



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JUNE 16, 2026



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MEETING NOTICE

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT 12:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 6767 EAST MAIN STREET STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95215

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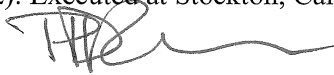
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Priya Ram, Director of Finance & Administration
Stockton East Water District

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THE 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 9, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President McGurk called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., Director Nakaue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes, Procurement Specialist Cahoon, Administrative Assistant Barraza and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 05/26/26 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - c. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
 - d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - f. Summary
 - g. Short Names/Acronym List
 - h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment
3. Warrants – California’ Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr.& Mrs. Borba addressed the Board regarding an agreement referenced in their original easement and stated that the San Joaquin County Office was unable to locate a copy of the agreement. They requested assistance from the District in obtaining the agreement. Manager Hopkins stated staff would research the matter and provide a copy if one is available. Mrs. Borba also expressed concerns regarding water availability for their property. Referring to information contained in the District’s Spring Newsletter, they had researched the District’s water supplies and were surprised to learn that water will not be available this year. They explained that they have experienced significant crop losses and asked whether emergency water or other assistance could be made available.

Mr. Borba stated that he has invested in improvements to his ranch and is seeking options to obtain water to preserve his crops. He expressed concern that District facilities convey water through his property while he is unable to receive water service. He requested guidance regarding any potential opportunities for water delivery.

Legal Counsel Zolezzi explained that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) does not currently authorize the District to provide New Melones water to the Borbas. She reported water had been provided in prior years, but the practice was subsequently discontinued at the direction of the BOR. Legal Counsel Zolezzi further reported District staff continue to work with the BOR regarding the issue; however, no resolution has been reached. Discussion followed.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of HVAC System Modifications and Redundant Cooling System at High Service Pump Station and Proposed Budget Amendment
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Approval of HVAC System Modifications and Redundant Cooling System at High Service Pump Station and Proposed Budget Amendment. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District’s High Service Pump Station is a critical facility responsible for delivering water to municipal and industrial customers. He reported existing HVAC deficiencies have been identified and resulted in elevated room temperatures, inadequate cooling performance and lack of system redundancy – conditions that pose significant operational risk to essential equipment and continuous service.

Director Atkins, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins inquired about the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to proceed with implementing the HVAC System Improvements and Installation of a Redundant Cooling System at the High Service Pump Station in the amount of \$302,801 plus a 10% contingency of \$30,280 for a total of \$333,081 and execute all appropriately necessary agreements, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Resolution No. 26-27-04 – Declaring an Election be Held in its Jurisdiction; Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Consolidate this Election with any other Election Conducted on Said Date; and Requesting Election Services by the Registrar of Voters
 - a. San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters – 2026 General Election
(SEWD Divisions 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7)

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with Resolution No. 26-27-04 – Declaring an Election be Held in its Jurisdiction; Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Consolidate this Election with any other Election Conducted on Said Date; and Requesting Election Services by the Registrar of Voters. Manager Hopkins reported Resolution No. 26-27-04 is to declare an election be held and request the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the tasks for elections. Manager Hopkins also presented the Board with the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Office Administrative Roster which lists the Board of Directors and the term dates.

Director Sanguinetti inquired about Resolution No. 26-27-04 and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 26-27-04 – Declaring an Election be Held in its Jurisdiction; Requesting the Board of Supervisors to Consolidate this Election with any other Election Conducted on Said Date; and Requesting Election Services by the Registrar of Voters, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – San Joaquin Agricultural Hall of Fame Requests 2026 Nominations

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – San Joaquin Agricultural Hall of Fame Requests 2026 Nominations. Manager Hopkins reported the San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame is requesting nominations for outstanding agricultural leaders and mentors in our community. Manager Hopkins reported the nominations forms needed to be submitted no later than July 27, 2026.

No action was taken on this item.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad-Hoc Board Ethical Guidelines Review and Update Committee Meeting, 06/08/26

Directors Hansen, Nakaue and Sanguinetti along with Manager Hopkins and Legal Counsel Zolezzi attended the Ad-Hoc Board Ethical Guidelines Review and Update Committee Meeting. Director Nakaue reported the committee reviewed Resolution No. 26-27-05 – Relating to Board and District Procedures and Organization and the Ethical Guidelines for Stockton East Water District Directors. He reported the committee recommended both items be presented to the Board for approval.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/26/26

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 204,466 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 184 cfs. There is 1,781,599 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,492 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 2,953 cfs and release to all water users is set at 3,157 cfs. The District's WTP is currently processing 48 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 21 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 8 mgd.

2. Information Items: F-2a

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported that the District is featuring two new employees on its website and LinkedIn page for the May Employee Spotlight. He reported the featured employees are Gerardo Torres, Operator in Training and Laura Marquez, who was promoted to Accounting Technician I on June 1.

Manager Hopkins reported he and District staff met with Contra Costa Water District staff to discuss opportunities related to the proposed Pilot Project involving groundwater banking, conservation, and water transfers. As a result of those discussions, both agencies agreed to move forward with a mutually selected consultant who is familiar with the operations and objectives of both districts. Manager Hopkins reported while water supply discussions are currently on

hold, the consultant will assist both agencies in developing and advancing the proposed Pilot Project.

Manager Hopkins reported White Pine, the company with which the District has its current Power Purchase Agreement for solar energy, is nearing the start of construction and is expected to break ground in July.

Manager Hopkins reported the District's mentoring program, established several months ago, has had two employees successfully complete the program. He reported he has received positive feedback regarding the program and that several additional employees are currently participating. Manager Hopkins reported his goal is to increase participation and encourage more employees to enroll in the program.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 06/01/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering & Maintenance Update

District Engineer Evensen provided the Board with an Engineering update. District Engineer Evensen reported on the status of several planning, design, permitting, and grant-related projects, including the Filters and Sedimentation Design Project, Clements Pipeline and Reservoirs Design, Lightning and Surge Protection Design, LLPS Electrical Design-Build Project, Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Project, SWEEP and SWEG grant applications. He reported that the permitting efforts for the George Watkins and McGurk Low-Water Crossing Projects, and the Highway 4 Trash Rack Project, are nearing completion. District Engineer Evensen also provided updates on ongoing construction and project management activities, including the Bellota Weir Modifications Project, Potter Creek Pump Station Project, Solids Handling Dewatering Lagoons Project, Utility Water Booster Pump Station Project, McGurk Low-Water Crossing Project, and George Watkins Low-Water Crossing Project. In addition, District Engineer Evensen shared photographs of the Bellota Weir Modifications Project construction site and highlighted recent construction progress.

Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes provided the Board with a Maintenance update. Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes reported on several maintenance projects and preventative maintenance activities, including sodium hypochlorite pumping improvements consisting of breather, basket strainer, and piping work. He reported preventative maintenance activities for the WTP, fleet, and generation systems are ongoing. Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes also provided an update on electrical projects and preventative maintenance activities. He reported that the chlorine room remodel is approximately 90% complete, the P-26 demolition is ongoing, and electrical maintenance at the WTP continues. He further reported on active construction projects, including work on the Utility Water Booster Pump Station, consisting of earthwork and rebar cage installation, as well as work related to the chlorine-to-boardroom project. Lastly, Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes provided an update on project and construction planning efforts, including planning for the Watkins Low-Water Crossing construction. He reported on EAM/CMMS efforts related to work orders, schedule tracking, and closeout visibility.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Stockton East Water District Networking Mixer, 06/04/26
Directors Atkins, Hansen and Nakaue attended the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Stockton East Water District Networking Mixer. Director Nakaue reported the event was well

attended and included facility tours for attendees. He reported both he and Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes spoke at the event and provided information about the District and its operations. Director Atkins reported the event was well received, the outdoor food service was well done, and the District's new conference room was showcased and looked very nice.

2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau – 112th Annual Meeting, 06/04/26
Directors Sanguinetti and Watkins along with Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau – 112th Annual Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the event was well attended and well organized, providing an opportunity to engage with members of the agricultural community.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Thank You Letter, 05/26/26
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Thank You Letter. Manager Hopkins reported this is a thank you letter from the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce for the Districts Gold Sponsorship of the 28th Annual State of the City Luncheon.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 06/10/26
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 06/10/26
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 06/12/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

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

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:48 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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Vendor name	Account #	Description	Amount	Invoice No.
1 PG&E 8587816171-1	10-5302-0	GROUNDWATER PROD. FUND 68 Electricity 04/29/26-05/28/26 North Side Extraction Well #2	44,138.64	8587816171-05/29/26
		GROUNDWATER PROD. FUND 68 TOTAL	\$44,138.64	

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Vendor name	Account #	Description	Amount	Invoice No.
		ADMIN FUND 70		
2 Action Asap Delivery Service	10-5126-0	April 2026 & May 2026 courier services	1,550.00	94002/94060
3 ADT Security Services	10-5141-0	06/18/26-07/17/26 Alarm monitoring services for Admin Bldg.	65.07	1219307169
4 Airespring Inc.	10-5141-0	Monthly internet charges 06/01/26-06/30/26	1,238.88	209105949
5 Angelo Imbrunetti	10-5103-0	T-2 Renewal fee reimbursement	67.16	T-2 Renewal Reimb
6 AT&T Messaging	10-5141-0	June 2026 Ag call-in voicemail services	14.84	6998085112
7 Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc	10-5143-0	ArcGIS Annual Subscription 8/5/26 - 8/4/27	2,160.82	900250075
8 Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc	10-1710-0	ArcGIS Annual Subscription 8/5/26 - 8/4/27 - Prepaid for next Fiscal year	1,139.18	900250075
9 Frontier Communications	10-5141-0	Linden Tel Directory listing for 06/07/26-07/06/26	24.11	5301961403-06/07/26
10 Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc	10-5154-0	Professional serv. 04/01/26-04/31/26	187.60	130432
11 Quill Corporation	10-5125-0	Office supplies ordered on 05/13/26 & 05/20/26	697.90	48914271/6292/9873
12 Raftelis Financial Consultants Inc	10-5154-0	Professional water rate study services April 2026	4,162.50	45701
13 Standard Insurance	10-5047-0	July 2026 long term insurance-Admin	406.68	46204
14 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5141-0	Monthly service 05/08/26-06/08/26	50.00	Cahoon8501-052226c
15 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5143-0	Claude Pro subscription 04/24/26-04/24/27	186.89	Hopkins9020-052226e

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		ADMIN FUND 70		
16 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-1710-0	Claude Pro subscription 04/24/26-04/27-Prepaid for next fiscal year	13.11	Hopkins9020-052226e
17 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5127-0	Meeting expense on 04/17/26	61.75	Rangel5834-042226ef
18 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5127-0	Board meeting supplies/meal expense on 05/19/26	334.26	Rangel5834-052226q
19 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5126-0	Floor plate and plugs for Ground Water Recharge Sign installation	27.97	Riojas0385-052226j
20 US Postal Service	10-5126-0	PO Box 5157 rental fees 07/01/26-06/30/27	298.77	Notice: 6/3/26
21 US Postal Service	10-1710-0	PO Box 5157 rental fees 07/01/26-06/30/27 - prepaid for next fiscal year	99.23	Notice: 6/3/26
22 Verizon Wireless Multi-line account	10-5141-0	Wireless charges from 04/26/26-05/25/26	1,652.45	6144539221
23 Xerox Business Solutions	10-5124-0	Contract overage charge 01/18/25-04/24/26	91.36	IN5347267-1/IN5346485-1
24 Xerox Financial Services LLC	10-5124-0	05/25/26-06/24/26 SEWD Printers Leases (4)	1,501.87	42143207
		ADMIN FUND 70 TOTAL	\$16,032.40	

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Vendor name	Account #	Description	Amount	Invoice No.
		WATER SUPPLY FUND 71		
25 GEI Consultants, Inc.	10-5174-0	Prof. services for Calaveras River Watershed Resiliency plan 03/28/26-04/24/26	762.50	3200671
26 J. Milano Company, Inc.	10-5202-0	Caster and U-bolt for maintenance on gate at Eight Mile	210.57	161546
27 PG&E 0530302291-6	10-5213-0	Electricity 04/30/26-05/31/26 Birdcage trash rack	655.27	05303022916-06/01/26
28 San Joaquin County Sheriff Dept.	10-5202-0	April 2026 Temp workers-Weed abatement- NH	4,878.00	43804/05/97/98/99/01/06
29 Standard Insurance	10-5056-0	July 2026 long term insurance-NH	118.62	46204
30 Standard Insurance	10-5047-0	July 2026 long term insurance-NM	256.15	46204
31 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5204-0	McGurk Low Water Crossing - Permit fees	849.01	Evensen3257-052226c
		WATER SUPPLY FUND 71 TOTAL	\$7,730.12	

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32 HDR Engineering, Inc.	10-5180-0	FISH SCREEN IMPROVEMENT FUND 89 Bellota Weir Mod prj -Prof Services 02/22/26-03/28/26 RBM 2/25/25	143,733.28	1200819514
		FISH SCREEN IMPROVEMENT FUND 89 TOTAL	\$143,733.28	

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		MUNICIPAL & INDUSTRIAL FUND 94		
33 California Pest Control	10-5325-0	Rodent abatement for buildings at Treatment Plant 04/30/26	339.00	210615
34 Cal-West Concrete Cutting, Inc.	10-5323-0	Sedimentation Basin Design prj- Core Drilling (5) 4" x 8" deep	2,085.00	38456
35 GEI Consultants, Inc.	10-5323-0	Prof services for Aquifer Storage/Recovery Study 09/27/25-04/24/26	39,655.60	3188557/81/08/45/217/65
36 Holt of CA	10-5328-0	Rental of roller for installation of Pump Station at HSPS 04/29/26-05/04/26	2,712.67	ER7216462010
37 PG&E 0908023195-5	10-5302-0	Electricity 04/21/26-05/19/26 WTP East Side Feeder	13,552.84	09080231955-05/20/26
38 Republic Services	10-5304-0	May 2026 garbage service @6767 East Main St	2,400.13	0208-000905503
39 San Joaquin County Sheriff Dept.	10-5324-0	April 2026 Temp workers-Weed abatement- TP	4,344.00	43796/00/02/03/07/08
40 Standard Insurance	10-5047-0	July 2026 long term insurance-M&I	1,244.28	46204
41 Stockton Scavengers/Waste Management Corp Services Inc	10-5304-0	June 2026 garbage service @6767 East Main St	565.58	0114827-0051-2
42 SunESolar Mission III LLC	10-5302-0	Energy produced on low & high side solar panels April 2026	30,596.69	90004998
43 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5326-0	Repurpose Chlorine Room prj- Lighting	3,361.73	Higares1184-052226c
44 US Bank Corporate Payment System	10-5343-0	Cordless impact driver, (2) battery and charger set	325.91	Cahoon8501-052226d
		MUNICIPAL & INDUSTRIAL FUND 94 TOTAL	\$101,183.43	

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Fund Number	Fund Summary	AP Amount
Fund 68	Groundwater Prod. Fund	44,138.64
Fund 70	Administration Fund	16,032.40
Fund 71	Water Supply Fund	7,730.12
Fund 89	Fish Screen Improvement Fund	143,733.28
Fund 94	Municipal & Industrial Fund	101,183.43
	TOTAL FUND SUMMARY	\$312,817.87

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Short Names/Acronym List

ACH	Aluminum Chlorohydrate
ACWA	Association of California Water Agencies
Admin	Administration
Ads	Advertisement
AF	Acre Feet
AG	Agriculture
AR	Accounts Receivable
AWP	Alternative Work Program
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
Chgs	Charges
CM	Construction Management
COP	Certificate of Participation
CSDA	California Special District Authority
CSJWCD	Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
CVPWA	Central Valley Project Water Association
CWS	California Water Services Company
DB	Distribution Box
DBCP	Dibromochloropropane
DDTS	Direct Distance Telephone Service
DL	Direct Line
Educ	Education
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
GM	General Manager
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
HP	Hewlett Packard
HSPS	High Service Pump Station
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating Airconditioning
LD	Long Distance
LFC	Lower Farmington Canal
LLPS	Low Lift Pump Station
LT2	Long Term 2 -Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
M&O	Maintenance & Operations
MCC	Master Control Center
Misc.	Miscellaneous
mtg	Meeting
NH-	New Hogan
NM	New Melones
NH3-N	Ammonia
NMCF	New Melones Conveyance Facility
NWRP	New Water Reservoir Project
OBA	Oxygen Breathing Apparatus
OCR	Old Calaveras River
PACL	Poly Aluminum Chloride
PM	Preventive Maintenance
Prof	Professional
PSM	Process Safety Management
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
RMP	Risk Management Plan
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
SCBA	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
SEWD	Stockton East Water District
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
St	Street
T5	Water Treatment Operator Certificate Grade 5
Tel	Telephone
THM	Trihalomethane
TO	Task Order
TP	Treatment Plant
UFC	Upper Farmington Canal
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
VAMP	Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan
VFD	Variable Frequency Drive
WMP	Water Management Plan
WQMS	Water Quality Monitoring System
WS	Water Supply
WSEP	Water Supply Enhancement Project
WTP	Water Treatment Plant

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Vehicles	
Unit 57 2011 Ford F150 Pickup Long Bed	Pickup Truck
Unit 65 2015 Ford F250 S-Duty 4wd	Pickup Truck
Unit 66 2015 Ford F250 S-Duty 4wd	Pickup Truck
Unit 67 2015 Ford F250 S-Duty 4wd	Pickup Truck
Unit 69 2015 Ford F150 4x4 Supercrew Pickup	Pickup Truck
Unit 74 2019 Ford F250 S-Duty 4wd	Pickup Truck
Unit 75 2019 Ford F250 S-Duty 4wd	Pickup Truck
Unit 76 2020 Ford Escape	Automobile
Unit 79 2022 Ford F150	Pickup Truck
Unit 80 2022 Ford F150	Pickup Truck
Unit 81 2022 Ram 1500	Pickup Truck
Unit 82 2023 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 83 2023 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 84 2023 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 85 2023 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 86 2023 Ford F-350	Pickup Truck
Unit 87 2023 Ford F-350	Pickup Truck
Unit 88 2024 Toyota Rav4	Automobile
Unit 89 2024 Toyota Rav4	Automobile
Unit 90 2024 Ford F-350	Pickup Truck
Unit 92 2024 Ford F-150	Pickup Truck
Unit 93 2024 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 94 2024 Toyota Tacoma	Pickup Truck
Unit 97 2026 Ford F-650 Flatbed Dump Truck	Pickup Truck
Unit 103 2025 Ford F-150 Lightning Pro	Pickup Truck-Electric
Light equipment	
Unit 102 Genie GS 1930 Scissor Lift	Lift
Unit 70 2016 Cat Forklift	Forklift
Unit 58 2014 Polaris Ranger EV- Maintenance	Utility Vehicle
Unit 59 2014 Polaris Ranger EV- Maintenance	Utility Vehicle
Unit 62 2014 Polaris Ranger EV- Water Supply	Utility Vehicle
Unit 99 2025 Kubota RTVX2 UTV	Utility Vehicle
Unit 100 2025 Kubota RTVX2 UTV	Utility Vehicle
Unit 101 2025 Kubota RTVX2 UTV	Utility Vehicle
Heavy equipment	
Unit 29 Caterpillar Backhoe	Heavy Equip.
Unit 38 John Deere 6420 Tractor	Tractor
Unit 41 Case Tractor 570mxt Turbo	Tractor
Unit 52 Kubota Tractor	Tractor
Unit 53 2011 Kenworth T300 Dump Truck (dsl)	Heavy Truck
Unit 56 2010 Ford F450 Truck	Heavy Truck
Unit 73 2018 Caterpillar Backhoe	Heavy Equip.
Unit 77 2022 CAT Long Reach Excavator	Heavy Equip.
Unit 95 Manitex 26 Ton Crane Truck	Heavy Truck
Unit 96 2024 F-550 Crew Cab Diesel w.12ft scelzi	Heavy Truck
Unit 98 2025 325 Blade Excavator	Heavy Equip.
Accessories	
Dive Boat	Accessory
Boat Trailer	Trailer
Allis-Chalmers Disc	Accessory
Pak Flail Mower (orange)	Accessory
Alamo Articulate Mower Attachment	Accessory
Landpride RCR2596 Rotary Mower	Accessory
Unit 30 Big Tex Equipment Trailer /25,900gvwr	Trailer
Unit 34 2000 Cartaway Tank Trailer /6000gvw	Trailer
Unit 43 2007 Wells Cargo Trailer Model TW122	Trailer
Unit 44 1996 Genie Lift TZ-34/20 Knuckleboom	Trailer
Unit 50 6 Diesel Pump	Trailer
Unit 51 12 Diesel Pump	Trailer
Unit 68 2015 Utility Trailer	Trailer
Unit 71 2017 Utility Landscaping Trailer	Trailer
Unit 72 2002 Utility Trailer	Trailer
Unit 91 2024 Kauffman Equipment Trailer	Trailer
Spray Rig 03	Trailer
Spray Rig 05	Trailer

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DATE: June 16, 2026**AGENDA ITEM NO. D-1**

TITLE: Resolution No. 26-27-05 – Board and District Procedures and Organization**SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 26-27-05 Relating to Board and District Procedures and Organization**

Executive Summary

Stockton East Water District (District) staff is requesting that the Board of Directors (Board) consider adoption of Resolution No. 26-27-05 relating to Board and District Procedures and Organization. The proposed resolution provides minor clarifications to reflect administrative practices and modifies the Board meeting agenda organization.

Background

The District has historically established Board procedures, organizational requirements, and administrative policies through a series of individual resolutions adopted over many decades. As District operations and governance practices have evolved, portions of these resolutions have become outdated, duplicative, or inconsistent with current practices.

Resolution No. 26-27-05 repeals several prior resolutions and consolidates Board meeting procedures, organizational requirements, committee structure, administrative authority, and General Manager responsibilities into a single governing document.

The proposed resolution reflects current District practices while providing additional clarity regarding Board operations and public participation. The resolution also incorporates updates necessary to support efficient District operations while maintaining compliance with applicable provisions of the Brown Act and other state laws.

Summary

The proposed revisions were presented to the ad-hoc Ethical Guidelines Update Committee on June 8, 2026, and recommended for presentation to the full Board for adoption.


Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact associated with adoption of Resolution No. 26-27-05.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 26-27-05 Relating to Board and District Procedures and Organization and repeal all prior resolutions identified therein that are superseded or in conflict with the proposed resolution.

Staff Responsible for Report



Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager

Date: 06/16/26

Attachments

1. Resolution 26-27-05 – Board and District Procedures and Organization

RESOLUTION NO. 26-27-05

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RELATING TO BOARD AND DISTRICT
PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to reevaluate and revise certain Board procedures, certain administrative procedures, and the administrative organization for the operation and government of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

I

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 79-80-19, 83-84-17, 84-85-08, 90-91-13, 92-93-01A, 94-95-03, 98-99-11, 01-02-18, 20-21-02, 20-21-03 and all other Resolutions, or portions thereof, in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed; and

II

1. Regular Meetings. It has been determined that for a good cause the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District ("Board") shall hold regular meetings at its office at 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California every Tuesday of each month. Said regular meetings shall be held at Noon. The agenda for all meetings shall be prepared and posted in full compliance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §54950 et seq.) ("Brown Act").
2. Adjournment of Meetings. The Board may adjourn any regular, adjourned regular, special or adjourned special meeting to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum may so adjourn from time to time. If all Directors are absent from any regular or adjourned regular meeting, the Secretary of the Board may declare the meeting adjourned to a stated time and place and shall cause a written notice of the adjournment to be given in the same manner as provided in Section 3 below for special meetings, unless such notice is waived as provided for special meetings. A copy of the order or notice of adjournment shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special or adjourned special meeting was held within 24 hours after the time of the adjournment. When a regular or adjourned regular meeting is adjourned as provided in this section, the resulting adjourned regular meeting is a regular meeting for all purposes. When an order of adjournment of any meeting fails to state the hour at which the adjourned meeting is to be held, it shall be held at the hour specified for regular meetings.
3. Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Board, in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act.

4. Oath of Office, Bonds and Effective Date Of Taking Office. Elected officials of the District shall take office effective upon the taking and subscribing to an official oath; the newly elected official shall take the Oath of Office after Noon of the first Friday of December following the election in accordance with Section 10554 of the California Election Code.
5. Organization Meetings. At the first meeting of the Board following the time of taking office of the directors elected in the general District election, but in no event later than the last day of December, the Directors then holding office shall meet and organize as a Board.
6. Officers. At each of its organizational meetings, the Board shall elect a President and a Vice President from among their number and shall appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Board. Unless otherwise specifically provided by the Board, the General Manager of the District shall automatically serve as Secretary. Each of the foregoing officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. The duty of the Vice President shall be to preside at any meeting, or portion thereof, at which the President is not present.

The offices of President and Vice President shall be rotated every two years among members of the Board. To serve as President, a Director must have served at least two years on the Board.

7. Board Vacancy. A Director shall be deemed to have vacated his or her office upon the happening of any of the following events before the expiration of the term, in accordance with Government Code Section 1770:
 - A. death of the incumbent;
 - B. physical or mental incapacity determined by court;
 - C. resignation;
 - D. removal from office (impeach or recall);
 - E. ceasing to fulfill residency requirements;
 - F. absence from the state without permission required by law beyond the period allowed by law;
 - G. ceasing to discharge the duties of his or her office for the period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by sickness, or when absent from the state with the permission required by law;
 - H. convicted of a felony;
 - I. failure to take oath or file bond within the time prescribed;
 - J. invalidation of election;
 - K. an order declaring vacancy upon failure to furnish additional bond;
 - L. court commitment.
8. Filling Board Vacancies. Vacancies occurring in the Board pursuant to Paragraph 7 above shall be filled pursuant to Section 1780 of the Government Code.
9. Voting at Board Meetings. All votes may be by voice vote with both the “ayes” and “nays” being called unless a roll call vote is required by law. ~~In the event that~~If

upon a voice vote being taken, it appears to ~~any member of the Board~~~~President, or to any member of the Board~~, that the vote ~~is cannot be clearly determined~~~~unanimous~~, a roll call shall then be taken.

10. Agendas. Any person may request that a copy of the agenda, or a copy of all the entire agenda packet, be mailed to that person. A request for regular mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. The Board shall, from time to time, establish a fee for mailing the agenda or agenda packet.
11. Records. The Secretary of the Board shall keep, and make available to the public upon request, accurate minutes of all proceedings of the Board. The proceedings of the Board shall be recorded, and the recording shall be available to the public for inspection on a recording available at the District. Minutes shall not be read at Board Meetings but shall, whenever possible, be mailed in advance of meetings to the Board members, so they may be considered for approval without being read aloud at Board meetings. Recordings of Board meetings shall be kept by the Secretary for thirty (30) days, and thereafter may be erased or otherwise destroyed.
12. Order of Business. The order of business at each meeting of the Board, unless suspended or varied, upon order of President of by majority vote of the Board, shall be as follows:
 - A. Roll Call;
 - B. ~~Consent Calendar~~Public Comment (Non-agenda items);
 - C. ~~Public Comment (Non-agenda items)~~Consent Calendar;
 - D. Scheduled presentation and agenda items (to be considered in this order:
 1. Staff report
 2. Board discussion
 3. Public comment on the specific item, with time limitations determined by the chairperson;
 4. Board action);
 - E. Committee Reports (detailed committee minutes);
 - F. Report of the General Manager (information items listed on the agenda, but bound separately from the other agenda material);
 - G. Director Reports
 - H. Communications;
 - I. Agenda planning for next meeting;
 - J. Report of the Counsel, if any;
 - K. Adjournment.

All items of business which, in the judgement of the Secretary require neither Board discussion nor a public hearing, shall be included in the Consent Calendar; provided that the agenda indicate on its face for each such items that such item is included in the Consent Calendar, and provided further that a written report and recommendation of the General Manager on each item so included has mailed to the Board members with the agenda. The Consent Calendar may include the approval of minutes and expenses. Any Board member or the General Manager may request that any item on the Consent Calendar be removed there from for discussion and separate consideration.

13. Committees. There shall be standing committees of the Board as follows: Administration, Agricultural Operation and Municipal Operations, Urban Area Water Contractors, San Joaquin County Water Advisory Committee, SEWD Water Advisory, Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority and Tri-Dam Goodwin Tunnel Financing Authority. Other committees may be established from time to time by the President as required in the opinion of the President. The members of all committees shall be appointed by the President from among the members of the Board. All Directors shall serve on at least one committee.
14. Quorum and Tie Votes. In conducting the business of the Board, the following shall apply with respect to quorum requirements:
 - A. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;
 - B. All Board actions shall require a vote of majority of the members present unless otherwise provided by law or this Resolution; and
 - C. A tie vote shall be considered a negative vote, provided that in the event of a tie vote, while the matter shall be considered determined in the negative, the General Manager shall place the matter on the agenda for reconsideration at the next succeeding meeting.
 - D. If a lack of a quorum should exist at any scheduled board meeting where warrants are present for payment, the Board President or Vice President may approve payment of the warrants without a vote of the Board.
 - E. Following Board approval of warrants, if neither the Board President or Vice President is available to sign the warrants, the presiding officer can authorize the Secretary of the Board to sign the approved warrants.
15. Conduct of Business. The procedure for the conduct of business should be as follows:
 - A. Each agenda item shall be taken up by the presiding officer except that all items designated as consent items shall be taken up under the Consent Calendar;
 - B. The presiding officer shall call upon the General Manager or such other person or persons as may be appropriate to present the matter to the Board;
 - C. The matter shall then be discussed by the Board members and such other Staff persons or consultants as may be called upon by the President;
 - D. As to all matters not included within the Consent Calendar, and including those matters which have been removed from the Consent Calendar as provided herein, if a motion is made in connection with a matter, prior to vote on the motion, the President shall call for comments on the proposed motion from members of the public. Public comments shall be limited to the motion then

before the Board. The President shall have the authority to limit the duration of or refuse to permit public comment if such public comment is repetitive, disorderly, or otherwise not in furtherance of a reasonably expeditious review of the merits of the pending motion;

- E. It shall be understood that any member of the public desiring further discussion on an item after a vote is taken, or in an item on which no motion is made, shall take the matter up with the Board member representing the division of the District in which said member of the public resides, or owns or operates property, or with any other Board member after adjournment of the meeting;
- F. At the conclusion of public comment on any pending motion, the President shall announce that the time for public discussion of the matter is closed;
- G. The foregoing procedure shall not apply to the conduct of “public hearing”, and in the case of “public hearings”, the requirements of statutes and the duly adopted rules of the District shall prevail;

~~H. Prior to the commencement of any “public hearing”, the President shall request that an attorney for the District, and in the attorney’s absence the General Manager, outline the procedure to be observed in the conduct of the “public hearing”;~~

~~H.~~ The foregoing procedure shall not apply to the Consent Calendar which shall be governed by this subparagraph. The Consent Calendar shall be approved without discussion by a single vote of those Board members present, except as to items removed from the Consent Calendar as provided herein. In the event of removal, any such items shall be considered in accordance with the procedures outlined in the foregoing subparagraph of this section at the appropriate place on the agenda; and

~~H.~~ The foregoing procedure shall not apply to the Public Comment Section of the Agenda, which shall be governed by the Brown Act. The Public Comment Section of the Agenda shall be reserved for any member of the public wishing to comment on any matter pertaining to District business other than matters which appear on the same agenda.

- 16. Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order Revised are hereby adopted by the Board in all cases not otherwise provided for by applicable law.

III

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- 1. Responsibility. The General Manager shall be directly responsible to the Board and subject to the general supervisor of the Board. The General Manager shall carry out and execute all policies and directives of the Board. As to matters concerning District policies (as opposed to non-substantive matters of detail), it is understood that the General Manager is

subject to the direction of the Board, acting as a Board, and not to the direction of an individual Board member or group of Board members acting as a committee.

2. Duties. The General Manager shall, among other things, do the following;
 - A. Have charge of all activities and functions of the District and all of the office and field personnel of the District;
 - B. In her or his discretion, appoint and discharge all employees of the District and as appropriate, make salary and wage change recommendations to the Board;
 - C. Receive all communications addressed to the District;
 - D. Unless another person has been appointed as Secretary, fulfill the duties of Secretary of the District as prescribed by law and in that capacity, and have authority to appoint Deputy Secretaries;
 - E. When he or she deems it necessary, request the President to call special meetings of the Board;
 - F. Enforce all rules of the District;
 - G. Prepare and present proposed budgets and recommend replenishment and assessment rates and surface water charges to the Board, in accordance with the requirements of the statutes;
 - H. From time to time, recommend to the Board proposed capital improvements necessary to carry out the purposes and programs of the District;
 - I. Advise the Board as to when engineering, legal services, and other consulting services are required by the District;
 - J. On behalf of the District, may be authorized to file protests to any application filed with the State Water Resources Control Board for appropriation of water from the Calaveras River, Stanislaus River, Little John River or any tributary or distributary thereof. Any such protest so filed shall thereafter be subject to the control and direction of the Board; and
 - K. Be authorized to call such committee meetings as from time to time may be necessary, to carry on the business of the District.

IV

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

It is hereby declared by this Board that the General Manager of this District, the General Counsel for the District, and all of their subordinate employees are employed for the purpose of administering and executing the policies, rules, programs, and directives established by the Board as the policy making agency of the District. They shall not be subjected to personal or political

pressure nor shall they participate in any of the political affairs of the District, including but not limited to any election campaign for a District Office.

V

FLEXIBILITY

The foregoing policies, procedures, and requirements are intended to be applied flexibility to meet the needs of the District and it is intended by the Board that they shall be revised from time to time as is necessary and appropriate to further meet the needs of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District on the 16th Day of June 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Thomas McGurk, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Justin M. Hopkins, Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM NO. D-2

TITLE: Revision of Board of Director Ethical Guidelines**SUBJECT: Consider Adopting Revised Stockton East Water District Board of Director Ethical Guidelines**

Executive Summary

Stockton East Water District (District) staff is requesting that the Board of Directors consider adoption of revised Board of Director Ethical Guidelines. The proposed revisions are intended to clarify existing provisions, improve consistency with current District practices, update references to applicable organizations and meetings, modernize language, and provide additional guidance regarding Board conduct, compensation, reimbursement, and governance responsibilities. The proposed revisions do not substantially alter the underlying purpose of the Guidelines, which is to promote ethical conduct, accountability, transparency, and public trust in District governance.

Background

The District's Board of Director Ethical Guidelines were originally adopted on July 24, 2007, and most recently revised on June 27, 2023. The Guidelines establish standards of conduct and expectations for Directors regarding ethics, accountability, conflicts of interest, compensation, reimbursement, open meeting laws, relationships with District staff, and other governance matters.

As the District has continued to evolve, staff and legal counsel have periodically reviewed the Guidelines to ensure they remain consistent with current practices, applicable law, and the operational needs of the District. Following this review, several revisions have been proposed to improve clarity, update terminology, and provide additional guidance regarding Director responsibilities and authorized activities.

The revised Guidelines continue to reflect the District's longstanding commitment to ethical leadership and responsible stewardship of public resources.

Summary

The proposed revisions are generally administrative and clarifying in nature and include the following notable updates:

Clarification of Conflict of Interest Procedures

The revised Guidelines provide additional clarity regarding the process Directors should follow when a potential conflict of interest is identified. The revisions further define disclosure requirements and procedures for recusal when a disqualifying conflict exists.

Updates to Board Compensation and Reimbursement Provisions

Section 12 has been reorganized and updated to provide clearer guidance regarding pre-approved meetings, conferences, and events eligible for Director compensation and expense reimbursement. The revisions establish a more comprehensive list of approved organizations, meetings, and activities that are commonly attended by Directors in the course of conducting District business.

Additional updates include:

- Clarification of reimbursement procedures.
- Clarification of meetings eligible for per diem compensation.
- Updated references to organizations and events regularly attended by the District.
- Removal of obsolete language that duplicated existing statutory requirements.

The proposed revisions are intended to strengthen the effectiveness of the Guidelines while maintaining the core principles that have guided Board conduct since their original adoption. The revised Guidelines was presented to the ad-hoc Ethical Guidelines Update Committee on June 8, 2026, and recommended for presentation to the full Board for adoption.

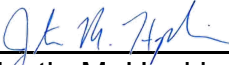
Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact associated with adoption of the revised Board of Director Ethical Guidelines.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the revised Stockton East Water District Board of Director Ethical Guidelines.

Staff Responsible for Report



Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager

Date: 06/16/26

Attachments

1. Draft Board of Director Ethical Guidelines

**ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR
STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

**Based in part upon Guidelines prepared by the
Association of California Water Agencies December 2003
Adopted July 24, 2007
Revised June 27, 2023
Revised June , 2026**

PREAMBLE

“Government is a trust, and the officers of government are the trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.” (Henry Clay, 1829)

Water agencies have an important mission: to provide reliable, high quality water supplies for their customers at the lowest practicable cost. Water agencies need the support of the communities that they serve in order to be effective. All water agency officials should be dedicated to the highest ideals of integrity and accountability to continue to earn the trust, confidence and support of the public. One way to do this is to have written guidelines regarding the conduct of public officials.

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Section 1. Purpose and Scope.

The policy of the Stockton East Water District is to maintain the highest standards of ethics by its Directors. The proper operation of the district requires decisions and policy to be made in the proper channels of governmental structure, that public office not be used for personal gain, and that all individuals associated with the district remain impartial and responsible towards the public. Accordingly, it is the policy of the district that Directors and district employees will maintain the

highest standard of personal honesty and fairness in carrying out their duties. This policy sets forth the basic ethical standards to be followed by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District. The objectives of this policy are to (1) provide guidance for dealing with ethical issues, (2) heighten awareness of ethics and values as critical elements in Directors' conduct, and (3) improve ethical decision-making and values-based management.

Section 2. Responsibilities of Public Office.

Directors are obligated to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California. Directors will comply with applicable laws regulating their conduct, including conflict of interest, financial disclosure and open government laws. Directors will strive to work in cooperation with other public officials unless prohibited from so doing by law or officially recognized confidentiality of their work.

(Government Code Section 1360; Article 20, Section 3 of the California Constitution.)

Section 3. Fair and Equal Treatment.

Directors will not in the performance of their official functions, discriminate against or harass any person on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, medical condition, military or veteran status, genetic information, or disability. A Director will not grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any person or group beyond that which is available to every other person or group in similar circumstances.

(See, e.g., Article 1, Section 31 of the California Constitution; Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Fair Employment and Housing Act; Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Gender Nondiscrimination Act of 2011; Genetic Nondiscrimination Act of 2008; Labor Code Section 1102.)

Section 4. Proper Use of District Property and Resources.

Except as specifically authorized, a Director will not use or permit the use of district-owned vehicles, equipment, telephones, materials or property for personal benefit or profit. A Director will not ask or require a district employee to perform services for the personal benefit or profit of a Director or employee. Each Director must protect and properly use any district asset within his or her control, including information recorded on paper or in electronic form. Directors will safeguard district property, equipment, moneys and assets against unauthorized use or removal, as well as from loss due to criminal act or breach of trust.

(Article 16, Section 6 of the California Constitution, Government Code Section 8314; Penal Code Section 424; see People v. Battin (1978) 77 Cal.App.3d 635.)

Section 5. Use of Confidential Information.

A. A Director is not authorized, without approval of the Board of Directors, to disclose information that qualifies as confidential information under applicable provisions of law to a person not authorized to receive it, that (1) has been received for, or during, a closed session meeting of the Board, (2) is protected from disclosure under the attorney/client or other evidentiary privilege, or (3) is not required to be disclosed under the California Public Records Act.

B. This section does not prohibit any of the following: (1) making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts to a district attorney or grand jury that are necessary to establish the alleged illegality of an action taken by the district, (2) expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of actions taken by the district in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the allegedly illegal action, or (3) disclosing information acquired by being present in a closed session that is not confidential information. Prior to disclosing confidential information pursuant to (1) or (2), above, however, a Director will first bring the matter to the attention of either the President of the Board or the full Board, to provide the Board an opportunity to cure an alleged violation.

(Government Code Sections 54963 and 7920.000 and following.)

C. A Director who willfully and knowingly discloses for pecuniary gain confidential information received by him or her in the course of his or her official duties may be guilty of a misdemeanor under Government Code section 1098.

Section 6. Conflict of Interest.

A. A Director will not have a financial interest in a contract with the district, or be a purchaser at a sale by the district or a vendor at a purchase made by the district, unless the Director's participation was authorized under Government Code sections 1091 or 1091.5, or other provisions of law.

(Government Code Sections 1090 and following.)

B. A Director will not participate in the discussion, deliberation or vote on a matter before the Board of Directors, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence a decision of the Board, if he or she has a prohibited interest with respect to the matter, as defined in the Political Reform Act, Government Code sections 81000, and following, relating to conflicts of interest. Generally, a Director has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonably foreseeable that the Board decision would have a material financial effect (as defined by the Fair Political Practices Commission's regulations) that is distinguishable from the effect on the public generally on (a) a business entity in which the Director has a direct or indirect investment in the amount specified in FPPC regulations; (b) real property in which the Director has a direct or indirect investment interest, with a worth in the amount specified in FPPC regulations; (c) a source of income of the Director in the amount specified in FPPC regulations, within twelve months before the Board decision; (d) a source of gifts to the Director in an amount specified in FPPC regulations within twelve months before the Board decision; or (e) a business entity in which the Director holds a position as a director, trustee, officer, partner, manager or employee. An "indirect interest" means any investment or interest owned by the spouse or dependent child of the Director, by an agent on behalf of the Director, or by a business entity or trust in which the Director, or the Director's spouse, dependent child or agent, owns directly, indirectly or beneficially a ten percent interest or greater.

C. An elected official will not accept honoraria, or gifts that exceed the limitations specified in the Fair Political Practices Act or FPPC regulations. Directors will report all gifts, campaign contributions, income and financial information as required under the District's Conflict of Interest Code and the provisions of the Fair Political Practices Act and the FPPC Regulations.

(Government Code Sections 87100 and following.)

D. If a Director believes that he or she may be disqualified from participation in the discussion, deliberations or vote on a particular matter due to a conflict of interest, the following procedure will be followed: (a) if the Director becomes aware of the potential conflict of interest before the Board meeting at which the matter will be discussed or acted on, the Director will notify the district General Manager and the district legal counsel of the potential conflict of interest, so that a determination can be made whether it is a disqualifying conflict of interest; (b) if it is not possible for the Director to discuss the potential conflict with the General Manager and the district legal counsel before the meeting, or if the Director does not become aware of the potential conflict until during the meeting, the Director will immediately disclose the potential conflict during the Board meeting, so that there can be a determination whether it is a disqualifying conflict of interest. District staff or Directors may also raise potential conflict of interest issues relating to other Directors of which they are aware in an effort to promote transparency.; ~~and (e) u~~

E. Upon a determination that there is a disqualifying conflict of interest not subject to any applicable exception, immediately prior to consideration of the agenda item giving rise to the conflict (or prior to going into closed session if a closed session agenda item), the Director (1) will publicly identify the financial interest that gives rise to the conflict of interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public (e.g., identify name of business and position held; property address; name of source of income; name of source of gift; etc.) (2) will not participate in the discussion, deliberation or vote on the matter for which a conflict of interests exist, which will be so noted in the Board minutes, and (23) leave the room until after the discussion, vote and any other disposition of the matter is concluded, unless the matter has been placed on the portion of the agenda reserved for uncontested matters, except that the Director may speak on the issue during the time that the general public speaks on the issue.

(Government Code Section 87101, 87103, 87105)

D.F. A Director will not recommend the employment of a relative by the district. A Board member will not recommend the employment of a relative to any person known by the Board member to be bidding for or negotiating a contract with the district.

E.G. A Director who knowingly asks for, accepts or agrees to receive any gift, reward or promise thereof for doing an official act, except as may be authorized by law, may be guilty of a misdemeanor under Penal Code section 70. Directors will not commit crimes in connection with the discharge of their official duties or fail to carry out a required duty. Directors will ensure their conduct meets the standard of decency rightfully expected of a public official. Directors will not take another person's money or property through the abuse of their public positions.

(Government Code Sections 3060 and following and Penal Code Sections 68, 70, and 503.)

Section 7. Soliciting Political Contributions.

Directors are prohibited from soliciting political funds or contributions at district facilities or from district employees. A Director will not accept, solicit or direct a political contribution from (a) district employees, officers, consultants or contractors, or (b) vendors or consultants who have a material financial interest in a contract or other matter while that contract or other matter is pending before the district. A Director will not use the district seal, trademark, stationary or other indicia of the district identity, or facsimile thereof, in any solicitation for political contributions contrary to state or federal law.

(Government Code Section 3205.)

Section 8. Employment Restrictions.

A. Incompatible Offices. Any Director appointed or elected to a public office of another public entity, the duties of which may require action contradictory or inconsistent with the district action (as determined under applicable law), will resign from one of the conflicting offices.

(Government Code Section 1099. See, generally, 73 Cal.Op.Atty.Gen. 357 (1990).)

B. Subsequent Employment. Directors shall not act as a paid agent or representative for any person for the purpose of influencing any district action for a period of one year after leaving public office.

(Government Code Section 87406.3.)

C. Prospective Employment. ~~Directors~~Directions shall not use their public position to influence a governmental decision directly relating to any person with whom the Director is negotiating, or has any arrangement concerning, prospective employment.

(Government Code Section 87407.)

Section 9. Board-General Manager Relationship.

A. The Board sets the policy for the district. The district's General Manager (a) has full charge and control of the construction, maintenance and operation of the water system and other facilities of the district, (b) has full power and authority to employ and discharge employees and assistants, consistent with district policy and other provisions of law, (c) prescribes the duties of employees and assistants, consistent with district policy, and (d) fixes and alters the compensation of employees and assistants, subject to approval by the Board. The Board will, after considering the recommendation of the General Manager, appoint the district Financial Officer/Treasurer (who will report to the General Manager). The Financial Officer/Treasurer will install and maintain a system of auditing and accounting that will completely and at all times show the financial condition of the district. The Board will retain and periodically review the work of an auditor as an independent contractor of the district (other than the Financial Officer/Treasurer), who will report to the Board, to conduct an annual audit of the district books, records and financial affairs.

B. The district's General Manager serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Board will provide policy direction and instructions to the General Manager on matters within the authority of the Board by majority vote of the Board during duly convened Board and Board committee meetings. Directors will deal with matters within the authority of the General Manager through the General Manager, and not through other district employees, except as it pertains to the functions of the Financial Officer/Treasurer. Directors will refrain from making requests directly to district employees (rather than to the General Manager) to undertake analyses, perform other work assignments or change the priority of work assignments. Directors may request non-confidential, factual information regarding district operations from district employees.

(Stockton East Water District Resolution No. 98-99-11)

**Section 10. Improper Activities and the Reporting of Such Activities;
Protection of "Whistle Blowers."**

A. The General Manager has primary responsibility for (1) ensuring compliance with the district Personnel Manual; and ensuring that district employees do not engage in improper activities, (2) investigating allegations of improper activities, and (3) taking appropriate corrective and disciplinary actions. The Board has a duty to ensure that the General Manager ~~is operating~~operates the district according to law and the policies approved by the Board. Directors are encouraged to fulfill their obligation to the public and the district by disclosing to the General Manager to the extent not expressly prohibited by law, improper activities within their knowledge. Directors will not interfere with the General Manager's responsibilities in identifying, investigating and correcting improper activities, unless the Board determines that the General Manager is not properly carrying out these responsibilities.

B. A Director will not directly or indirectly use or attempt to use the authority or influence of his or her position for the purpose of intimidating, threatening, coercing, commanding or influencing any other person for the purpose of preventing such person from acting in good faith to report or otherwise bring to the attention of the General Manager or the Board any information that, if true, would constitute: a work-related violation by a Director or district employee of any law or regulation, gross waste of district funds, gross abuse of authority, a specified and substantial danger to public health or safety due to an act or omission of a district official or employee, use of a district office or position or of district resources for personal gain, or a conflict of interest of a district Director or district employee.

C. A Director will not use or threaten to use any official authority or influence to effect any action as a reprisal against a district Director or district employee who reports or otherwise brings to the attention of the General Manager any information regarding the subjects described in this section.

(Labor Code Section 1102.5 and following; Government Code Sections 53298 and 53298.5; Stockton East Water District Resolution 98-99-11.)

Section 11. Compliance with the Brown Act.

Directors, and persons elected but who have not yet assumed office as Directors, will fully comply with the provisions of the State's open meeting law for public agencies (the Brown Act).

(Government Code Sections 54950 and following, and 54952.1 and 54959.)

Section 12. Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement.

Directors will fully comply with the provisions of the Board's "Policy on Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement" as set forth in this section.

A. Compensation for Attendance at Conferences and Meetings

Directors will be compensated at the daily rate (i.e., *per diem*) determined by the Board consistent with applicable law for attendance at meetings of the Board ~~, including Board committee meetings,~~ and for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board as set forth

~~hereinas approved by the Board~~; provided, however, that pursuant to Water Code Section 20202, such compensation will not be paid for more than a total of ten days in any calendar month. Such compensation will be provided in addition to any reimbursement for meals, lodging and travel expenses incurred in attending any conference, meeting or approved event. Compensation will be paid only if the Director submits a written form that sets forth the date, location and district purpose of the meeting for which compensation is requested.

1. Pre-approved meetings for all Directors. The following meetings are pre-approved for all Directors to attend and receive payment of per diem compensation and expense reimbursement:

- a. District Regular and Special Board Meetings.
~~District standing committee meetings~~
- b. Conferences, regional meetings, seminars, workshops, tours, or webinars of the following organizations:
 - American Water Works Association
 - Association of California Water Agencies
 - California Special Districts Association ~~Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies~~
 - Water Education Foundation
 - California Special Districts Association
 - San Joaquin Council of Governments
 - Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference
 - Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce
- c. Tours of District Facilities.
- d. District ceremonial events.
- e. Tours, ground breakings, and open houses of water agencies.
- f. Participation and completion of required board members' training, including online courses, to meet the requirements of California law. For online course, Directors may be paid compensation for one day upon successful completion of the course.
- g. Meetings of water and community related gatherings, agency related ceremonial functions and appearances before administrative agencies, legislative committees or their staff to discuss matters of specific interest to the District.
- h. Meetings of other official bodies such as the County Board of Supervisors, Farm Bureau, state legislature, San Joaquin County offices, Community Planning Groups, water or irrigation districts, or the Local Agency Formation Commission provided the Board Member is serving an official role on behalf of the District.
~~Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce sponsored events.~~
~~State of the City (Stockton).~~
- i. State of the County (San Joaquin).
- j. Meetings with United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- k. Meetings with United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- l. Meetings with State Water Resources Control Board members or staff.

2. Pre-Approved Meetings for Directors Serving as Designated Representatives. The following meetings are pre-approved for Directors serving as designated representatives or required alternate, to attend conferences and regular and special meetings as specified below, and receive payment of per diem compensation and expense reimbursement:

a. District standing committee meetings

b. District Ad Hoc Committees.

c. Standing, Special or Board-authorized committees of the Association of California Water Agencies.

d. ACWA/JPIA Meetings.

e. San Joaquin County Advisory Water Commission.

f. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority and Steering Committee.

g. Eastern Water Alliance.

h. Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority.

i. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee

3. Payment for per diem compensation and expense reimbursement for all other meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

~~In order for a Director to be paid a lawfully established per diem for a meeting, or for reasonable and necessary travel time to and from a meeting, the meeting must be: (1) a "meeting" as defined in subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54952.2 of the Brown Act; (2) committee meetings of the district; (3) a meeting of an advisory body, (4) a conference or organized educational activity (as allowed in compliance with the Brown Act), or (5) other meetings related to or informing the Director on matters within the jurisdiction of the statutory powers of the district, provided that such other meetings deal with substantive issues as deemed relevant and appropriate to the district by the Board President, and consume more than a minor amount of the Director's time, including the following types of meetings: ACWA, ACWA JPIA, ACWA Regional, CSDA, SJCOG conferences and similar water and community related gatherings, meetings of other public agencies, attendance at agency related ceremonial functions and appearances before administrative agencies, legislative committees or their staffs to discuss matters of specific interest to the district.~~

~~(Government Code Sections 53232 and following.)~~

B. Directors Expenses

1. General Principles. Each member of the Board of Directors is encouraged to participate in those outside activities and organizations that in the judgment of the Board further the interests of the district. Expenses incurred by Directors in connection with such activities are reimbursable, where authorized in advance or subsequently ratified by the Board.

The following rules apply:

a. All expenses must be reasonable and necessary, and Directors are encouraged to exercise prudence in all expenditures.

b. This policy is intended to result in no personal gain or loss to a Director.

c. Reimbursement will be made only for expenses that qualify as reimbursable expenses under an Internal Revenue Service Accountable Plan.

d. The most-economical mode and class of transportation reasonably consistent with scheduling requirements and overall district efficiency will be used. In the event a more-expensive class of transportation is used, the reimbursable amount will be limited to the cost of the most-economical class of transportation available and consistent with these guidelines. Reimbursement for use of personal vehicles will be at the applicable IRS-approved rate.

e. Expenditures for food and lodging will be moderate and reasonable. An IRS Accountable Plan allows payment of fixed amounts to cover the daily cost of meals and lodging (depending on the city in which the meeting is held) as an alternative to reimbursing for the actual, reasonable amount of the expenditure.

f. Upon incurring these expenses, Directors may submit a request for reimbursement, accompanied by itemized evidence of payment of such expenses or receipts for all amounts, consistent with the requirements of an IRS Accountable Plan.

g. All requests for reimbursement will be submitted to the district General Manager within a time period specified by the Board after the expenses were incurred or expenditures made. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted, where possible, on forms provided by the district, and will (1) state the district-related purpose for the expenditure, and (2) be accompanied by receipts evidencing each expense or other documentation deemed satisfactory by the General Manager, consistent with the requirements of an IRS Accountable Plan. Expenditures that are improper or otherwise not properly accounted for, or not consistent with the prohibition against gifts of public funds set forth in the California Constitution, will not be reimbursed or accepted by the district. Where such improper expenses have been paid by the district, they will be promptly refunded to the district or deducted from monies otherwise due a Director.

h. To implement the reporting requirements of Government Code Section 53065.5, the district may prepare a list of the amount and purpose of each expense reimbursement made to each Director for the preceding fiscal year, which will be available to the public.

i. Officials will be reimbursed for actual internet, telephone and fax expenses incurred on district business. Telephone bills should identify which calls were made on district business. For cellular calls when the district official has a particular number of minutes included in the official's plan, the official can identify the percentage of calls made on district business.

j. Long-term parking should be used for travel exceeding 24-hours.

2. Travel/Transportation Expenses. The most economical mode and class of transportation reasonably consistent with scheduling needs and cargo space requirements must be used, using the most direct and time-efficient route. Directors will be reimbursed for expenses, incurred in traveling to and from conferences, meetings and other events that are attended on behalf of the district in their capacity as Directors. Travel expenses will include

round-trip airfare, actual reasonable expenses for ground transportation to and from airports and hotels, car rental, and or mileage reimbursement (at the maximum allowable per mile rate established from time to time by the IRS) for use by Directors of privately owned vehicles in the conduct of district business. Only travel to conduct district business outside of the San Joaquin County boundary will be eligible for mileage reimbursement.

3. Overnight Accommodations. No reimbursement claim or request for overnight accommodations will be approved for expenses incurred within San Joaquin County, except upon approval of the Board. Reasonable accommodation expenses (or at the daily rate as specified pursuant to an IRS Accountable Plan) will be reimbursed only for authorized personnel, and such expenses will not be reimbursed for guests or family members of the authorized personnel. Where reasonably possible, accommodations will be arranged at the conference or meeting site. Unless directed otherwise, district staff will make all travel arrangements for Directors traveling on district business.

4. Meal Expenses. Directors will be entitled to receive reimbursement for the reasonable cost of meals, including tips, or at the daily rate as specified pursuant to an IRS Accountable Plan.

5. Use of District/Agency Credit Cards. Credit card expenses must be reasonable and necessary to the furtherance of district business. Each credit card statement will be reviewed by the General Manager or his or her assignee. Where any improper expenses have been paid by the district, they will be promptly refunded to the district or deducted from monies otherwise due a Director. To minimize Director reimbursements, each Director will use a district issued credit card when possible for any of these reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with this section.

(Water Code Sections 20200 and following; Government Code Section 53065.5.)

6. Reports to Governing Board. At the ~~following~~ district governing body meeting immediately following attendance at a reimbursed event, each official ~~shall~~may briefly report on meetings attended at district expense. If multiple officials attended, a joint report may be made.

In connection with all issues arising out of compensation and expenses, it is appropriate that elected directors pose this series of questions. A list of questions follows.

- Does the law allow me to use public resources in this manner?
- How does this particular expenditure benefit the public's interest as opposed to my own personal interest?
- Is my motivation for an expense a desire to personally curry favor with the would-be beneficiary of an expense?
- How would I feel if a particular expenditure were reported in the local newspaper? How about a political hit piece?
- How would my next-door neighbor feel about my spending his or her tax dollars this way? Would he or she feel resentful?

- Am I making a spending decision out of a sense of reward or entitlement?

Section 13. Changes in Compensation.

The district's Director Compensation Policy follows the Uniform Law on Compensation of Water District Directors. The Uniform Law provides that districts may, by ordinance, compensate Directors per day for Board meetings and for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board. The maximum amount of compensation may be increased annually in accordance with the statutory requirements. Directors shall not be compensated for more than 10 days each month. Changes in the compensation of Directors ~~requires~~require the approval of the Board during an open meeting of the Board held within sixty days prior to the effective date of the change.

(Water Code Sections 20200 and following.)

Section 14. Candidate's Statement.

A Director will not include false or misleading information in a candidate's statement for a general district election filed pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code.

(Elections Code Section 13313.)

Section 15. Compliance with Legally Mandated Training.

The Directors, and persons elected but who have not yet assumed office as Directors, will fully comply with the provisions of the State's legal training requirements applicable to the district.

(See, e.g., Government Code Sections 53234 and following, 53237 and following, and 12950.1.)

Section 16. Violation of Ethics Policy.

A perceived violation of this policy by a Director should be referred to the President of the Board or the full Board of Directors for investigation, and consideration of any appropriate action warranted. A violation of this policy may be addressed by the use of such remedies as are available by law to the district, including but not limited to: (a) adoption of a resolution expressing disapproval of the conduct of the Director who has violated this policy, (b) injunctive relief, or (c) referral of the violation to the District Attorney and/or the Grand Jury.

**Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District on June ,
~~2023~~ June 27, 2026.**

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DATE: June 16, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. D-3

TITLE: Support for ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future**SUBJECT: Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 26-27-06 Supporting the Association of California Water Agencies' Vision for Our Water Future**

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors (Board) consider adoption of the attached resolution expressing Stockton East Water District's (District) support for the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) *Vision for Our Water Future* initiative. The initiative was developed through a statewide, member-driven process and establishes a framework of water policy priorities intended to guide California's next Governor, Legislature, and Administration in addressing the state's long-term water challenges. Adoption of the resolution will demonstrate the District's support for policies that advance water supply reliability, affordability, infrastructure investment, regulatory modernization, and climate resilience.

Background

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) represents approximately 470 public water agencies that collectively deliver approximately 90 percent of the water used throughout California. In 2025, ACWA initiated a statewide effort to develop a strategic policy framework identifying the highest-priority actions necessary to secure California's water future. Following extensive engagement with member agencies, ACWA's Board of Directors unanimously approved the Vision for Our Water Future recommendations on March 20, 2026, and formally launched the initiative in April 2026.

The initiative was developed in recognition of increasing pressures on California's water system, including drought, flooding, aging infrastructure, population growth, climate change, regulatory complexity, and affordability challenges. ACWA has emphasized that water is foundational to California's economy, agriculture, environment, housing production, public health, and climate resilience and should be elevated as a statewide leadership priority.

To build support for the initiative, ACWA has encouraged member agencies to adopt resolutions expressing support for the Vision recommendations and affirming their commitment to working collaboratively toward implementation. The attached resolution was provided by ACWA as a model resolution for local agencies.

Summary

ACWA's *Vision for Our Water Future* is centered around four primary policy recommendations:

1. Lead on Water

The initiative calls upon California's next Governor and Administration to elevate water as a statewide priority and recognize its foundational role in supporting communities, agriculture, economic development, environmental stewardship, and climate resilience. It further recommends improved coordination among state agencies and establishment of clear statewide water priorities.

2. Protect Affordability

The Vision recognizes that local ratepayers currently fund more than 85 percent of California's water system costs and recommends sustained state investment, streamlined funding programs, and stronger partnerships to maintain affordable water service while addressing infrastructure and regulatory demands.

3. Deliver Critical Infrastructure

The initiative supports modernization of California's water infrastructure, including both built and natural systems. Recommendations include investments in storage, conveyance, groundwater recharge, regional resiliency projects, flood protection, and modernization of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

4. Modernize Water Management

The Vision recommends improving permitting processes, increasing regulatory certainty, integrating agency requirements, utilizing the best available science, and advancing operational flexibility to improve water supply reliability while maintaining environmental protections.

These priorities closely align with SEWD's ongoing efforts to improve water supply reliability, advance regional groundwater sustainability, invest in critical infrastructure, support agricultural and municipal customers, and advocate for regulatory reforms that facilitate effective water management.

Adoption of the attached resolution does not obligate the District to any specific action or expenditure. Rather, it serves as a formal expression of support for a statewide policy framework developed by California's public water agencies and demonstrates the District's commitment to collaborative water management solutions.

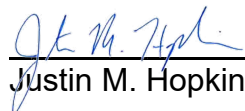
Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact associated with adoption of Resolution No. 26-27-06.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 26-27-06 expressing support for the Association of California Water Agencies' *Vision for Our Water Future* initiative and affirm the District's commitment to advancing reliable, affordable, and resilient water supplies for California's communities, agriculture, economy, and environment.

Staff Responsible for Report



Justin M. Hopkins, General Manager

Date: 06/16/26

Attachments

1. Resolution 26-27-06 – Supporting ACWA's Vision For Our Water Future

Resolution No. 26-27-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT**

SUPPORTING ACWA'S VISION FOR OUR WATER FUTURE

WHEREAS, in April 2026, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) launched Vision for Our Water Future, a member-driven initiative to identify statewide water priorities to inform engagement with California's next Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Vision for Our Water Future priorities are a set of recommendations for the next governor, emphasizing the importance of strong leadership, sustainable investment and coordinated action across all levels of government to secure California's water future; and

WHEREAS, the first priority is to lead on water and elevate water as foundational to California's economy, agriculture, communities, environment and climate resilience through sustained leadership and coordinated state action; and

WHEREAS, the second priority is to ensure safe and reliable water remains affordable through sustained and predictable funding partnerships and streamlined investment delivery; and

WHEREAS, the third priority is to strengthen and modernize California's water infrastructure, including both built and natural systems, to improve reliability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the fourth priority is to improve regulatory, operational and scientific frameworks to enable efficient project delivery and adaptive water management; and

WHEREAS, local water agencies play a critical role in delivering safe and reliable water supplies and are essential partners in implementing statewide solutions; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Vision recommendations demonstrates a unified commitment to collaborative, science-based and practical policies that advance a secure and resilient water future for California's communities, farms, economy and environment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockton East Water District Board of Directors hereby expresses support for ACWA's Vision for Our Water Future recommendations and affirms its commitment to working collaboratively to advance reliable, affordable and resilient water supplies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District on the 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Justin Hopkins, Secretary
Stockton East Water District

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Thomas McGurk, President
Board of Directors
Stockton East Water District

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT
SCHEDULED FOR

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

AT 12:30 P.M.

6767 EAST MAIN STREET
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95215

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

THE NEXT REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IS SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY,
JULY 7, 2026
AT 12:30 P.M.

Certification of Posting

I hereby certify that on June 25, 2026 I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the outside display case at the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, California, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Stockton East Water District (Government Code Section 54954.2).
Executed at Stockton, California on June 25, 2026.

Draft

Priya Ram, Finance Director & Administration
Stockton East Water District

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Weekly Water Report	As of: June 9, 2026	As of: June 16, 2026
New Hogan (NHG) TOC	317,100	AF
Storage:	204,466	AF
Net Storage Change:	-4,493	AF
Inflow:	25	CFS
Release:	184	CFS
New Melones (NML) Allocation	75,000	AF
Storage:	1,781,599	AF
Net Storage change:	-52,471	AF
Inflow:	825	CFS
Release:	2,492	CFS
Source: CDEC Daily Reports		

Goodwin Diversion (GDW)		
Inflow (Tulloch Dam):	2,953	CFS
Release to Stanislaus River (S-98):	1,559	CFS
Release to OID (JT Main):	957	CFS
Release to SSJID (SO Main):	371	CFS
Release to SEWD & CSJWCD:	<u>270</u>	CFS
Total Release	3,157	CFS
Source: Tri-Dam Operations Daily Report		
Farmington Dam (FRM)		
Diverted to SEWD:	70	CFS
Diverted to CSJWCD:	200	CFS

Surface Water Used		
Irrigators on New Hogan:	28	
Irrigators on New Melones:	3	
Out-Of-District Irrigators:	0	
DJWWTP Production:	48	MGD
North Stockton:	11	MGD
South Stockton:	9	MGD
Cal Water:	25	MGD
City of Stockton DWSP Production:	21	MGD

District Ground Water Extraction		
74-01	0	GPM
74-02	0	GPM
North	0	GPM
South	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 1	2,582	GPM
Extraction Well # 2	<u>3,098</u>	GPM
Total Well Water Extraction	5,680	GPM
Total Ground Water Production	8	MGD

Note: **The data reported here is available as of 06/07/26

***The data reported here is available as of 06/08/26**

All other flow data reported here is preliminary, as of 9:00 a.m. on 06/09/26

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Stockton East Water District

Board of Directors

June 16, 2026

California Legislative Calendar: 2026

- ▶ **2026 Tentative Legislative Calendar: Upcoming Key Dates**
 - ▶ June 15th – Budget must be passed by midnight
 - ▶ July 2nd – August 2nd – Summer Recess
 - ▶ August 31st – Last day to pass bills. Final recess.
 - ▶ September 30, 2026 – Last day for governor to sign, veto, or allow bills to become law without his signature
 - ▶ November 3, 2026 – Election Day
 - ▶ November 30, 2026 – Adjournment sine die at midnight
- ▶ **December 7, 2026 – Convening of the 2027-28 Regular Session**

119th United States Congress

Tentative 2026 Legislative Schedule

June – July 2026

Dates	Actions
June 1 & June 12	Senate In Session
June 2 – June 11	House & Senate In Session
June 12 & June 15 – June 18	Senate In Session
June 19	Juneteenth Observed
June 22	Senate In Session
June 23 – June 26	House & Senate In Session
June 29 – July 3	House In Session
July 1 – July 3	House In Session
July 13 – July 16	House & Senate In Session (Senate 7/17)
July 20 – July 23	House & Senate In Session (Senate 7/24)
July 27 – July 31	Senate In Session

ACWA State Legislative Committee

June 12, 2026

- ▶ **AB 1894 (Rubio) – Fish and wildlife: invasive mussels: imported water** - Would prevent a public agency from prohibiting imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment due to invasive mussels unless there is substantial, documented evidence of a proven health and safety risk as a result of the invasive mussels.
ACWA Position: Watch
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee
- ▶ **AB 1881 (Ramos) – CA Indian Freedom Act of 2026** - Prohibits a governmental agency from substantially burdening a California Native American tribe from exercising religious beliefs or spiritual practices on state lands unless it is in furtherance of a compelling government interest by the least restrictive means.
ACWA Position: Oppose Unless Amended
Status: Rules Committee – Pending Policy Committee Referral
- ▶ **AB 2180 (Ward) - Local government: Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act** - Allows local agencies, for the purpose of calculating property-related fees and charges to comply with Proposition 218, to demonstrate the proportional cost of service to the parcel with any method that reasonably allocates the cost of providing service to all parcels
ACWA Position: Sponsor/Support
Status: Senate Floor

Updated: June 10, 2026

Unofficial Primary Election Results

County elections officials must report final official results to the Secretary of State by July 3, 2026. The Secretary of State will certify the results on July 10, 2026.

*Indicates Incumbent

- ▶ **Governor:** Xavier Becerra (D) and Steve Hilton (R)
- ▶ **Lieutenant Governor:** Fiona Ma (D) and Gloria Romero (R)
- ▶ **Secretary of State:** Shirley Weber* (D) and Don Wagner (R)
- ▶ **State Controller:** Malia Cohen* (D) and Herb W. Morgan (R)
- ▶ **State Treasurer:** Jennifer Hawks (R) and Eleni Kounalakis (D)
- ▶ **Attorney General:** Rob Bonta* (D) and Michael E. Gates (R)
- ▶ **Insurance Commissioner:** Ben Allen (D) and Jane Kim (D)
- ▶ **State Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Richard Barrera and Sonya Shaw
- ▶ **Congressional District 5:** Tom McClintock* (R) and Michael Masuda (D)
- ▶ **Congressional District 7:** Doris Matsui* (D) and Mai Vang (D)
- ▶ **Congressional District 9:** Josh Harder* (D) and John McBride (R)
- ▶ **Congressional District 13:** Adam Gray* (D) and Kevin Lincoln (R)
- ▶ **State Assembly District 9:** Heath Flora* (R) and Matthew Adams (D)
- ▶ **State Assembly District 13:** Rhodesia Ransom* (D) and Tom Patti (D)

The Gualco Group, Inc. Team

- ▶ Jackson R. Gualco
- ▶ Kendra Daijogo
- ▶ Lisa Rodriguez
- ▶ Robert J. Gore
- ▶ Clifford H. Moriyama
- ▶ Daniel J. Merkley
- ▶ Stephanie Roberson





EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

AMENDED

Board Members:

- Chairman
South San Joaquin
Irrigation District
Robert Holmes

- Vice Chairman
Stockton East Water
District
Mel Panizza

- California Water Service
Company
Craig Stevens

- Central Delta Water
Agency
George Biagi Jr.

- Central San Joaquin Water
Conservation District
Richard Wagner

- City of Lodi
Alan Nakanishi

- City of Manteca
Regina Lackey

- City of Stockton
Michael Blower

- Eastside San Joaquin GSA
Gary Tofanelli

- Linden County Water
District
Myron Blanton

- Lockeford Community
Services District
Mike Henry

- North San Joaquin Water
Conservation District
Jason Colombini

- Oakdale Irrigation District
Eric Thorburn

- San Joaquin County
Paul Canepa

- South Delta Water Agency
Dean Ruiz

- Woodbridge Irrigation
District
Keith Bussman

Board of Directors

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

San Joaquin County Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

II. Additions to the Agenda

(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon a two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the Authority after the posting of this Agenda)

III. Public Comment

(Members of the public may address the Board on any matter related to the Authority that is not included on the Agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.)

IV. Presentations

- A. ESJGWA 2025 Annual Report – Woodard & Curran

V. Action Items

- A. Approval of April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes - [Page 3](#)
- B. Adoption of Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Grant Fund Budget Totaling **\$781,948** in Appropriations - [Page 5](#)
- C. Adoption of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Totaling \$3,357,000 in Revenues and Appropriations and the Proposed Cost Allocation to ESJGWA Members Totaling \$664,753 - [Page 8](#)
- D. Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement for Executive Director Services with First Water Partners, Inc. and assign responsibility for ARPA Grant projects - [Page 12](#)

VI. Authority Staff/Agency Reports

- A. Julia D. Berry, ESJGWA Executive Director
- B. Chelsea Spier, Department of Water Resources

VII. Directors' Comments and Project Status Reports

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting

July 8, 2026

San Joaquin County Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.

Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.

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Agendas and Minutes may also be found at <http://www.ESJGroundwater.org>

Note: If you need disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact San Joaquin County Public Works Water Resources Staff at (209) 468-3089 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION

**** CANCELLATION NOTICE ****

The June 17, 2026
ADVISORY WATER
COMMISSION
MEETING IS CANCELLED

Please Note:

The Next AWC Meeting

Is scheduled for **July 15, 2026**, beginning at
1:00p.m.

Location

San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206

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Presented By: Stockton East Water District

Community Outreach Meeting

When: June 18th, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Location: Stockton East Water District
6767 E. Main St.,
Stockton, CA 95215

Join Us To Get Informed!

- **Delivery of New Melones Water in Stanislaus County**
- **Why Water Delivery is Important in Stanislaus County**

***Refreshments will be provided!**

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From: Chris Zavaglia <CZavaglia@stocktonports.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 9:18 AM
To: Chris Zavaglia <CZavaglia@stocktonports.com>
Subject: Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Night - Thursday, 6/18

Hi all,

I hope all is well with you!

First off, thank YOU for being a partner of the Stockton Ports. I want to emphasize that we truly wouldn't be able to do the things we do without your continued support. It's been a great start of the season so far, and each and every one of you has had an immediate impact on our fans and the community.

We are quickly approaching our halfway point of the season already (crazy, right?!) and you know what that means - Sponsor Appreciation Night! As a valued partner of the Stockton Ports, each of you will have the benefit of enjoying 25 complimentary field box tickets for our Thursday, June 18th game where it'll be our Barks N Brews promotion - bring your pup and sip on \$1 beer or \$1 hard seltzer!

First pitch is 7:05 pm with our gates opening at 6:30 pm.

This is a complimentary benefit of being a Stockton Ports Partner and no cost whatsoever. This is a great opportunity to meet our other partners, reward your employees and/or customers, or simply to have a nice evening with your family. We kindly ask that, as a Stockton Ports Partner, you RSVP to the event below, how many can attend, and how you would like your tickets.

Please fill out the following form by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2026:

[Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Day - 6/18 – Fill out form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact me at the contact information below.

We appreciate all of your support as we look forward to an exciting night and the rest of the season!

Go Ports!



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