Workshop. Director McGaughey commented the pictures used in the presentation were good. This item was for information only.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

There was nothing to report.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/17/21

2. Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m., 02/17/21
This meeting has been cancelled
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/19/21
4. Central Valley Project Water Association – Executive & Financial Affairs Committee, 10:00 a.m., 02/19/21

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

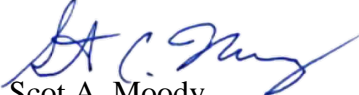
1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:09 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:19 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Scot A. Moody
Secretary of the Board

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