

A 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, JANUARY 8, 2008 AT NOON

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

President Panizza called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was lead by Director Latimer.

Present at roll call were Directors Cortopassi, Latimer, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Kauffman, Assistant Manager Thomas, Superintendent Yoshimura, Finance Director Jamosmos, Office Manager Stephens and Legal Counsel Harrigfeld.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Fields, Morada Area Association wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 12/18/07 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 18, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous approval

2. Expenses

- a. Fund 59 – Municipal Dry Year Reserve Fund
- b. Fund 67 – Agriculture Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Operations Fund
- f. Payroll Expenses
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 8, 2008 Expenses, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous approval

3. Water Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century-Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario

Manager Kauffman provided the Board with the document “A Water Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario” drafted by Tom Zuckerman of the Central Delta Water Agency, and others. The document sets forth the history of the Delta and the State & Federal Water Projects. It also suggests opportunities which could improve system operations upstream of the Delta. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

and Senator Michael Machado are requesting support and endorsement of the document. The Stockton East Water District Administration Committee, Senator Machado and Eastern Water Alliance have discussed this issue in detail. Manager Kauffman provided the Board with a draft Resolution encouraging statewide water planning focused on regional self-sufficiency and opposing any proposed ballot initiative which includes an ill-advised isolated conveyance facility. Director Latimer stated an isolated water conveyance facility is in the best interest of the entire state, that we should not continue to allow the water to be wasted to the ocean, and that the district should not oppose such a facility.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 07-08-12 Encouraging Statewide Water Planning Focused on Regional Self-Sufficiency and opposing any Proposed Ballot Initiative that includes an Ill-Advised Isolated Conveyance Facility.

Director Watkins stated he has uncertainty with the Resolution and would like to avoid this Board's involvement with the politics. Director Sanguinetti recommended modifying the language in the Resolution to be more generalized by removing the political language. Director Cortopassi stated the proposed isolated water conveyance facility is not a benefit to the entire state and would solely benefit Southern California. Legal Counsel Harrigfeld also suggested language modifications. Staff was directed to redraft the Resolution based on feedback from the Board and Legal Counsel and bring back to the Board for consideration and approval.

The motion was withdrawn.

4. San Joaquin Council of Governments 2008 Legislative Trip

Manager Kauffman provided the Board with a request for support and financial contribution from the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) for the San Joaquin One Voice legislative effort. The next trip is scheduled for April 6-11, 2008. In addition, Manager Kauffman and Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins will be traveling to Washington DC for a lobbying trip February 9-15, 2008.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve travel to Washington DC for Manager Kauffman and Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins for a lobbying trip February 9-15, 2008 and April 6-11, 2008 in compliance with AB 1234.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Office Manager Stephens reported the district has not financially contributed to the San Joaquin One Voice legislative effort since 2005.

A motion was moved and seconded to support and authorize a financial contribution for the San Joaquin One Voice legislative effort in the amount of \$500.00 (cabinet sponsorship level).

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, Latimer, McGaughey, McGurk, Watkins, Sanguinetti  
Noes: Panizza  
Absent: None

Manager Kauffman reported the deadline to submit the package to SJCOG for the One Voice trip is today. The Board authorized staff to submit the 2009 Appropriations Request Form with the current report language and contact Doyce Boesch to confirm whether the requested report language regarding recovery of the reprogrammed funds clouds our appropriations request for FY 2009.

5. Tri-Dam 2008 Budget (see agenda item E4)

Manager Kauffman provided the Board with the 2008 Budget for the Goodwin Dam joint operation with Stockton East Water District. President Panizza gave a report on the meeting under agenda item E4.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the 2008 Budget for the Goodwin Dam joint operation with Stockton East Water District and authorize the district to contribute its one-third share in the amount of \$93,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous approval

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Central Valley Resources Agency Meeting, 12/19/07

Manager Kauffman reported on the December 19, 2007 Central Valley Resources Agency (CVRA) Meeting. Seth Shapiro with Herum Crabtree Brown will be the legal representative for the CVRA. The initial Board members are Ed Chavez, Mike Locke, Kristy Sayles, Doug Wilhoit and Willie Wetherford. The Agency will lobby for Federal and State funding for flood control projects. Manager Kauffman reported this Agency appears much like a flood control portion of SJCOG. Director McGurk feels this Agency is similar to the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission. Manager Kauffman stated this district needs to stay involved with the CVRA and attempt to get a representative from SEWD appointed to the Board. President Panizza referred this issue to an Administration Committee Meeting for further discussion. In addition, staff was directed to invite Kelly Foote to the Administration Committee Meeting.

2. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 12/19/07

Director McGurk reported on the December 19, 2007 San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting. Brandon Nakagawa gave an update on the Freeport Element Project Agreement and work schedule. Steve Winkler gave an update on FEMA map modernization and other Technical Advisory Committee activities. Tom Flinn gave an update on the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force. John Herrick reported the document developed by the Task Force is a failure and is attempting to portray a water grab as an environmental victory. The Commission agreed to invite Tim Quinn, ACWA Executive Director to a future Commission meeting. The Commission discussed the potential of a subcommittee to review and provide recommendations on potential changes to Advisory Water Commission representation. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

3. Mokelumne Forum Meeting, 01/03/08

Director McGurk and Manager Kauffman attended the January 3, 2008 Mokelumne Forum Meeting. The Northeastern San Joaquin Groundwater Banking Authority and the Upper Mokelumne River Water Association gave a summary on key interests related to the I-RCUP. Mel Lytle presented a summary of the IRWMP. The State Board has informed San Joaquin County the environmental documents for the MORE Water Project must be submitted in order to avoid revoking their application. Director McGurk stated San Joaquin County will be moving forward with the environmental documentation for the MORE Water Project. EBMUD indicated if the MORE Water Project becomes part of the I-RCUP, they were not sure they could support it. Manager Kauffman stated the Forum needs cooperation to continue to move forward, and EBMUD's position requires clarification. The negotiating team for the Principles of Agreement will be meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Lodi. The next Forum meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008.

4. Tri-Dam Budget Meeting, 12/31/07

Manager Kauffman and Directors Cortopassi and Panizza attended the December 31, 2007 Tri-Dam Budget Meeting. Director Panizza reported there was not much change to the Budget compared to 2007. The main increases were to office supplies and employee salaries. The net cost to Stockton East Water District is \$93,000.00. After actual accounting has been completed for the year, left-over balances will become credits for the following year. Legal Counsel Harrigfeld inquired on the expense for the premier study for fishery resources. Manager Kauffman replied he did not have the figures at the time and the budget can be amended to reflect these costs, if needed, or a memorandum of understanding could cover this funding issue.

## **F. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

1. M&O Superintendent's Report as of 12/12/07

Superintendent Yoshimura reported there is approximately 123,970 AF in storage at New Hogan and the top of conservation is 156,700 AF. There is approximately 1,460,000 AF at New Melones. The total rainfall received at New Hogan is 3.70 inches. Staff has resumed discussions with Kevin Richardson, USACE relative to storage encroachment issues.

2. Information Items

Manager Kauffman noted items F2a-2, F2a-4, F2a-12, Fa-13, F2a-14, F2a-17, F2a-18 and F2a-19.

Manager Kauffman reported on the following issues:

- Manager Kauffman reported Stan Ferraro with Cal Water is retiring and will continue as a consultant on a part-time basis until his position can be filled and become competent. Henry Wind has accepted a new position with Cal Water in Redondo Beach, and Ross Moilan has been appointed as the new District Manager for the Stockton and Livermore offices.
- Manager Kauffman will be attending the Mid-Pacific Region Water Users Conference in Reno January 22-25, 2008.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Latimer reported on the January 4, 2008 Mokelumne River Association Meeting. The group received the Treasurer's Report. Various agencies gave detailed member reports. K.T. Shum, Water and Natural Resources for EBMUD gave a presentation on climate change in the Mokelumne watershed. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2008.

Director McGaughey recommended sending out a congratulations letter to Supervisor Vogel and thank-you letters to Supervisor Mow and Henry Wind, District Manager for Cal Water.

#### **H. REPORT OF COUNSEL**

1. Mokelumne River Water Rights Answer to Protests

Legal Counsel Harrigfeld provided the Board with EBMUD's response to SEWD's and NSJWCD's protest against EBMUD's Petition for Time Extension. The next procedural step is for EBMUD to undertake their environmental documentation. Manager Kauffman recommended waiting until after the Principals of Agreement negotiating meeting prior to requesting additional information. Director Watkins recommended having all protestors request the same information.

2. 2007 Water Sale-Oakdale Irrigation District to United States Bureau of Reclamation

Legal Counsel Harrigfeld provided the Board with information on the sale of 6,000 AF of surplus water to the Bureau of Reclamation from the Oakdale Irrigation District. Legal Counsel Harrigfeld stated if this water was not sold, it would revert back to the Bureau. [Clarification: SSJID made a similar sale for 4,000 AF.]

#### **I. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

#### **J. AGENDA PLANNING FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

1. Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority Board & Coordinating Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 01/09/08

2. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 01/10/08

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:28 p.m. to discuss closed session items. The regular meeting reconvened at 3:20 p.m. with no reportable actions.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kauffman  
Secretary of the Board

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