

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 23, 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. District Engineer Evensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 06/23/26 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
 - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - d. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - f. Payroll
 - g. Summary
 - h. Short Names/Acronym List
 - i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

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

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Vote For California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election, Term 2027-2029, Sierra Network Seat C
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider of Vote For California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election, Term 2027-2029, Sierra Network Seat C. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to nominate Peter Kampa for Sierra Network Seat C, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Adopting Revised Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Ethical Guidelines
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a staff report to Consider Adoption of the Revised Stockton East Water District Board of Director Ethical Guidelines. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Panizza inquired if the updated Ethical Guidelines still include the provision that Directors do not receive compensation for any travel within the county. Assistant Manager Vega confirmed.

Director Nakaue inquired why page eleven had no text and only the draft mark. Manager Hopkins advised that it was a formatting error that will be corrected.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt the revised Stockton East Water District Board of Director Ethical Guidelines, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Cancellation of Regular Board Meetings Due to Conference and Staff Availability
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Cancellation of Regular Board Meetings Due to Conference and Staff Availability. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the Regular Board Meetings have to be cancelled if the General Manager is not present. Manager Hopkins advised that the meetings do not need to be cancelled, it is the Board's pleasure.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve cancellation of the listed 2026 Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Agricultural Committee Meeting, 06/17/26
Director Atkins, Nakaue, Sanguinetti, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, and Director of Finance & Administration Ram attended the Agricultural Committee Meeting. Director Atkins reported the committee recommended proceeding with the demolition of Bridge 8 (Remington) and Bridge 6 (Vaccarezza) due to their current condition and associated maintenance considerations.

The committee also recommended repairs to Bridge 2 (Rugani) and Bridge 12 (DeMartini 1) be deferred until funding becomes available, at which time the projects can be prioritized and scheduled for completion.

Director Atkins also reported the committee's recommendations will be presented to the full Board of Directors for consideration and possible action item at its regular July 7th board meeting.

2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 06/17/26

Directors McGurk, Panizza, Nakaue, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes attended the Municipal Operations Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported the committee discussed considering purchasing critical spare VFD inserts for Rockwell VFD's and considering approval of Water Treatment Plant filter and sedimentation basins SRF funding application support agreement. The committee recommended the two items be presented to the full board at the next regular board meeting.

Director Watkins inquired if the Board approved the Water Treatment Plant Filter and Sedimentation Basins Project. Staff provided responses to questions.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 06/16/26

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.

2. Information Items: F-2a and F-2b

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District – Community Outreach Meeting, 06/18/26

b. Manager Hopkins reported the second outreach meeting for growers within the Bachelor Valley area of Stanislaus County experienced lower attendance than the initial meeting; however, those in attendance were actively engaged in the discussion. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported California Special Districts Association (CSDA), San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County met and received a presentation from LAFCO regarding current issues and initiatives affecting special districts. Manager Hopkins reported the discussion focused on the proposed Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) representation cost allocation, which would place a significant financial obligation on Stockton East. Under the proposed structure, special districts collectively would be responsible for approximately \$186,000 in annual LAFCO fees. Stockton East is projected to pay approximately \$28,000 annually under the proposal. The remaining costs would be distributed among the other special districts throughout San Joaquin County.

Manager Hopkins reported staff is continuing outreach to build a broader coalition of agencies seeking additional water supply efforts from the Army Corp of Engineers.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 06/15/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Finance & Administration Update

Director of Finance & Administration Ram provided the Board with a Finance & Administration update. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported quarterly investment earnings in July.

California CLASS currently holds approximately \$1.2 million, generating about \$7,500 in interest last month at a rate of 3.71%. The district's new accounting system, Tyler Technologies, remains on schedule to go live on August 1st, with staff set to meet with the vendor in mid-July for a walkthrough of the implementation process. Staff is also actively working on fiscal year-end closeout activities and preparing for the annual audit. . Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported that the District's safety and compliance program continues to perform well, with 160 consecutive days without a reportable injury. She also highlighted updates to the dive team program to ensure Cal/OSHA compliance and ongoing implementation of the District's Safety Management System, including the integration of employee training records, equipment inventories, and personnel information. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported that Administrative staff is preparing for the July 29 Growers Meeting, completing Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Conflict of Interest Code filings for Stockton East Water District and the Eastern Water Alliance, and submitting ACWA committee appointment consideration forms for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Night, 06/18/26

Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Night. Director Watkins reported that the event was well attended and noted that the District's logo was prominently displayed on the stadium billboard in recognition of its sponsorship.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Administration Committee Meeting

This meeting has been cancelled

2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Business Award Installation Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 06/25/26
3. District Holiday – Independence Day, 07/03/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

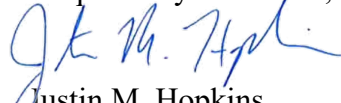
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code
Section 54956.9 – one case

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:07 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:24 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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