

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 2, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Manager Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Cortopassi joined the meeting via teleconference at 12:48 p.m.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that

- (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or
- (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Action Item: Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Reconsidered the Circumstances of the State of Emergency and Determine that (i) The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or (ii) State or Local Officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

2. Minutes 07/26/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the July 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

3. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund

- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements 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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 2, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

4. Resolution No. 22-23-07 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding No. R23AS00008) For Fiscal Year2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 22-23-07 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding No. R23AS00008) For Fiscal Year2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff submitted the grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation on Thursday, July 28th for funding for the Tunnel Outlet Meter Project. Manager Hopkins reported the project is estimated to cost \$727,000; the grant is a 50/50 cost share with the District’s share being \$364,000, which is budgeted in this Fiscal Year. Manager Hopkins reported if the grant funding is not available this Fiscal Year, the Project can be moved to next Fiscal Year according to when the grant funding is awarded. Manager Hopkins reported the grant application was submitted requesting \$363,500 for the Tunnel Outlet Meter Project.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 22-23-07 – Authorization To File A Grant Application With The Department Of Interior United States Bureau Of Reclamation For The WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding No. R23AS00008) For Fiscal Year2023, Execute Any Required Documents and Provide Delegation of Authority, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

5. Personal Services Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Justin M. Hopkins for Employment as General Manager

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Personal Services Agreement Between Stockton East Water District and Justin M. Hopkins for Employment as General Manager. President Watkins reported the requirement to live within 45-minutes of the District was removed from the General Manager job description; President Watkins stated the Board is aware of where Manager Hopkins lives and is not requiring him to relocate.

Director McGurk inquired how long his commute is. Manager Hopkins replied he lives one hour and five minutes away from the District.

Director McGaughey congratulated Manager Hopkins. Manager Hopkins replied he is honored and appreciated the opportunity.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

6. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Septic System Contract Amendment Memo, 08/02/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Septic System Contract Amendment Memo. Manager Hopkins reported during construction the contractor encountered two issues that resulted in additional effort beyond the original scope of work; the Administration Building had four sewer lines, rather than one, requiring four connections to the new septic system, the San Joaquin County conditioned the septic system permit issuance with the installation of an additional 80 feet of leach line, and staff overlooked the need for access risers. Manager Hopkins reported the total cost of the additional work was \$4,830, which was beyond the previously authorized contingency amount of \$1,285. Manager Hopkins stated he approved the contractor to proceed with the additional work to maintain the project schedule; the revised total amount for the project is \$17,677.

Director Panizza inquired if the District has blueprints for the Administration Building. Manager Hopkins replied yes, however the blueprints are not thorough.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Septic System Contract Amendment in the amount of \$4,830 for the revised total cost of \$17,677, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cortopassi

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Association of California Water Agencies – Groundwater Committee Meeting, 07/26/22

Manager Hopkins attended the July 26, 2022 Association of California Water Agencies – Groundwater Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported an update from Department of Water Resources regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); the plans due July 27, 2022 and once submitted will have a 60-day comment period. Manager Hopkins reported all GSPs will be reviewed by 2024. Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding Prop 68; round-two assistance will be available for all medium-high priority basins in the amount of \$200 million by end of 2022 to early 2023. Manager Hopkins reported the State Water Resources Control Board still maintains their position to return local control over basins that go into probation. Manager Hopkins reported the Groundwater Resources Association Western Groundwater Conference is being held in September in Sacramento, CA. Manager Hopkins reported updates on SGMA Innovation given by Tulare Irrigation District, Count of

Santa Cruz and Sonoma Water Agency; there has been GSA allocation in Tulare and uses a tier system. Manager Hopkins added if an owner uses more than ~30 inches per acre; the penalty tier is \$500 per acre-foot. Manager Hopkins reported the County of Santa Cruz put the hydrogeologist certification requirement onto the applicants; the well applicants are having to hire the hydrogeologist to determine the well is not affecting the other wells. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2022 during the ACWA Fall Conference.

2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 07/26/22
Directors Sanguinetti, Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the July 26, 2022 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Steven Shih, San Joaquin County provided a brief presentation regarding the County's process for reviewing well permits received after the introduction of the Executive Order; the County has received 25 well applications, 18 have been of those have been returned and approved from the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and only 3 well permits have been issued. Manager Hopkins reported the County is working with a hydrogeologist to create a checklist to give to the County Administration Staff for approval with the exception to "one-off" applications. Manager Hopkins reported this new process will allow for the permits to be issued quicker because it eliminates the need for a hydrogeologist evaluation. Manager Hopkins reported East Bay Municipal Utility District added a surcharge to their customers to cover the additional costs of pumping from Freeport. Manger Hopkins reported Delta Water Agencies are fighting the curtailment from the State; Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District challenged the methodology of their curtailment which was lifted on July 26th and then curtailed again on July 27th. Director Atkins inquired about the time it takes for the County to approve a well permit application. President Watkins replied there is no timeframe. Discussion followed regarding the well permit process. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2022.
3. Association of California Water Agencies – Agriculture Committee Meeting, 07/27/22
Directors Atkins, Sanguinetti, Watkins and Hopkins attended the July 27, 2022 Association of California Water Agencies – Agriculture Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported discussion regarding SGMA. Director Atkins reported a northern agency representative reported there will not be enough water for duck hunting season this year; ~400,000 acres are being fallowed this year. Manager Hopkins reported the Water Resources Control Board is moving forward with voluntary agreements for the San Joaquin River. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2022 during the ACWA Fall Conference.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/01/22
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 86,330 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 231 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 252 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 16 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 46 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District Wells total water extraction is 6,503 gpm (~9.4 mgd).
2. Information Items:
Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported Staff has reviewed the Bellota Project 100% Design and will be presented to the Bellota Project Committee in the next couple of weeks to review the design. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported the water transfer with Rock Creek Water District will begin today; District Staff is in communication with Rock Creek Water District to determine how much flow will be delivered and when we can expect the water. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported he attended the July 28, 2022 CSDA Chapter Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported as a member of CSDA all Directors and District Staff qualify for rental discounts with Enterprise Rentals. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins informed the Board that he will be on vacation Friday, August 5th but can be reached by phone and email. This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS (None)

H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 08/04/22
2. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 08/05/22
3. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 08/08/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

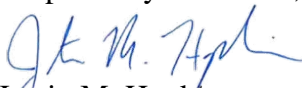
1. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – two cases

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:57 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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