

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, AUGUST 4, 2026, AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Hansen, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Accounting Supervisor Rangel, Water Supply Manager Donis, Water Operations Manager Brothers, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Atkins and Director McGurk were absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 07/28/26 Regular Board Meeting
3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve C-1 and C-3 on the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
 - b. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
 - c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - e. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund
 - f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - h. Payroll
 - i. Summary
 - j. Short Name/Acronym List
 - k. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Watkins inquired on the expense on page 9, line item 10, for American West Communications, L.P. for Monthly Gopher Ridge tower rental for the WS maintenance July 2026 in the amount of \$671.93, stating he spoke with the tower owner and advised the District’s rental contract was expired. Manager Hopkins replied staff will review the contract.

Director Watkins inquired on the expense on page 10, line item 37, US Bank Corporate Payment System for Fraud transaction; unable to dispute due to delayed AP review in the amount of \$19.00. Manager Hopkins replied it was a fraudulent TikTok purchase.

Director Watkins inquired on the expense on page 21, line item 163, Rexel USA Inc for Troubleshoot and program VFD on P-26 in the amount of \$6,066.09, asking if the costs were related to a new VFD. Manager Hopkins replied it is not a new VFD.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 4, 2026 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hansen, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins, McGurk

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Professional Services Agreements For WSEP Environmental Review, Permitting, and Modeling Services

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a staff report for a Professional Services Agreement for WSEP Environmental Review, Permitting, and Modeling Services. Consultant David Beauchamp from Environmental Science Association provided the Board with a presentation. Mr. Beauchamp presented the proposed scope of work, project schedule, and budget for advancing the environmental review and permitting process for the Water Supply Enhancement Project. Mr. Beauchamp explained that the revised project is more practical and achievable than the previous concept due to a reduction in the proposed diversion amount and refinements to the overall project description. These changes are intended to improve the project's feasibility while streamlining the environmental review process. Mr. Beauchamp also reported that preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) can be completed under a scoped budget of approximately \$1.3 million. However, the scope and budget for completing the final EIR have not yet been established, as they will depend on the number, nature, and complexity of comments received from the public, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders during the Draft EIR review period.

Director Nakaue inquired if the cost estimate assumes smooth progress. Mr. Beauchamp replied in preparation of the documents that it should move very smoothly.

Director Nakaue inquired on what does the added energy environmental topic meant. Mr. Beauchamp replied it is a standard topic in CEQA guidelines regarding whether a project has an adverse effect on energy use or is wasteful

Director Nakaue inquired about the seven unresolved protests on water rights. Mr. Beauchamp replied the EIR process should help resolve them by providing a tangible analysis to discuss with agencies.

Director Watkins inquired how pipeline projects on the Calaveras River can be justified when the river is already overcommitted and does not have sufficient water available during the summer. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the goal is to pursue both Calaveras and New Melones system stormwater runoff as using only New Melones water supply is insufficient.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the combined subtotal cost of two agreements for \$1,668,383, plus a 10% contingency of \$166,838, for a combined total cost of \$1,835,221 and authorize the General Manager to amend the District's engagement with District Counsel to add ESA and Stantec as consultants under counsel's direction, for the scopes of work described, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Cancellation of November 10, 2026, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Cancellation Notice for the November 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

A motion was moved and seconded to Cancel the November 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Contract Award of Construction of North & South Stockton MOV Upgrade
Assistant General Manager Vega presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Contract Award of Construction of North & South MOV Upgrade. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Sanguinetti inquired what was wrong with the South Stockton Pipeline actuator. Assistant General Manager Vega replied the actuator is being upgraded to bring it above ground for safety and easier service.

Director Nakaue inquired why TNT did not bid on the MOV. Assistant Manager Vega replied they did, their bid was roughly \$80,000 higher.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Mountain Cascade in the amount of \$283,955 plus a 10% contingency of \$28,396, for a total Board approval of \$312,351 and execute any additional necessary documents, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NONE)

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/28/26
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.
2. Information Items: F-2a

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~~Draft~~ Approved

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the ASR well is now authorized by the Regional Water Quality Control Board under their general ASR permit and, since the District retrofitted an existing well, it is already approved by DDW for operations for discharge to the South Pond.

Manager Hopkins reported staff attended a three-day Section 203 workshop which provided guidance for moving forward under approved processes related to Farmington Reservoir Study operations.

Manager Hopkins reported a coalition letter for U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) Water Supply projects is being routed and a possible December Washington D.C. trip was discussed.

Manager Hopkins reported East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) will be having a "DREAM BGR" tour on November 13th.

Manager Hopkins reported the 4,000-pump seal failed affecting Mormon Slough to Potter Creek irrigation flows. The 8,000-pump remains operable.

Manager Hopkins reported the July employee spotlight has been posted to the District's LinkedIn and website featuring Senior Engineer, Manuel Verduzco and Water Supply Operator, Derrick Veldstra.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the 2026 Employee Satisfaction Survey results with an overall satisfaction of 88.3%

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 07/27/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update

Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with a Water Supply update. Water Supply Manager Donis reported that New Melones deliveries for 2026 year-to-date total 39,617 AF, with Stockton East Water District deliveries totaling 18,184 AF. New Hogan flood releases total 26,978 AF, and Stockton East Water District deliveries from New Hogan total 50,720 AF, for a combined year-to-date total of 77,698 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis also reported that the 14 groundwater monitoring wells have declined by an average of 14.47 feet.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Annual Grower's Meeting, 07/29/26

Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Grower's Meeting. Director Watkins reported approximately 50 people attended the meeting. Julia Berry, Executive Director of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, provided a presentation to attendees.

Director Watkins inquired with the Board of Directors whether they would like to continue to participate in the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting events. No decision was reached.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Water Education Foundation Letter, 07/16/26

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a thank-you letter from the Water Education Foundation expressing its appreciation for the District's continued support.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS (NONE)

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

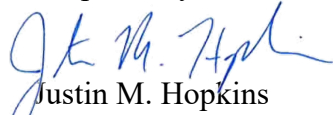
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code
Section 54956.9 – one case

Vice President Nakaue adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:37 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Nakaue adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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