

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, MARCH 10, 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, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Water Supply Manager Donis, Procurement Specialist Cahoon, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Minutes 03/03/26 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Payroll
- h. Summary
- i. Short Names/Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Directors Panizza, Sanguinetti and Atkins inquired about the expenses and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Director Attendance at the San Joaquin Council of Governments’ One Voice Trip to Washington D.C.
Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with a staff report for Consideration of Director Attendance at the San Joaquin Council of Governments’ One Voice Trip to Washington D.C.

Director McGurk reported that an Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed to revise the Ethical Guidelines.

A motion was moved and seconded to permit any Board members who wish to attend the 2026 San Joaquin Council of Governments’ One Voice Trip, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, 03/09/26
Directors McGurk, Hansen, Nakaue, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Water Supply Manager Donis and District Engineer Evensen attended the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported Phase 1 has been completed, and the KPI program is moving forward with a refined scope consisting of six major categories with two indicators each, aligned with the Board-approved 2023 Strategic Plan. The categories include resource management, reliable infrastructure, human resources management, water supply, regulatory engagement, and collaborative partnerships.
2. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 03/09/26
This meeting was cancelled.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 03/03/26
Assistant Manager Vega 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 208,273 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 114 cfs. There is 1,862,137 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 859 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 861 cfs and release to all water users is set at 679 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 34 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 12 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 0 mgd.

2. Information Items: None
3. Report on General Manager Activities

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- a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 03/06/26
This item will return to a future Board meeting.
- b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Assistant Manager Vega reported staff will continue and complete the Eight Mile Dam work, advance the Bellota Weir modifications, finalize and present the draft agricultural rate study, and close out current fiscal year projects by March 31.

Assistant Manager Vega provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 03/02/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering & Maintenance Update
District Engineer Evensen presented the Board with an Engineering and Maintenance update. District Engineer Evensen reported on projects and construction management, including the Bellota Weir Modifications, Potter Creek Pump Station, MOV Valve Vaults Electrical, and the Eight Mile Dam Replacement. District Engineer Evensen also reported on planning, design, permitting, and grants, including the Filters and Sedimentation Design, Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Design, Lighting and Surge Protection Design, LLPS Electrical Design and Build, and CMMS.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Pacific Southwest Irrigation 19th Annual Open House & Exhibition, 03/05/26
Director Atkins and Director Watkins attended the Pacific Southwest Irrigation 19th Annual Open House & Exhibition. Director Atkins reported the event had a great turnout, with many people in attendance.
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – March Circus Tradeshow Monthly Mixer, 03/05/26
Director Atkins attended the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – March Circus Tradeshow Monthly Mixer. Director Atkins reported the mixer was a valuable networking and vendor event; however, the main issue was limited parking and paid parking due to a concurrent arena event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) – District Transparency Certificate of Approval, 03/03/26
Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with a Special District Leadership Foundation District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approval.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 03/11/26
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 03/11/26
3. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Groundwater Committee Meeting, 10:45 a.m., 03/12/26
4. F&M Bank Annual AG BBQ, 11:00 a.m., 03/12/26
5. 2026 Q1 All Membership Meeting – Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), Noon, 03/12/26
6. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Agriculture Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 03/12/26

7. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Energy Committee Meeting, 2:45 p.m., 03/12/26
8. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & Colledgeville Farm Centers Annual Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 03/12/26
9. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – O’Rexpo Greening California for the Port of Gold, 8:00 a.m., 03/17/26

I. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

K. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

1. Third Amendment of Personal Services Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Justin M. Hopkins for Employment as General Manager

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Third Amendment of Personal Services Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Justin M. Hopkins for Employment as General Manager as presented:

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:30 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m., with no reportable action.

L. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

