

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, JANUARY 20, 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., Admin Assistant Rodriguez 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, District Engineer Evensen, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 01/13/26 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 13, 2026, 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 January 20, 2026, California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 01/14/26  
District staff were not able to attend the meeting.

**G. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/13/26  
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 179,605 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 200 cfs. There is 1,765,032 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 14 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 60 cfs and release to all water users is set at 303 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 24 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 6 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 22 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 9 mgd.

2. Information Items: None

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 01/16/26

Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported ACWA State Legislative Committee held its first meeting, which focused on introductions and procedural matters. ACWA will co-sponsor legislation related to fire prevention, wildfire mitigation, and forest resilience, and will also sponsor legislation aimed at limiting utilities' wildfire liability. Additionally, ACWA is supporting a coalition letter for AB 35, which would expedite environmental review for Proposition 4-funded projects; the district is a signatory to this letter, and a copy of the letter will be provided to the Board once available. AB 362, a two-year bill addressing tribal water rights, was withdrawn and the proposal is no longer moving forward.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a draft letter to Congressman Harder to include Farmington Reservoir Language Study in WRDA 2026.

4. Stockton East Water District Department Update (None)

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 01/14/26

Directors Panizza, Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the minutes were approved, and Resolution 26-01 was discussed, which authorizes the chair to approve expenditures and contracts within established budget limits. A change was made from the prior county staffing delegate to the chair of the board, and this amendment was approved unanimously. A presentation was given by the General Manager of Woodbridge Irrigation District on the district's history, and the presentation materials were shared. The Executive Director reported that monitoring wells progress is going well and that their status is in good shape. Director Panizza also reported a representative from California Department of Water Resources indicated that a proposal action plan is needed for the GSP.

2. The Chamber of Installation of Officers and Directors Dinner, 01/19/26

Director Atkins and Director Watkins attended the Chamber of Installation of Officers and Directors Dinner. Director Atkins reported outgoing President Leslie Avansino was recognized and new officers sworn in by Supervisor Steve Ding. The newly sworn-in officers include President ~~Green~~Karen Shady, Vice President Julie Wright, and Treasurer Samantha Kennedy. Director Atkins also reported the group discussed the county's homeless site plan, noting that the property has already been purchased and would require tents equipped with heating and cooling; however, the estimated costs of approximately \$1 million for catering and \$4.5 million for insurance were considered unfeasible. It was also noted that Public Works plans to relocate to the property and intends to continue its use. Additionally, an update was provided on a county hospital related facility,

Board Meeting – 01/20/26

~~Draft~~Approved

where construction is beginning on a new intake to relieve emergency responders, featuring two separate access points for mental health and alcohol-related cases.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. 01/21/26  
This meeting was changed to Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 01/21/26
3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 01/21/26  
*\*This meeting has been cancelled\**
4. KPI Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 01/22/26

### **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 LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:51 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:27 p.m., with no reportable action.

### **K. STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOUR**

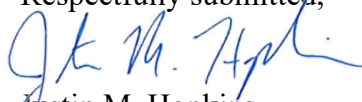
1. Eilers Property
2. Bellota Weir Project
3. 8-Mile Dam

The Directors were provided with an offsite tour by staff.

### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

