

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, AUGUST 15, 2023 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

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

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 08/08/23

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- c. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements 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

Director Sanguinetti inquired on page 13, line item 97 for AutoZone Stores Inc. for diesel exhaust fluid for stock. Director Sanguinetti suggested keeping a limited stock of the diesel fluid due to its short shelf life and his concern that the AutoZone Stores Inc stock is variable.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 15, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi, McGurk

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3. Stockton East Water District – Tom Allen Temporary Groundwater Recharge Project NOE 30-Day Circulation Memo
 - a. Tom Allen Temporary Recharge Project Notice of Exemption
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a Tom Allen Temporary Groundwater Recharge Project Notice of Exemption (NOE) and circulation memo. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff have coordinated with Tom Allen to use a portion of his property to conduct a temporary groundwater recharge project. The project includes diverting water from Potter Creek or Peters Pipeline to a portion of Tom Allen’s property for groundwater recharge. Manager Hopkins reported the project is exempt under Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 which excludes this project from the CEQA process. The NOE will need to be filed with the San Joaquin County Recorder’s Office pending Board approval. Legal Counsel Zolezzi stated the Board will need to approve the project and NOE concurrently.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Tom Allen Temporary Groundwater Recharge Project and adopt the Notice of Exemption, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Purchasing Policy No. 6035
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Stockton East Water District Policy Manual – Purchasing Policy No. 6035. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff made updates to the Purchasing Policy to better align with the strategic outcomes of the Strategic Plan, provide clarification, and be consistent with policies adopted by similar agencies. Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a handout of the policy outlining the changes in red. Manager Hopkins recommended the Board bring this item back for consideration at the next board meeting as the Board has not had sufficient time to review the redline version.

There was a consensus of the Board to bring this item back for consideration.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 08/09/23
Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) Board meeting on August 9th. Director Watkins reported the Board approved the GWA Board meeting minutes of June 14 and the 2023-2024 budget for the Eastern San Joaquin GWA grant fund, adopted the GWA 2023-2024 Budget Cost Allocation, and discussed the Communication and Engagement Plan. Director Watkins reported Matt Zidar will be retiring from San Joaquin County on August 25th.

Manager Hopkins reported there is a Special Steering Committee scheduled for August 23rd to discuss a response to the Grand Jury Report.
2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 08/14/23
President Atkins attended the San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting on August 14th. President Atkins stated the minutes and financial reports were approved. During the Program Manager’s Report, the committee discussed toxicity in Duck Creek, French Camp, Lone Tree and ~~Ridge Track~~Rindge Tract. President Atkins reported the San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Portal is being updated with additional information.

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President Atkins reported a Duck Creek Grower Meeting was held in Linden and all members attended.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/08/23

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 208,607 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 209 cfs. There is 1,983,790 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,588 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,502 cfs and release to all water users are set at 3,194 cfs. There are 22 irrigators on New Hogan, 7 irrigators on New Melones, and 1 irrigator out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 50 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 19 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1 and F2a-2

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he would like to schedule a Recharge Ad-Hoc meeting for sometime next week. A solicitation of available dates will be sent out to the Board.

Manager Hopkins reported the District, with support from the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new sodium hypochlorite disinfection facility on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Manager Hopkins reported the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be hosting, with support from the District, a media event at the Bellota site on Wednesday, September 6th as a kick-off to DWR's Go Golden Initiative. The event will include a presentation of a novelty \$12.3M check, which represents our grant award from DWR.

Manager Hopkins reported CalTrans has prohibited the District from utilizing their Highway 4 right-of-way for a Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) easement to provide power to the future trash rack site. District Staff have been discussing an easement agreement with Josh Barton of Barton Ranch (landowner) to grant access to the trash rack site. If the landowner and the District can accept terms set forth, an agreement will be brought before the Board for approval.

Manager Hopkins reported the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project is progressing well. The bypass pumps have been completed and water has now been restored to irrigators. The existing crossing has been removed and construction work is scheduled to be completed towards the end of October.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Congressman Josh Harder – Summer Open House, 08/08/23

President Atkins and Manager Hopkins attended Congressman Josh Harder's Open House on August 8th. President Atkins stated the event was well attended. There was a ribbon cutting by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce and guided tours of the office.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. San Joaquin Flood Control & Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 08/16/23
This meeting was cancelled.

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation California Sportfishing Protection Alliance vs. Stockton East Water District, et al. – Government Code 54956.9 (a)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:58 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:29 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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