

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, MAY 12, 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., Administrative Clerk Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, 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 Higare, Administrative Clerk Barraza and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Director Nakaue was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 04/28/26 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
 - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
 - e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - f. Summary
 - g. Short/Acronym List
 - h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment
3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System
6. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Watershed Sanitary Surveys for Calaveras and Stanislaus Rivers
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff report to Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Watershed Sanitary Surveys for Calaveras and Stanislaus Rivers. Manager Hopkins reported state regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act require the District to complete Watershed Sanitary Surveys (WSSs) every five years to assess potential sources of contamination and evaluate treatment plant vulnerability.

Director Watkins motioned to move items B-4 and B-5 for discussion.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: Panizza

Absent: Nakaue

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement for PLC-SCADA Integration Services for the Bellota Weir Modifications Project
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement for PLC-SCADA Integration Services for the Bellota Weir Modifications

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Project. Manager Hopkins reported the District is advancing the Bellota Weir Modifications Project, which included installation of a modern fish screen facility and associated infrastructure improvements.

Director Watkins inquired about the Staff Report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Control Point Engineering, Inc. for PLC-SCADA Integration Services for the Bellota Weir Modifications Project in an amount of \$943,760; plus a 10% contingency of \$94,376, for a total authorization of \$1,038,136, and make all necessary approvals to proceed with project implementation, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement – WTP & WS FY 26/27 SCADA Support Services with Control Point Engineering
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement – WTP & WS FY 26/27 SCADA Support Services with Control Point Engineering. Manager Hopkins reported the District continues to advance its Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to improve operational efficiency, reliability, and regulatory compliance.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Control Point Engineering, Inc. to provide WTP and WS SCADA Support Services in the amount of \$177,440 plus a 4% contingency of \$7,098 for a total of \$184,538 and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Direction to Engage NOAA Fisheries to Remove Habitat Conservation Plan Requirement for Fish Exclusion Structure
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Consideration of Direction to Engage NOAA Fisheries to Remove Habitat Conservation Plan Requirement for Fish Exclusion Structure. Manager Hopkins reported at the February 18, 2026, Board meeting, staff presented a proposal to advance design of a fish exclusion structure at the confluence of the Old Calaveras River (OCR) and Stockton Diverting Canal (SDC) to comply with the Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). He reported the Board directed staff to further evaluate the necessity of the structure.

Manager Hopkins introduced Patrick Cuthbert of FishBio, who was present to address any questions the Board may have regarding the staff report.

Director Sanguinetti inquired about the staff report and staff provided responses to the questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve District staff to engage the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) to initiate discussions regarding removal or modification of the HCP requirement for construction of a fish exclusion structure at the OCR/SDC confluence; and authorize staff to prepare and submit the necessary technical documentation, including the FishBio memorandum, to support this request, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Common Interest Agreement Among Stockton East Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Approving a Memorandum of Understanding and Common Interest Agreement Among Stockton East Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and North San Joaquin Water Conservation District. Assistant Manager Vega reported the MOU establishes a collaborative, non-binding framework for the Parties to evaluate and develop a long-term conjunctive use groundwater banking project in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin. He reported the Common Interest Agreement provides a legal framework to allow the Parties to share confidential and privileged information while jointly evaluating, planning and potentially defending the Project.

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding among SEWD, EBMUD, and NSJWCD to study and develop a long-term groundwater banking project; and approve the Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreement to facilitate confidential collaboration among the Parties, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Organizational Changes: Position Restoration and Staffing Augmentation

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Consideration of organizational Changes: Position Restoration and Staffing Augmentation. Manager Hopkins reported staff is requesting that the Board of Directors approve two organizational changes intended to improve operational effectiveness and support leadership succession. He reported the changes include: (1) restoration of Special Projects manager position and (2) addition of an Administrative Assistant position.

Director Hansen and Sanguinetti inquired about the staff report and staff provided responses to the questions.

Director Sanguinetti and Watkins requested to bring back the Special Projects Manager position at the next Board Meeting due to Director Nakaue being absent; President McGurk agreed.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve addition of one Administrative Assistant position, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Adoption of Agricultural Water Management Plan. Manager Hopkins reported District staff has completed the required Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP) documents.

- a. Public Hearings

President McGurk opened the Public Hearing at 1:08p.m., to receive comments on the 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan.

Seeing no public comment, President McGurk closed the Public Hearing at 1:09p.m.

- b. Resolution No. 26-27-03 – 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 26-27-03 – 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Special Administration Committee Meeting, 04/29/26

Directors Sanguinetti, Nakaue and Watkins along with Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and Director of Finance and Administration Ram attended the Special Administration Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the committee discussed organizational changes related to position restoration, staffing augmentation, and executive title modernization. He reported the committee recommended forwarding the restoration of the Special Projects Manager position and the addition of one Administrative Assistant position to the full Board for consideration.

2. Ad-Hoc Board Ethical Guidelines Review and Update Committee Meeting, 04/29/26

This item will be brought back at the next Regular Board Meeting.

3. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 05/11/26

Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting. Director Atkins reported the meeting was conducted virtually and included discussion of the financial report, during which it was noted that the per-acre fees may increase due to corresponding fee increases imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board. He reported

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that the current budget stands at approximately \$3.6 million. Director Atkins also reported staff updates were provided by Ruth Mulrooney, including information regarding the appointment of a new member to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. In addition, he noted membership invoices were mailed out last week and that customers who do not remit payment will be responsible for conducting their own testing independently.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 04/28/26

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 212,815 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 128 cfs. There is 1,872,010 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,701 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,782 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,962 cfs. The District's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 44 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 13 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 12 mgd.

2. Information Items: F-2a, F-2b & F-2c

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. 2026 ACWA Spring Conference, 05/05/26 – 05/07/26

Assistant Manager Vega and District Engineer Evensen attended the 2026 ACWA Spring Conference. Assistant Manager Vega reported State Assemblymember Diane Papan served as a keynote speaker and recognized the State's water-related efforts. ACWA President Ernie Avile also discussed plans to influence the incoming administration following Governor Newsom's departure from office. Assistant Manager Vega further reported discussions also focused on developing KPIs for ACWA and establishing a work plan aimed at bridging the gap between northern and southern interests throughout the state. Additionally, Assistant Manager Vega reported that Karla Nemeth was announced as the new Executive Director of ACWA, with her term beginning in September 2026. He also reported several sessions covered Proposition 218 updates and AI-related topics.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the front fence on New Water Lane and East Main Street has been repaired.

Manager Hopkins reported the District has officially gone live with its new security features and access control system. He reported access control devices have now been installed at three District entrances.

Manager Hopkins reported that staff has begun work on establishing a Lactation Room in the Administration Building.

Manager Hopkins reported the District will be hosting the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer on June 4.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 05/04/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering & Maintenance Update

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Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes provided the Board with a Maintenance, Electrical, and Construction update. He reported Maintenance staff is currently working on sodium hypochlorite pumping improvements and the ACH feeders. Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes also reported electrical staff is working on the monitoring wells project, noting that hardware and radio infrastructure have been installed at two well sites, SCADA integration is underway, and electrical support for the remodel project is ongoing. Additionally, he reported construction staff is currently working on the Booster Pump Station, Solids Handling project, emergency sludge holding ponds at the WTP, and improvements to the Boardroom and Lactation Room. He reported staff plans to work on the George Watkins Low-Water Crossing, VFD installations and relocations, and the Highway 4 trash rack electrical project.

District Engineer Evensen provided the Board with an Engineering update. He reported on project and construction management efforts, including the Bellota Weir Modifications Project, Potter Creek Pump Station, Solids Handling Dewatering Lagoons, Utility Water Booster Pump Station, McGurk Low-Water Crossing, and George Watkins Low-Water Crossing. District Engineer Evensen also provided updates on planning, design, permitting, and grants, including the Filters and Sedimentation Design, Clements Pipeline and Reservoirs Design, Lightning and Surge Protection Design, LLPS Electrical Design-Build, Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Project, SWEEP and SWEG grants, and the Urban Water Management Plan.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 2026 SJCOG One Voice Conference, 05/04/26 – 05/06/26
Directors McGurk, Nakaue, Sanguinetti and Watkins along with Manager Hopkins attended the 2026 SJCOG One Voice Conference. Director Sanguinetti reported they attended various meetings to discuss ongoing District efforts. He reported the trip was worthwhile, as it provided the District with the opportunity to advocate for its efforts in person rather than solely through email or mail correspondence, and served as a valuable way to stay involved.
2. F&M Bank – Annual Evening at the Ballpark, 05/05/26
Director Atkins attended the F&M Bank- Annual Evening at the Ballpark. Director Atkins reported he left during the seventh inning. He reported food was provided for everyone and that he enjoyed the game.
3. Great Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Networking Mixer at Kings Card Club, 05/07/26
No Directors attended this event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District – Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response Letter, 04/27/26
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Stockton East Water District – Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response Letter. Manager Hopkins reported this letter is requesting that the California Air Resources Board amend the Advanced Clean Fleets exemptions to allow the District’s vehicles to support emergency operations and to continue serving the community.
2. SB 1153 (Caballero) – Support Letter, 05/01/26
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with SB 1153 (Caballero) – Support Letter. Manager Hopkins reported this letter expresses support on SB 1153, which requires urban retail water suppliers serving high-risk areas to include wildfire response procedures within their existing emergency response plans and identifies water suppliers’ limited role in wildfire response.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 05/13/26
This meeting has been cancelled
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30p.m., 05/13/26
3. 31st Annual EBMUD Pardee BBQ, 11:30 a.m., 05/15/26
4. 2026 Linden Cherry Festival Parade, 10:00 a.m., 05/16/26

I. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL


1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Real Property Negotiations Government Code 54956.8
Property: San Joaquin County APNs 105-050-15, 105-050-17, 105-050-19, 105-110-45
Agency Negotiation: Justin Hopkins, Jeanne Zolezzi
Under Negotiation: Terms of Easement
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) vs. Stockton East Water District
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
3. 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 1:55 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:22 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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