

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, OCTOBER 24, 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 Director Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza and Sanguinetti. Also present were Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Assistant Wood, Administrative Clerk Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Watkins, Manager Hopkins and District Engineer Evensen were absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Assistant General Manager Vega introduced Martin Wunderlich, Water Supply Operator, who started October 23, 2023 and Ivan Sanchez, Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, who started October 16, 2023.

Director McGurk inquired if the Water Supply Operator works with Water Supply Manager Donis in the field. Martin responded yes.

President Atkins welcomed Martin and Ivan to the District.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/17/23 – Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 50 for Holt of CA for Hosie Crossing Replacement project 2319-Rental of Hex Cab/Air Thumb Excavator in the amount of

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\$30,535.20. Assistant Manager Vega replied the District is evaluating the fleet and are considering on purchasing an excavator since the District often uses the equipment for projects. Director Cortopassi inquired if heavy equipment could be part of the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) regulation. Assistant Manager Vega replied it would be separate not necessarily the electrified clean fleets. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District has submitted a request to the county for possible funding for a new excavator and transport, the District has yet to receive a response.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 24, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

3. Cancellation of November 7, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

Director McGurk inquired why there is a need to cancel the November 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Assistant Manager Vega replied the administrative staff who assists with board support are scheduled to attend a California Special District Association (CSDA) conference in Monterey. The conference will provide proper training for board clerk tasks.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the cancellation of the November 7, 2023 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

4. Stockton East Water District – Purchase of Surveying Equipment – Total Station Memo

Assistant Manager Vega provided the Board with the Purchase of Surveying Equipment – Total Station Memo. Assistant Manager Vega reported District Engineering Staff currently designs and provides construction management services on a majority of the District's construction projects. Engineering staff has been using outdated equipment. On larger projects, these tasks are often contracted out to surveying firms to obtain more accurate results on both the design and construction of a project. District engineering staff has researched different options for performing these survey and construction tasks and has found a total station will give optimal results for both these tasks. Based on further research the Trimble S7 Total Station provided the optimal blend of accuracy and features, as well as brand familiarity by District staff, in order to effectively do this type of work effectively. District staff investigated availability of this piece of equipment and found the only purveyor of the equipment in the area is California Surveying and Drafting Supply, Inc. (California Surveying). District staff received a quote from California Surveying for the purchase of a new total station and pertinent equipment required for use of the total station for the price of \$42,716. The S7 total station will be used for the George Watkins Crossing Replacement Project which is budgeted for \$492,000 for next fiscal year. Staff respectfully recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to purchase the total station and pertinent equipment from California Surveying and Drafting Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$42,716 plus a 10% contingency of \$4,272 for a total of \$46,988, and make all other necessary approvals.

Director McGurk inquired if the total station has laser beams in order to measure elevation. Director Sanguinetti responded probable positioning from the satellites is used to measure the elevation. President Atkins inquired if the District contracted with outside vendors to do the elevation work. Assistant General Manager responded it was for staking and setting points for construction, the amount spent for Hosie Crossing Replacement Project and Sodium Hypochlorite Project was \$11K and \$46K is projected to be spent for the next fiscal year if the S7 Total Station is not purchased.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the total station will be used when staff is building a weir. Water Supply Manager Donis replied yes, if staff were to build something in house we would most likely use the total station.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District has staff who is trained to operate the Trimble S7 Total Station. Assistant Manager Vega replied engineering staff is confident they could operate the Trimble S7 total station as they have operated older models of Trimble equipment.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Board is also approving moving money around to be able to purchase the surveying equipment. Assistant Manager Vega replied no, the Board is only approving the purchase of the surveying equipment and financial impact are details of where the District is using the money from.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to purchase the total station and pertinent equipment from California Surveying and Drafting Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$42,716 plus a 10% contingency of \$4,272 for a total of \$46,988, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/17/23

Assistant Manager Vega 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 186,398 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 98 cfs. There is 1,892,812 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,117 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 334 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 40 mgd. North Stockton is currently processing 12 mgd. South Stockton is currently processing 6 mgd. Cal Water is currently processing 23 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 8 mgd. Extraction Well #1 is producing 3,170 gpm.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the 3,170 gpm coming from Extraction Well #1 is part of the 40 mgd the treatment plant is producing. Assistant Manager Vega replied yes, the 3,170 gpm coming from Extraction Well #1 is part of the 40 mgd the treatment plant is producing.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District has heard anything back from United States Army Corp of Engineer (USACE) on the deviation from the flood control dva of the 152. Assistant Manager Vega replied, USACE is not providing the deviation, however they have permitted to leave control with Stockton East Water District (SEWD) and release 100 cfs until the flood control curve meets with top conservations and as long as there is no rain USACE will take control the first of November.

2. Information Items:

Assistant Manager Vega noted items: F2a-1 and F2a-2

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Assistant Manager Vega reported Manager Hopkins and Director Watkins are attending the CSDA Special Leadership Academy Conference in Santa Rosa.

Assistant Manager Vega reported staff has been working on getting the rest of the fiscal year schedule finished. Staff is trying to prioritize projects and get as many other projects done as soon as possible.

The District received bids on the Lower Farmington Canal Rehabilitation Project which were really elevated, the District was expecting \$1.7M for the work to be done and the bids came in for \$3.8M and \$4.6M for the repairs. Assistant Manager Vega reported Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is going to fund \$1.7M. A meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023 to discuss if they will fund the \$1.7M. Should FEMA decide not to approve the finding, staff will have to take on part of the project if not the full project to be able to keep the cost down.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Lower Farmington Canal Rehabilitation Project is to repair flood damage which was caused by the rain. Assistant General Manager replied yes, it is to repair the flood damage along the canal. Director Cortopassi inquired if the District could have the engineering firms redo the estimate for the Lower Farmington Canal Repair. Assistant Manager Vega replied it is something the District is trying to figure out and in the meeting with FEMA staff will inquire if they are willing adjust their stands on how to proceed.

4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update

Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with an update on the District's water supply. Every month the monitoring well data is collected.

From October 2022 to October 2023, the 3 monitoring wells located between Administration and the South Raw Water Reservoir are up 33.7ft. The 3 monitoring wells located east of the recharge site and the East Reservoir are up 19.46ft. The 3 monitoring wells located on the eastside of the nursery are up 18.4ft. The well located in the northwest corner of the property is up 19.4ft. The well located in the center of the Bozzano property is up 25.1ft. The 4 wells located on the eastside of the North Raw Water Reservoir are up 13.1ft. SEWD's groundwater recharge is totaling 8,132.6 AF from January to October. The New Melones total to SEWD is 44,508 AF from January to October. That is 59.35% of SEWD's 75,000 AF allocation. Of that, 36,580 AF was M&I and 7,928 AF was AG. Central received 38,759 AF which is 48.45% of the 80,000 AF allocation. New Hogan storage on April 1st was 239,629 AF as of today, the New Hogan storage is 186,335 AF.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 38th Annual San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame, 10/19/23
President Atkins, Director Sanguinetti, Director Cortopassi and Director Watkins attended the 38th Annual Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame on October 19th. Director Sanguinetti reported the event had it's full five hundred people with a large number of good recipients as well as good honorees.
2. Linden-Peters Annual Chamber Mixer, Linden CA, 10/23/23
President Atkins and Director McGurk attended the Linden-Peters Annual Chamber Mixer on October 23rd. President Atkins reported the event took place near the Wondering Fox in Linden, CA. Steve Ding also attended the event and spoke about the willingness to assist the community in Linden. Mr. Ding also spoke about the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce and who is part of the committee.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Draft of Proposal Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Submitted to Urban Contractors
Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with the Draft of Proposal Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Assistant Manager Vega reported a copy of the draft budget has to be sent to the Urban Contractors at least fifty days prior to the anticipated budget approval which is tentative for December 12, 2023. The draft budget has been sent to the Urban Contractors (UC's). The UC's were solicited for potential meeting dates to discuss the draft budget although it has not happened in the past several years.

President Atkins inquired if the UC's have provided any comments or edits to the budget in the past. Assistant Manager Vega replied the District has not received any comments or requests to discuss the draft budget.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 5:00p.m., 10/24/23

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

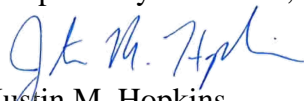
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:07 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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