

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 19, 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 President Atkins 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, Accounting Technician King, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Assistant Wood, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director McGaughey was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes

a. Minutes 12/07/23 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 7, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes , as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

b. Minutes 12/12/23 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

2. Warrants

a. Fund 70 – Administrative Fund

b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

c. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

d. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund

e. Summary

f. Short Names/ Acronym List

g. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 12, line item 27 for US Bank-American Concrete Institute for Engineering code books in the amount of \$664.34 and line item 29 for US Bank-AWWA.org for Pipe design and install books for Engineering in the amount of \$218.00. District Engineer Evensen replied these are physical books.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 12, line item 42 for Wienhoff & Associates, Inc. for Annual Consortium fees for 2024 in the amount of \$595.00. Manager Hopkins replied the consortium is a variety of organizations who are required to comply with DOT driver testing.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 83 for United Rentals North America Inc for Rental of long reach forklift for removing water-Farmington Dam in the amount of \$2,668.19. Manager Hopkins replied the equipment was used to place the suction hoses into the afterbay of the Farmington dam to pump the water out.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 18, line item 137 for US Bank-PayPal TideWe for PPE-Chest waders for maintenance crew (Qty. 3) in the amount of \$290.88. Manager Hopkins replied the TideWe is an online retailer.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 18, line item 130 for Trane US Inc. for Trouble shoot HVAC Unit on Admin Building in the amount of \$1,154.00. Manager Hopkins replied this was to troubleshoot a compressor issue on the existing HVAC Unit.

Director Cortopassi inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 69 for Rubicon Systems America Inc. for 8-Mile Dam Replacement prj 2318-Rubicon flume gate in the amount of \$37,518.55. Manager Hopkins replied this expense is for a piece of equipment for the upcoming project. District Engineer Evensen added this is partially funded by a grant.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 19, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

3. Stockton East Water District – Low Lift Pump Station P-1 Replacement – Piping Related Installation Expenditures Memo

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo for the Low Lift Pump Station P-1 Replacement – Piping Related Installation Expenditures. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 approved budget includes funding for the replacement of the Low Lift Pump Station’s (LLPS) Pump P-1. Currently, the District has purchased the replacement pump, check valve, butterfly valve and VFD for the P-1 Replacement Project. The scope of work to be provided by the selected contractor includes the demolition of the existing 18” saddle branch and pipe supports, removal and disposal of the existing 18” piping and valves, removal of the existing P-1 pump, the installation of a new 30” saddle branch, butterfly valve with blind flange and a concrete valve support, as well as painting the new saddle branch connection. Staff requested quotes from seven contractors, of which two provided quotes. Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with TNT Industrial Contractors Inc in the amount of \$99,913, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$109,905, and make all other necessary approvals.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if there is currently enough power in LLPS to provide adequate horsepower. District Engineer Evensen replied yes, the current generator for the LLPS can adequately handle the new P-1 pump because not all pumps are turned on at once and P-1 Pump will provide redundancy so LLPS can pump the permitted flow of 65 MGD with one of the larger pumps out of service.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with TNT Industrial Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$99,913, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$109,905, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Steering Committee Meeting, 12/13/23

Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Steering Committee Meeting on December 13th. Manager Hopkins reported the committee reviewed and approved the November 8th Meeting Minutes and recommended the ESJGWA Board approve the Draft Well Mitigation Program, form a Project Management Committee for the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Update, approve an Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJGWA) Budget Amendment, and approve a Consultant Agreement with Woodard & Curran for the 2025 GSP Update. Director Watkins reported the minimum ESJGWA Member Dues are proposed to be increased from \$7,500 to \$22,500.

Discussion followed.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/12/23

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 171,683 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 152 cfs. There is 1,964,576 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 365 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 205 cfs and release to all water users is set at 0 cfs. The District water treatment plant (WTP) is currently processing 32 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 12 mgd. South Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 20 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 0 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported is in contact with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to discuss an Ability-To-Pay Study. A resolution will be brought to the Board for consideration at a later date.

Manager Hopkins reported District Staff, Legal Counsel and the District's Consultant are working together to revise the Scope of Work for the Water Supply Enhancement Project.

Manager Hopkins reported the District received the first load of sodium hypochlorite today for the new disinfection system and the phasing out of the chlorine gas disinfection system has begun.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering Update

District Engineer Evensen provided the Board with a presentation on the District's projects which include the Sodium Hypochlorite Project, the Low Lift Pump Station P1 Pump Upgrade and Gate Replacements, installation of the Automatic Transfer Switch in the High Service Pump Station, the Air Conditioning Units in the High Service Pump Station, the Well Pump and Motor Installation on Extraction Well #2, the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project, the Bellota Pipeline Headworks Fish Screen Retrofit, the Lower Farmington Canal Rehabilitation Project and the SCADA Project. District Engineer Evensen provided an update on the design and permitting process for projects which include the Aquifer Storage Recovery Well, Solids Dewatering Lagoon, Water Supply Master Plan and CIP, Water Treatment Plant Master Plan and CIP, George Watkins Low-Water Crossing, Eight Mile Dam and McGurk Low-Water Crossing.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Holiday Open House & Toy Drive – Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua, 12/14/23
Directors Atkins, Sanguinetti, Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Holiday Open House & Toy Drive on December 14th. President Atkins reported the event was well attended and there were many toys donated.
2. Stockton East Water District Employee Holiday Potluck, 12/15/23
Directors Atkins, Watkins, Sanguinetti and Manager Hopkins attended the Stockton East Water District Employee Holiday Potluck on December 15th. President Atkins reported the event had plenty of food, it was well attended and had good gifts in the raffle. Director Sanguinetti commended District Staff on the decorations.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 12/20/23
2. South San Joaquin Irrigation District – Tri-Dam Project 2024 Budget Review Meeting For Goodwin Dam, 2:00 p.m., 12/21/23
3. District Holiday – Christmas Day, 12/25/23

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 1:25 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:04 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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