

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, MARCH 17, 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 Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Chief Plant Operator Brothers, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Panizza was absent.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 03/10/26 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 17, 2026, California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration Approval of Tree Clearing for the Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Property

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a staff report to consider Approval of Tree Clearing for the Clements Pipeline and Reservoir Property. Assistant Manager Vega reported staff solicited 3 quotes and received 2 quotes for clearing the trees surrounding the property’s pond areas. Each quote was divided into East and West Parcel for flexibility to complete work. 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 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, as presented

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Award of Contract to Winning Chemical Bid for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Award of Contract to Winning Chemical Bid for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District issued a request for bids to establish chemical supply contracts for fiscal year 2026-2027 for use at the Dr. Joe Waidhoffer Water Treatment Plant. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to approve Chemical Vendor Agreements with the lowest bidder. Additionally, in case of emergency or lack of performance by any low bidder, Staff further recommended and the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to approve emergency orders from another responsible bidder on the list at the lowest possible price, as presented

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

5. Cancellation of March 31, 2026, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting  
Manger Hopkins provided the board with a cancellation notice for the March 31, 2026, Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting as he will be out of office.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2026, Warrants, as presented

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Panizza

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 03/11/26  
Director Watkins, Director Sanguinetti and Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) are currently undergoing a CEQA process to transfer 50,000 acre-feet to the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority.
2. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Groundwater Committee Meeting, 03/12/26  
No Board member attended the meeting.

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3. 2026 Q1 All Membership Meeting – Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), 03/12/26  
No Board member attended the meeting.
4. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Agriculture Committee Meeting, 03/12/26  
No Board member attended the meeting.
5. Spring Policy Committee Meeting – Energy Committee Meeting, 03/12/26  
No Board member attended the meeting.

#### **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

##### 1. Water Supply Report as of 03/10/26

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 last night.

There is 209,177 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 58 cfs. There is 1,872,860 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 1,153 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,054 cfs and release to all water users is set at 914 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 40 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 0 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 9 mgd.

##### 2. Information Items: None

##### 3. Report on General Manager Activities

###### a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 03/06/26

Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported on several bills considered by the committee. AB 2125 (Groundwater Basin Adjudications Notice) was placed on a watch position, while AB 2630 (Water Diversion and Use; Adoption of Regulations) received an oppose position. AB 1085 (Water Supply Planning; California CEQA Determination) was supported with a favor position, and SB 1001 (Water Utility Workers ID Card Program) was supported with a favor if amended position. Additionally, SB 1417 (Disaster Preparedness; Public Water Systems) and AB 2218 (Water Policy; California Native American Tribes) were both assigned oppose unless amended positions.

###### b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he provided testimony to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee regarding AB 658.

Manager Hopkins reported Water Supply Manager Donis and himself met with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss New Hogan outflow measurements. Manager Hopkins reported staff observed flows appearing to exceed allocations and questioned whether measurement or reporting is inaccurate.

Manager Hopkins reported the District submitted a time variance request to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board asking for approval to move the dam installations up two weeks to April 1st. Manager Hopkins reported he also contacted other districts with which Stockton East Water District has water transfer agreements.

Manager Hopkins reported he emailed U.S. Bureau of Reclamation asking when another allocation update would be provided since it has been a month since the last update was received.

Manager Hopkins reported the District has a booth at the Stockton Chamber of Commerce O'Rexpo with staff attending.

Manager Hopkins reported he took his CSDM exam through CSDA and is now a Certified Special District Manager.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 03/09/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations Update

Chief Plant Operator Brothers presented the Board with a WTP Update. Chief Plant Operator Brothers reported, for the month of February, the WTP collected 88 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 2.59 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 1,740 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 640 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 171 AF, California Water Services was 756 AF and City of Stockton was 0 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average was 40 ppb and free chlorine average was 0.88 ppm.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 03/11/26  
Director Panizza was absent to report out on the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting.
2. F&M Bank Annual AG BBQ, 03/12/26  
Director Atkins, Director Watkins and Director Sanguinetti attended the F&M Bank Annual AG BBQ. Director Atkins reported it was a great event.
3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & College Farm Centers Annual Dinner Meeting, 03/12/26  
Director Watkins and Director Sanguinetti attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Linden & College Farm Centers Annual Dinner Meeting. Director Watkins reported a presentation was provided.
4. Morada Produce Luncheon, 03/13/26  
Director Atkins, Director Sanguinetti and Director McGurk attended the Morada Produce Luncheon.
5. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – O'REXPO Greening California for the Pot of Gold, 03/17/26  
District staff attended this event.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Support for Full Funding for the Implementation of SB 72 (Caballero 2025) Letter, 03/05/26  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a letter of support for SB 72.

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Agriculture Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 03/18/26
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 03/18/26

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*\*This meeting has been canceled\**

3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 03/18/26

**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 1:15 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:33 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

