

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, FEBRUARY 12, 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 Cortopassi.

Present at roll call were Directors Cortopassi, Latimer, McGaughey, McGurk and Panizza. Manager Kauffman and Directors Watkins and Sanguinetti were absent as they were in Washington D.C. lobbying for continued support of the Farmington Program. Also present were Assistant Manager Thomas, Superintendent Yoshimura, Finance Director Jamosmos, Office Manager Stephens and Legal Counsel Harrigfeld.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Cortopassi asked William Fields if the Morada area has an official water district. Mr. Fields replied there is no official water district in Morada. There are 14 community wells which are maintained by the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works.

President Panizza passed around a picture provided by the Chamber of Commerce from the September 28, 2007 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the 02/05/08 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the February 5, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Vote: Unanimous approval

2. Farmington Groundwater Recharge & Seasonal Habitat Program (Telephone Call from Washington D.C.)

Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins and Manager Kauffman were contacted in Washington D.C. at 12:50 p.m. to receive an update on the Washington D.C. lobbying trip for continued support of the Farmington Program (Program). Manager Kauffman reported the group met with Ryan Hunt of Senator Dianne Feinstein's office on Monday. Mr. Hunt was familiar with the Program and indicated he will attempt to get the Program approved through the Conference Committee this year. Mr. Hunt requested additional information on the Program and the \$6,000,000 appropriations request. Doyce Boesch commented it was one of the best meetings the group has had to date. The group also met with Taunja Berquam of the House Energy & Water Subcommittee. Ms. Berquam has assisted this district with previous appropriations and indicated she will continue to assist with attempting to get continued funding for 2009.

Director Sanguinetti reported the group met with representatives from the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) this afternoon. There were approximately 6 people in attendance, including the Bureau's lawyers. The Bureau was mainly interested in how the Farmington Program is related to the MORE Water Project. The Bureau provided additional information regarding allocations for the upcoming year.

Director McGurk inquired on how Ryan Hunt was linked to Senator Dianne Feinstein. Director Sanguinetti replied Mr. Hunt is the "money guy" and wants to see firm, defined figures. Positive progress was made with the Bureau, which may result in greater water allocations for the district. Director McGurk further inquired if Congress Member David Hobson was still on the Appropriations Committee. Manager Kauffman replied he is still on the Committee as a minority member.

3. Stockton Table Top Book – SAWS Display

Assistant Manager Thomas provided the Board with information from the City of Stockton and Chamber of Commerce on a new publication which is intended to promote the unique cultural and natural and economic advantages of doing business in Stockton. This information was provided to the Board at the January 22, 2008 Board of Directors meeting and staff was directed to discuss at the next SAWS meeting and bring back to the Board for further consideration. Bart Barcia with Cherbo Publishing Group is requesting commitments from businesses at their earliest convenience. A final commitment from SAWS will be needed by the end of February 2008. Assistant Manager Thomas reported Manager Kauffman is requesting approval from the Board for a joint venture with the Urban Contractors, pending approval from SAWS. Director McGaughey stated she is against spending this kind of money for a table top book. Director McGurk felt the message portrayed in the write-ups should include the entire water distribution system (grid). Director Cortopassi suggested postponement of this issue until Manager Kauffman and the full Board are present. President Panizza directed staff to add this item to next weeks agenda and stated the Urban Contractors have been alerted.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 02/06/08

Director Latimer reported on the February 6, 2008 San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting. The Coalition discussed moving the meeting date to the second Monday of the month so it does not conflict with the USDA Conservation Service meetings. A contingency fund will be established to make up the difference of cost monitoring increases. Bills and delinquent notices will be mailed out March 2008. Six monitoring sites have tested toxic. Consideration of holding the Ag Expo in the Fall after harvest-time was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

2. Mokelumne Forum Meeting, 02/07/08

Director McGurk reported on the February 7, 2008 Mokelumne Forum Meeting. Dante Nomellini and John Herrick are not attending the Forum meetings as much as in the past. The distribution of Proposition 84 funds has been stalled. Mel Lytle reported HR 2498

(Costa) will provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to include the entire Central Valley region. David Edwards with the Wallace Community Services District was present at the meeting and reported his area is having groundwater troubles. EBMUD announced movement in their position on the MORE Water Project. This issue will be on the agenda at the next GBA meeting. Senator Machado is developing a Delta Conservancy Plan. The Farm Bureau will have a Bill on the June 2008 ballot regarding eminent domain. The Upper Mokelumne River Water Authority (UMRWA) has approved proceeding with the IRCUP and has been authorized to negotiate with the GBA. WRIME provided the Forum with the Technical Memorandum-IRCUP Work Plan and Technical Briefing-Water Rights Review draft documents. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008.

3. Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Meeting, 02/08/08
Nothing to report.
4. Meeting with Supervisor Victor Mow, 02/08/08
President Panizza and Manager Kauffman met with Supervisor Victor Mow on Friday, February 8, 2008. They reviewed the Annexation Application, maps and discussed big picture water issues.

F. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

1. M&O Superintendent's Report as of 02/07/08
Superintendent Yoshimura reported there is approximately 149,608 AF in storage at New Hogan and top of conservation is 179,500 AF. There is approximately 1,508,000 AF in storage at New Melones. The water treatment plant is currently processing 38 mgd.
2. Information Items
Assistant Manager Thomas noted items F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-9.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director McGurk reported he introduced Manager Kauffman at the February 6, 2008 Rotary Club meeting. Manager Kauffman gave a speech on the value of groundwater recharge facilities and programs. There were a lot of in-depth questions from the audience.

Director McGaughey reported she was a volunteer for the Ag Adventure held on Thursday, January 31, 2008. This is a program developed for children by the Farm Bureau. There were approximately 500 volunteers and 4,000 children. Tables were set up where farmers explained various farming activities to the children. The children also had interaction with various animals. This was a great event and will be held again at the end of March 2008 in Lodi. In addition, Director McGaughey attended the monthly Chamber Mixer on February 7, 2008 and a reception for Congress Member McNerney on February 10, 2008.

Director McGurk reported funding for the Ag Adventure comes from Select San Joaquin through the San Joaquin County Agriculture Commissioner's office. Directors Watkins and Sanguinetti barbequed lunch for the volunteers.

H. REPORT OF COUNSEL (None)

President Panizza adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:26 p.m. to discuss closed session items. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m. with no reportable action.

I. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

J. AGENDA PLANNING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

1. Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority Board & Coordinating Committee Meeting, 02/13/08

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Kauffman
Secretary of the Board

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