

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, JUNE 27, 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 Legal Counsel Zolezzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Assistant Manager Vega, Finance Director Ram, Accountant Rangel, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Rietkerk with South San Joaquin Irrigation District presented a resolution to the Board of Directors congratulating Stockton East Water District on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

Assistant Manager Vega presented a flag flown over the capital at the request of Senator Dianne Feinstein and a certificate of recognition congratulating the District on 75 years of service.

Assistant Manager Vega reported Jeanette Thomas former Assistant General Manager sent a thank-you card for her invitation to the 75th Anniversary.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 06/20/23

Director Cortopassi made the following correction to the minutes:

- Page 2, section 2, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence – insert “agricultural” after “out-of-district”.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the June 20, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – 2023 Directors’ Compensation

a. Public Hearing

Assistant Manager Vega reported on December 17, 1991, the Stockton East Water District (District) Board of Directors (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 13 (Ordinance), an ordinance establishing Board compensation guidelines. The Ordinance was modified four times since original adoption to increase the Board compensation amount. The last modification was adopted on March 31, 1998, establishing the current Board compensation rate of \$133.32 per day. No other language of the Ordinance has been updated and the Board compensation rate has not been increased for 25 years. The Ordinance was reviewed and updated by staff and legal counsel. The amended Ordinance includes modifications to: clarify the occasions that qualify for compensation; refer to other relevant compensation and reimbursement policies; and add appropriate references to the Water Code.

b. Ordinance No. 13 Amendment Memo

c. Ordinance No. 13

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt the amended Ordinance No. 13, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – 2023 Water Rates

a. Public Hearing

Assistant Manager Vega reported Ordinance 49 has been revised to accommodate the exchange agreement which allows the District to deliver water to the Leffler property and allow North San Joaquin Water Conservation District to deliver water to the Elkhorn Golf Course. Section 6 has been added to reference the rate for sales of Non-Agricultural stream-delivered water of \$60 per acre-foot.

Director Watkins suggested making an edit to section 6 to specify the rate is related to the exchange agreement. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied that would be preference of the Board.

Director Panizza inquired if it is necessary to add section 6 to the ordinance. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the agreement states the District is to set the rate for the Non-Agricultural stream-delivered water.

b. Ordinance No. 49

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt revised Ordinance No. 49, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Ethical Guidelines for Stockton East Water District Directors

Assistant Manager Vega reported legal counsel and staff reviewed the Ethical Guidelines for Stockton East Water District Directors as the guidelines are referenced in the revised Ordinance 13. Updates to the Ethical Guidelines include; changing “Board members” to “Directors”; updating various government codes to ensure compliance; and the addition of guidelines relating to compliance with legally mandate training.

Director McGurk stated he was expecting to see a more conclusive list of committee meetings added in Section 12. Directors’ Compensation and Expense Reimbursement. Legal Counsel Zolezzi explained if the guidelines were to indicate an inclusive list of committee meetings then the guidelines would need to be revised anytime a Director attends a meeting not already listed.

A motion was moved and seconded to the Ethical Guidelines for Stockton East Water District, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/20/23

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 230,609 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 188 cfs. There is 2,020,658 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,974 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,507 cfs and release to all water users are set at 2,891 cfs. There are 13 irrigators on New Hogan, 2 irrigators on New Melones, and 2 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 40 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 19 mgd.

2. Information Items:

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 06/23/23

Finance Director Ram attended the CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting on June 23rd. There were some technical issues with the video and speaker therefore it was difficult to hear what was being discussed. Finance Director Ram reported the Executive and Financial Affairs Committee finalized the 2020 Cost Allocation Study, with an update coming at a later time. Due to a planned Folsom Dam site visit the meeting was shorter than normal.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Assistant Manager Vega reported the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Stockton Police Department visited the District last week due to some interference the Stockton Police Department were receiving during their foot chases. The FCC was able to investigate where those interferences were originating from and determined it was coming from Stockton East Water District facilities. Manager Hopkins and Assistant Manager Vega escorted the representatives to the radio cabinets and discovered the District's frequencies were running at 465.25 when it should have been running at 465.275. The FCC chose not to fine the District \$5,000 as the issue was corrected.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Stockton Chamber Annual Installation Dinner, 06/22/23
Director Watkins, Director Panizza and Manager Hopkins attended the Stockton Chamber Annual Installation Dinner Director on June 22nd. Director Watkins reported the chamber celebrated the installment of their new Board Members and Officers and the recognition of their outgoing President.
2. Stockton Ports Baseball Game – Agricultural Night, 06/23/23
Director Watkins attended the Stockton Ports Baseball Game – Agricultural Night on June 23rd. Director Watkins reported the Stockton Ports baseball team won their game and there were a lot of people from the agricultural community in attendance.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 06/27/23
2. District Holiday - Independence Day, 07/04/23
3. ACWA Leadership to Leadership Listening Session, 1:00 p.m., 07/06/23
4. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 07/07/23
This meeting was cancelled
5. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 07/10/23

Director Watkins reported Woodard & Curran is hosting an Eastern San Joaquin Water Accounting Framework (WAF) Workshop at the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Director Watkins reported the Department of Water Resources announced that it will hold a workshop on July 11th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Agriculture Water Use Efficiency resource management strategies (RMS).

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:01 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:04 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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