

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, DECEMBER 23, 2025, 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., Legal Counsel Zolezzi 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 and Administration Ram, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Consultant Barkett and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Clary, a local farmer, addressed the board regarding a proposed 50-foot easement for the Peters Pipeline on her property. The District's current policy, which prohibits planting trees within the easement, would significantly impact her family's almond and walnut orchard, rendering the land unfarmable. Mrs. Clary stated the District's 50-foot no-tree easement policy would remove 262 income-producing trees, disrupt irrigation systems, and prevent future replanting, making the orchard unviable.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 12/16/25 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve December 23, 2025, California's Public Employees' Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

3. Approval of the Tri-Dam 2026 Budget

Director Panizza reported the primary increase was attributed to planned capital expenditures, such as a new generator for Goodwin Dam and system upgrades.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the 2026 Tri-Dam Budget, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approving Filing of CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Solar Project

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approving Filing of CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Solar Project. Manager Hopkins reported the District is seeking to work with White Pine Renewables to install another solar farm that include battery storage at the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Water Treatment Plant (DJW WTP). Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the project and authorize the General Manager to approve the filing of a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the White Pine Solar Project, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Cancellation of December 30, 2025, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Cancellation of December 30, 2025, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Cancellation of December 30, 2025, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval to Purchase a 2025 Ford F-150 Lighting PRO to Comply with CARB ACF Regulation and Support Management of the Bellota Weir Modification Project. Assistant Manager Vega presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval to Purchase a 2025 Ford F-150 Lighting PRO to Comply with CARB ACF Regulation and Support Management of the Bellota Weir Modification Project. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District staff requests Board authorizing to purchase one 2025 Ford F-150 Lightning PRO to support the Engineering Department’s field operations and advance compliance with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Lightning PRO for a cost of \$65,822 plus a 10% contingency of \$6,582 for a total not to exceed cost of \$72,404 and execute all other related procurement documents, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

7. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Contract Award to TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc. for Construction of California Water Service MOV1 Valve Replacement Project. Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Contract Award to TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc. for Construction of California Water Service MOV1 Valve Replacement Project. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District is implementing the California Water Service MOV1 Valve Replacement Project in alignment with the 2023 Strategic Plan to rehabilitate aging infrastructure, improve operational safety, and enhance water supply reliability. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc for \$427,555, plus a 10% contingency of \$42,755.50 for a total Board approval of \$470,310.50, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Administration Committee Meeting, 12/17/25  
Director Sanguinetti, Director Nakaue, Director Watkins, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and Director of Finance & Administration Ram attended the Administration Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the committee discussed Policy No. 4635 Public Records Request Policy.
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12/17/25  
Director McGurk, Director Nakaue, Director Panizza, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and District Engineer Evensen attended the Municipal Operations Committee Meeting.

**G. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/16/25  
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 152,923 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 149 cfs. There is 1,660,152 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 122 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 150 cfs and release to all water users is set at 242 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 on New Melones and 0 out of District. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 30 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 6 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 18 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 6 mgd

2. Information Items: F-2a

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported a get-well card was sent to Supervisor Dhaliwal on behalf of the District.

Manager Hopkins reported he is scheduled to present at the Groundwater Authority Board Meeting in February 2026.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 12/15/25.

4. Stockton East Water District Finance Update

Director of Finance & Administration Ram provided the Board with a Finance update. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported for November the California CLASS investment earned approximately \$37,000 at an interest rate of 4%. Year-to-date investment revenue totals \$1.03 million, compared to \$1.9 million for fiscal year 2024–2025. Director Ram also reported the District has completed the migration phase of the Tyler Technologies implementation. In addition, Emily Mason has been hired as the new Administrative Clerk. Director of Finance & Administration Ram provided the Board with an update on the District’s reserve balances.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Tri-Dam Meeting, 12/17/25

Director Panizza and Director Atkins attended the Tri-Dam Meeting. Director Panizza reported the meeting took no longer than seven minutes.

2. SEWD’s Holiday Potluck, 12/17/25

Directors Atkins, McGurk, Panizza, Watkins, Hansen and Panizza attended the SEWD’s Holiday Potluck. Director Atkins reported the event was successful and included a gingerbread house contest among all departments.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Proposition 4 Implementation – Take Action Now Support Letter, 08/20/25

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a support letter for Proposition 4 Implementation.

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. District Holiday – Christmas Day, 12/25/25

2. District Holiday – Day After Christmas Day, 12/26/25

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

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

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.8

Property: San Joaquin County APNs 105-050-15, 105-050-17, 105-050-19, 105-110-45

Agency Negotiation: Justin Hopkins, Jeanne Zolezzi

Under Negotiation: Terms of Easement

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:30 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

