

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
6767 EAST MAIN STREET, STOCKTON, CA  
ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

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

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and President Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes

a. Minutes 07/18/22 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 18, 2022 Special Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: Panizza

Absent: None

b. Minutes 07/19/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 26, 2022 Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Water Year 2021 – Accounts Receivable Credits for Refund for AG and Municipal & Industrial (M&I) Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a list of Accounts Receivable Credits for reimbursement. Finance Director Vega reported this is an annual task for Board consideration and approval. The total Accounts Receivable Credits for AG for refunds in the total amount of \$23,015.74. The total Accounts Receivable Credits for M&I for refunds in the total amount of \$32,749.55.

Director McGaughey inquired why AG and M&I are given refunds. President Watkins replied customers change their crops or pull out their orchards; the District bills customers based on last year's usage and with the changes to their crops, they overpaid.

Director Panizza inquired on page 12, line item 4 for City of Stockton, City Wells Fulton in the amount of \$18,765.28 and if the wells were used last year. Finance Director Vega replied yes, the wells are used annually; the City of Stockton submitted payment twice, the refund amount is for the duplicate payment.

Director Cortopassi inquired on page 11, line item 42 for G.G. Orchards, Inc. in the amount of \$2,173.76 and if the refund amount is related to the previous billing issue regarding G.G. Orchards. Manager Hopkins replied no, this refund is unrelated.

President Watkins inquired if Staff checked the parcels in question for accuracy. Manager Hopkins replied yes, the parcels are metered.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve payment of the Accounts Receivable Credits for Refund for Water Year 2021, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Structural Engineering Services – Wood Bridge Structural Analyses Memo, 07/26/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding Structural Engineering Services – Wood Bridge Structural Analyses. Manager Hopkins reported the District maintains 36 crossings in the New Hogan system; of these crossings there are 16 wooden bridges with different states of degradation down the Old Calaveras River. Manager Hopkins reported the Board approved funding for the Structural Evaluation of New Hogan Crossings study in the current fiscal year budget of \$120,000. Manager Hopkins reported it was difficult to find an engineering firm with expertise in structural timber; District Engineer Evensen has experience working with Weatherby-Reynolds-Fritson (WRF), a firm capable of analyzing the condition of the wooden bridge crossings. Manager Hopkins reported WRF provided a proposal of \$1,687.50 per bridge assessment, which totals \$27,000 for all 16 bridge crossings. District Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager to sole-source and approve a Professional Services Agreement with Weatherby-Reynolds-Fritson to provide engineering services for structural analyses of the District's wooden bridges in the amount of \$27,000, plus a 10% contingency of \$2,700, for a total of \$29,700.

Director McGurk inquired if the analysis of the wooden bridges will be based on engineering factors or human judgement. District Engineer Evensen replied the majority is based off of human judgement of the structural engineer taking the key points of the structure to make the analysis. District Engineer Evensen added each bridge will have a report.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District owns the bridges. District Engineer Evensen replied the District maintains the bridges but do not own them. Manager Hopkins reported most of the bridges existed prior to the District; due to severing the property by conveying irrigation water the District has the obligation of maintaining the bridges.

President Watkins inquired what the bridges will be certified to carry. District Engineer replied the inspections of each bridge will be analyzed appropriately for the needs of the crossing. Discussion followed regarding the parameters of the structure analyses.

Director Panizza requested Staff provide the Board with pictures of the bridges. Director Panizza inquired how the bridges are set. Manager Hopkins replied some of the wooden piers are set in the water ways and others are set on wooden piers in a concrete foundation. Manager Hopkins reported bridges that exist for legal access were not included in this memo, only the bridges with severance issues at each parcel.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Fire Department also inspects the bridges. Director Atkins replied yes, the fire department also inspects the legal access bridges for accessibility in case of an emergency. Discussion followed regarding the vehicles and equipment accessing the bridges.

A motion was moved and seconded to award a Professional Services Agreement with Weatherby-Reynolds-Fritson for engineering services for structural analyses of the District's wooden bridges in the amount of \$27,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$2,700, for a total amount of \$29,700, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Records Retention Policy No. 3070, 07/26/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Records Retention Policy No. 3070. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff made updates to the Record Retention Policy to meet the current standards for record retention.

Director Cortopassi inquired what the light-colored text indicated. Manager Hopkins replied the light-colored text indicates all of the edits to the policy.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Records Retention Policy No. 3070.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Association of California Water Agencies Groundwater Committee – SGMA Implementation Subcommittee Meeting, 07/19/22

Nothing to report.

2. Association of California Water Agencies – Energy Committee Meeting, 07/26/22  
Nothing to report.

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

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/25/22

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 90,802 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 253 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 303 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 15 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 45 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Interim Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 6,719 gpm (~9.7 mgd).

2. Information Items:

Interim Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

Director McGurk inquired what annualized means in F2a-1. Finance Director Vega replied it is an accumulative number over a period of time; for a five-year period the annual number is a positive return of 6.7%, 10 years is a positive return of 7.7%, 20 years is a positive return of 6.9% and overall in 30 years the return would be based on an average return of 7.7%. Finance Director Vega reported although the number is negative, the fund has done what is expected. Manager Hopkins reported the preliminary net investment return rate was offset from a positive rate last year of 21%. This item was for information only.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported a new member of Staff; Questin Fowler, Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported the Administration Building Septic System Project is underway and should be complete by the end of next week. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported he has a meeting on Friday with National Marines Fishery Service to discuss strategy to access \$640 million in grant funding over the next five years; to get funds for the Bellota Project. Director McGurk inquired if there is state funding available. Manager Hopkins replied nothing yet; Consultant Barkett has been in communication with Senator Talamantes-Eggman to find funding sources.

Manager Hopkins reported a resolution for Board approval will be presented to the Board at the next Regular Board Meeting for a WaterSMART Grant. Manager Hopkins added the grant application submission deadline is Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Manager Hopkins reported the fully executed resolution can be submitted after submission of the grant application if the Board approves the grant application. Manager Hopkins reported the grant is for the Tunnel Outlet Flume. Manager Hopkins reported he received an email from Oakdale Irrigation District questioning the accuracy of the Tunnel Outlet Meter; the grant will help to get the project completed. Director Atkins inquired about the inaccuracy of the meter. Manager Hopkins replied the meter is between 5% - 40% inaccurate.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- 1. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services – Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting, 07/20/22  
Nothing to report.
- 2. Stockton East Water District – Recharge Projects Follow-up Discussion, 07/21/22  
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the July 21, 2022 Stockton East Water District – Recharge Projects Follow-up Discussion. President Watkins reported the Urban Contractors were in attendance; there is nothing to report in open session.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1. Association of California Water Agencies – Groundwater Committee Meeting, 2:30 p.m., 07/26/22
- 2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 07/26/22
- 3. Association of California Water Agencies – Agriculture Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 07/27/22

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

- 1. Closed Session - Existing Litigation  
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.  
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
- 2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:09 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff with the exception of Manager Hopkins was excused from the closed session meeting at 1:34 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:49 p.m., with the no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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