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, NOVEMBER 3, 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. Director of Finance & Administration Ram 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 Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higares, Administrative Assistant Barraza, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

President McGurk opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Armando Valerio, a Delta College Trustee, addressed the Board regarding the college's current projects.

Mr. Valerio reported the Phase 1 bond includes five projects. The first is an energy efficiency project to expand solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations throughout the campus, with approximately $15 million allocated. The second involves upgrading cables in older campus buildings, with approximately $120 million allocated to account for potential unforeseen issues.

Mr. Valerio reported the Delta College Board approved a public safety training center in Lodi near the water treatment plant, with approximately $10 million allocated. An additional $89 million has been allocated for planning and constructing permanent buildings in Mountain House. The final project involves relocating the college's aging police department facilities, with approximately $8 million allocated.

Mr. Valerio reported Phase 2 will involve allocating additional funding for other projects, with an emphasis on using funds wisely.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 10/20/26 Regular Board Meeting

3. Warrants – California's Public Employees' Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve C-1 and C-3, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Warrants
    a. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
    b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
    c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
    d. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund
    e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund

f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
g. Payroll
h. Summary
i. Short Name/Acronym List
j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 9, line item10 for the California Rural Water Association for the 2026/2027 CRWA membership 11/01/26-11/30/26 in the amount of $278.00. Director of Finance and Administration Ram replied the membership is not for 13 months, but the invoice does state from November 2026 to November 2027.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the November 3, 2026, Warrants, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration Recommending Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 3015 – Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment to the Board of Directors
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Consideration Recommending Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 3015 – Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment to the Board of Directors. Manager Hopkins reported staff reviewed the disposal of property previously declared surplus by the Board of Directors as part of the District's review of its Surplus Property Disposal Guidelines and potential use of GovDeals, a nationwide online government auction platform.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the revised Policy No. 3015 – Disposal of Surplus Property or Equipment to include online auction services, as presented
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Updated Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Approval of Updated Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy. Director of Finance and Administration Ram reported staff wants to streamline travel reimbursement procedures, establish advance payment of meal expense allowances, and clarify the Board's authority to approve exceptions to travel reimbursement limits when necessary and consistent with applicable law.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the updated Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy, 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 Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to Authorize Diversion of Section 215 Flood Water from New Melones Reservoir
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Consideration of Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to Authorize Diversion of Section 215 Flood Water from New Melones Reservoir. Manager Hopkins reported to obtain Section 215 flood water from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, subject to availability and applicable terms and conditions.

   Director Hansen inquired about the staff report and asked how the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation would determine the amount of water the District takes. Manager Hopkins responded the District will measure the water, which will flow through the normal facilities.

   A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute the necessary agreement and related documents with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to obtain Section 215 flood water from New Melones Reservoir, subject to availability and confirmation that the applicable water changes are based on New Melones Project rates rather than CVP water rates, as presented.
   Roll Call:
   Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
   Nayes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Zanjero in an Amount Not to Exceed $35,000 for Development of a Long-Range Decision Support Tool for Strategic Planning
Manger Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Consideration of recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Zanjero in an Amount Not to Exceed $35,000 for Development of a Long-Range Decision Support Tool for Strategic Planning. Manager Hopkins reported this is to develop a long-range Decision Tool to support the District's strategic planning and investment decisions across its portfolio of regional water and resiliency projects.

   Director Atkins inquired about the staff report and asked about potential disadvantages of the Professional Services Agreement. Legal Counsel Zolezzi responded the only downside is the cost.

   Director McGurk inquired whether the staff report accounts for political considerations when comparing government and civilian projects. He emphasized the importance of advancing the government project before elected decision-makers change. Manager Hopkins responded District staff and the Board would consider those factors, while the current effort focuses on reviewing data.

   A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Zanjero, in an amount not to exceed $35,000 plus a 10% contingency of $3,500 for a total amount of $38,500, for the scope of services described above, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.
   Roll Call:
   Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
   Nayes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Authorization of Progressive Design-Build Agreement Low-Lift Pump Station Electrical Improvements
   Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report to Consider Authorization of Progressive Design-Build Agreement Low-Lift Pump Station Electrical Improvements. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District is pursuing electrical improvements at the Low-Lift Pump Station to modernize aging infrastructure and improve operational reliability at the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Water Treatment Plant. He reported District staff selected Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. as the preferred design-build contractor.

Director Sanguinetti asked whether the District currently has only one VFD in service. District Engineer Evensen responded there are three VFDs in service.

Director Sanguinettiasked whether the VFDs were upgrades. District Engineer Evensen responded the VFDs were improvements presented to the Board a few years ago and not part of this design build project.

Director Hansen inquired about the staff report and requested an update on the generator, noting delivery was originally expected in July. Assistant Manager Vega responded the delivery date shifted from July to the fall and is now expected in January 2027. He reported the generator and engine set is built, but the Tier 4 emissions equipment for California compliance requirements and the enclosure have not been completed to date. District staff will continue pressing the manufacturer to finalize these items.

Director Atkins inquired about the staff report and asked whether the entire electrical system would be changed, switched, and optimized. Assistant Manager Vega confirmed this is correct.

Director Watkins recommended District staff bring back an informational item with additional details regarding the Design-Build Agreement for the Low-Lift Pump Station Electrical Improvements.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Shimmick Construction Company, Inc., for approximately $300,000, plus a 10% contingency of $30,000, for a total Board approval of $330,000, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Marciano Property Maintenance NOE
   Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for the Marciano Property Maintenance NOE. Manager Hopkins reported District staff recommend the Board approve and authorize the General Manager to execute and file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. He reported District staff and the District attorney havedetermined that the Project qualifies for categorical exemptions.

   Director Watkins inquired about the staff report and asked whether the scope includes only the ponds or also fencing and other listed improvements. He questioned the need for fencing. Assistant Manager Vega responded the plans include a v-ditch and fencing, but the current priority is repairing several leaks on the existing pipeline on the property.

Director Atkins inquired about the staff report and asked whether a ridge or similar feature would be installed around the Marciano property. Manager Hopkins responded District staff are considering a V-ditch and substantial berm along the length of Cox Road and access roads, with fencing and a gate at the access points.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Marciano Property Maintenance Project and authorize the General Manager to approve and sign the Marciano Property Maintenance NOE, as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7. Stockton East Water District – Consideration and Selection of District Representative for the December Political Engagement Trip to Washington, D.C.
   Manager Hopkins presented to the Board a Consideration and Selection of District Representatives for the December Political Engagement Trip to Washington, D.C. Manager Hopkins reported the Board must vote to select three Board members to attend this year's trip. Director Sanguinetti emphasized the value of attending these engagement trips, as they provide opportunities for Directors to meet and speak with decision-makers who vote on matters affecting the District.

   Directors Atkins and Watkins volunteered to attend. Director Nakaue will review the dates before confirming his availability.

   A motion was moved and seconded to authorize Board members to attend the trip.
   Roll Call:
   Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
   Nayes: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 10/21/26
   Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin County Flood and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission meeting. He reported the Commission discussed Spring 2026 Groundwater Monitoring, including whether monitoring occurred during the first week of April. The Commission also discussed the MICUP update and the North San Joaquin Master Study, including flood-prone areas, El Niño conditions, warm ocean currents, and potential flooding.

2. Administration Committee Meeting, 10/28/26
   Director Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins along with Assistant Manager Vega and Director of Finance and Administration Ram. Director Sanguinetti reported the committee discussed a Staff Report for Consideration of Accepting Technical Analysis Regarding Groundwater Recharge Benefits to SEWD from Adjacent GSA's and Request for Board Direction in Whether to Pursue In-Lieu Recharge Outside SEWD or Within SEWD's Service Area. He reported the committee would like more information on this item before making a recommendation to the Board. Director

Sanguinetti also reported the committee recommended four items go to the Board for approval which are items D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/20/26
   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 October 20th

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities
   a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

   Manager Hopkins reported on the Bay-Delta Plan Update, noting the Water Board adopted the staff-proposed plan, which is unfavorable to the District because the District does not have a voluntary agreement. He reported District staff are working with legal counsel to determine the next steps.

   Manager Hopkins reported on the SRF Loan Update, noting District staff have been working to finalize the loan. He anticipates the loan will be processed within the next ten days, allowing the District to draw funds.

   Manager Hopkins reported on attendance coordination through calendar invites. Administrative staff will send a calendar invite to each Director's preferred email address when an event is listed under Item F-2 on the agenda. Accepting the invite will add the event to the Director's calendar and confirm their RSVP.

   Manager Hopkins reported on his attendance at the C-Suite Summit, which included water executives from around the world, and the 2026 AMWA EMC. Both events focused on three high-level topics: using AI in capital replacement planning, personnel development and training with an emphasis on AI, and implementing AI across all areas of operations.

   Manager Hopkins reported on a meeting with another agency regarding Proposition 4 funding and legislatively directing a $50 million funding pool related to groundwater recharge for the watershed resilience pilot projects. He noted the District participated in one of five watershed resilience pilot projects and understood the District would receive priority for funding to implement projects.

   Manager Hopkins reported on the SAWS Water Treatment Plant tour hosted by District operators for approximately 70 Spanos Elementary students, teachers, and parents. He noted the tour went very well, the students were engaged, and the operators did an excellent job.

   Manager Hopkins reported the Employee Spotlights for the month of October featuring Sheryl Morris, Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator and Angelo Imbrunetti, Maintenance Mechanic II.

   Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of October 19th.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering and Maintenance Update
   District Engineer Evensen presented the Board with an Engineering update. District Engineer Evensen reported on planning, design, permitting, and grant activities, including filters and sedimentation design, Clements Pipeline and Reservoirs design, LLPS electrical design-build, Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage, and SWEEP and SWEG grants.

He also reported on project and construction management activities, including Bellota Weir Modifications, George Watkins Low-Water Crossing, Highway 4 Trash Rack and Powerline, White Pine Solar Project, and the Utility Water Booster Pump Station. District Engineer Evensen provided the Board with current photographs of Bellota Weir construction.

Maintenance and Construction Manager Higares presented a maintenance update to the Board. He reported on mechanical projects and maintenance, including corrective maintenance, preventative maintenance, and the Booster Pump Station. He also reported on electrical projects and maintenance, including Highway 4 Trash Rack electrical work, preventative maintenance, and corrective maintenance.

Lastly, Maintenance and Construction Manager Higares reported on construction projects. Work at George Watkins is complete for the season, while work on the Booster Pump Station and Highway 4 electrical projects will proceed after Safety Week.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 41st Annual San Joaquin County Ag Hall of Fame, 10/21/26
   Directors Atkins, Hansen, Sanguinetti, and Watkins attended the 41st Annual San Joaquin Ag Hall of Fame. Director Sanguinetti reported the event had a large turnout and a pleasant crowd, with dinner provided by the Waterloo Gun and Bocce Club.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Records Request 01/01/25-10/15/26
   Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a public records request covering January 1, 2025, through October 15, 2026. He reported the District receives numerous public records requests throughout the year and shared a thank-you email received in response to the District's handling of the request, noting it was the first such acknowledgment received.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA Region 2&4 Event, 9:00 a.m., 11/04/26
2. District Holiday – Veteran's Day, 11/11/26
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11/11/26
   Rescheduled for 11/17/26
4. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 11/11/26
5. Dream BIGR Tour, 9:00 a.m., 11/13/26

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 2:00 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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