

MEETING NOTICE

The Agriculture Operations Committee
Of the Stockton East Water District
Board of Directors will meet at

10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026

At the District Office, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, CA

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AGENDA

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| 1. | Roll Call - Chairperson Atkins, Director Nakaue, Director Hansen,
Director Sanguinetti (Alternate) | <u>Page No</u> |
| 2. | Public Comment | |
| 3. | Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of
Property Security and Tree Clearing Options for the Clements Pipeline
& Reservoir Property | 01 |
| 4. | Adjournment | |

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Priya Ram, Director of Finance & Administration
Stockton East Water District

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DATE: January 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

TITLE: Clements Pipeline & Reservoir Property Security and Clearing

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Property Security and Tree Clearing Options
for the Clements Pipeline & Reservoir Property

Executive Summary

District staff received 3 quotes to fence the perimeter of both the East and West Parcel (split by Cox Rd.). In addition to fencing the entire perimeter, different security alternatives have been analyzed, such as a v-ditch and berm with entrance gates along the roadway to limit unwanted traffic. District staff also met with three different contractors to get quotes for clearing and grubbing the property's pond areas.

The Stockton East Water District (District) is advancing the Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Project to improve groundwater reliability and support compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Project will utilize the District-owned Marciano Property for surface water conveyance, storage, and groundwater recharge.

To reduce liability and prepare the site for interim groundwater recharge and future construction, the property must be secured and cleared. While final Project design is ongoing, staff plans to initiate flood irrigation on the eastern parcel to support groundwater recharge. Staff evaluated multiple property security options and obtained bids for tree removal around the existing pond areas on both parcels.

Due to high perimeter fencing costs, staff recommends construction of a v-ditch and berm along the roadway with gated access and private property signage as a cost-effective security alternative. Based on competitive pricing and prior performance, a contract with Jesse The Tree Guy Inc. for \$145,200 is also recommended. Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2025–2026 budget to complete the proposed work.

Background

The Stockton East Water District (District) is advancing a critical infrastructure initiative aimed at enhancing groundwater reliability through the purchase and utilization of the Marciano Property (property) and implementation of the Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Project (Project) on the property. The Project is a cornerstone of the District's ongoing efforts as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to stabilize the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin in alignment with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Currently the property has a functioning pipeline from the intake near the Clements Dam to the northeast property corner of the eastern property where there is an existing pond. In addition, there is a functioning pipeline from the East Pond south to another farmer's parcel. Unfortunately, the pipeline between the East and West Property was destroyed beyond repair.

The first step to utilizing the property is ensuring proper security and a clear workspace to begin the Project. While the final design and implementation of the Project is in progress, District staff would like to flood irrigate the eastern property through a rice check system in order to contribute to groundwater recharge on the property. To do so, the property should be properly secured to limit District liability, and all trees should be cleared in order to utilize the full property.

District staff reached out to three contactors for quotes to fence 15,000 LF of perimeter fencing and three access gates on either side of the property. The fence type was the District’s standard six foot tall black cyclone fencing with double swing vehicle gates. All three contractors met with District staff on property to view the site and provide more accurate quotes. In addition to the three quotes for fencing, District staff analyzed alternative options to fencing including a v-ditch and berm along the roadway with gate access and private property signage.

In addition, District staff reached out to three tree removal companies for quotes to clear all trees from the property. Site visits were held for each company interested.

Summary

District staff received 3 quotes to fence the perimeter of both the East and West Parcel (split by Cox Rd.). In addition to fencing the entire perimeter, different security alternatives have been analyzed, such as a v-ditch and berm with entrance gates along the roadway to limit unwanted traffic. District staff also met with three different contractors to get quotes for clearing and grubbing the property’s pond areas.

Three contractors quoted fencing the entire parcel perimeters on both sides of the road, with 3 access gates on each property (East and West). The three contractors and quotes for the perimeter fencing are listed in **Table 1**.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>East Property</u>	<u>West Property</u>
Stockton Fence & Material Company	\$315,130.25	\$315,130.25
All Steel Fence Inc.	\$297,685.96	\$297,685.96
C&R Fence Contractors Inc.	\$387,000.00	\$387,000.00

Table 1. Fencing Contractors and Quotes

The fencing costs came in higher than expected, but due to liability concerns some type of limitation to public access is still recommended. Fencing only the property perimeter along the roadways would lower cost to approximately \$185,000 for both sides. Another option is to install a v-ditch and berm along both sides of the road with gate access. This would limit public access and decrease the cost. District Staff put together a budgetary estimate in the amount of \$60,100 to install the v-ditch with an access gate on each side of the road.

District staff met with three different tree removal companies. They quoted the removal of the trees as shown in **Table 2** below. The removal does not include any briar or any other plant removal. The last tree removal company did not quote the job because it was too large for them. Based on the quotes, and the fact that Jesse the Tree Guy Inc. is the District’s preferred vendor, Jesse the Tree Guy is the best choice for the tree removal.

Tree Service Company	Quote
Larry's Tree Care, Inc.	\$160,000
Jesse the Tree Guy Inc.	\$132,000
Stockton Tree Surgery	Did not quote – Job too large

Table 2. Tree Removal Quotes

Financial Impact

The Board of Director's (Board) approved Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget includes \$1,500,000 for the design and other work on the "Calaveras Pipeline" that has evolved into the "Clements Pipeline and Reservoir".

The District is utilizing grant funding awarded from the United States Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$188,920 for **design work only**.

The FY 2025-2026 budget has enough funds to cover the costs of the proposed work.

Recommendation

District staff recommends the Agricultural Operations Committee recommend to the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to approve a Construction Contract with Jesse The Tree Guy Inc. to complete the tree removal around the existing ponds for both parcels in the amount of \$132,000 plus 10% contingency for a total of \$145,200 and make all other necessary approvals.

Staff Responsible for Report



 Gianna O'Day , Associate Engineer

Date: 01/21/26



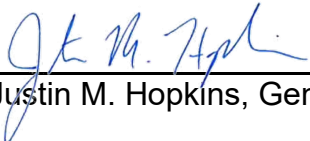
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Attachments

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