

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, MAY 19, 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 Panizza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 05/12/26 Regular Board Meeting

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider a Special Contract Services Agreement between Stockton East Water District and Kristin Coon Consulting

Director Watkins motioned to move item B-2 for discussion.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
 - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
 - e. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - f. Summary
 - g. Short/Acronym List
 - h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Watkins inquired about the Warrants and staff provided responses to the questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the May 19, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

President McGurk opened the floor for Public Comments. Craig Stevens, on behalf of California Water Service (Cal Water), provided the Board with a public comment. Mr. Stevens reported Cal Water is very concerned about the water quality being received from the District and noted that they were not notified of the change in water source. He stated Cal Water is currently pumping additional groundwater and conducting flushing operations to help clear the pipes. Mr. Stevens further reported Cal Water has received numerous customer complaints regarding unpleasant odor and taste in the water. He informed the Board both Cal Water and the City of Stockton are actively working to resolve the issue. Additionally, Cal Water requested the District provide data from the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

Travis Small, on behalf of the City of Stockton, also provided the Board with public comments. Mr. Small reported that, similar to Cal Water, the City was not notified of the change in water source and has also received numerous customer complaints. He stated that when changes such as this occur, the City typically notifies customers in advance to make them aware of the situation; however, the City did not receive any written notification from the District regarding the change in water source.

Both Mr. Stevens and Mr. Small requested that, moving forward, they be notified in writing of any changes to the water source so they can appropriately inform their customers in advance.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Demand Beyond Supply: Building Resilience For Stockton East’s Next 50 Years

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the “Stockton East Water District – Demand Beyond Supply: Building Resilience for Stockton East’s Next 50 Years” presentation. He provided an overview of the District’s visionary history, the challenges currently facing the District, and staff’s plans to address those challenges. Manager Hopkins reported the use of water supply within the West Groundwater Recharge Basin, Marciano Recharge Basins, New Hogan System, New Melones System, Central System, and the CVP Contract Modification. Additionally, he reported on efforts to secure and increase water supply through the Farmington Reservoir and Groundwater Banking Programs, including the Water Supply Enhancement Program and the Mokelumne Integrated Conjunctive Use Program (MICUP).

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Options to Strengthen Restrictions on Agricultural Reserves for Ability-to-Pay (ATP) Evaluations

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Staff Report for Options to Strengthen Restrictions on Agricultural Reserves for Ability-to-Pay (ATP) Evaluations. Manager Hopkins reported the Bureau of Reclamation’s Ability-to-Pay (ATP) methodology assumes that unrestricted District reserves are available for repayment of federal obligations. He reported as a result, Agricultural (AG) reserves that are not formally restricted may be considered available under ATP evaluations, even when those funds are intended for specific operational purposes.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the recommendation to strengthen reserve considerations and authorize staff to implement the associated accounting and reporting updates, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

3. Cancellation of June 2, 2026 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Cancellation Notice of June 2, 2026 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Assistant Manager Vega will be attending the 2026 SWAN Conference. He also informed the Board that he will be on vacation June 1 through June 2.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Cancellation of June 2, 2026 Stockton East Water District Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad-Hoc Board Ethical Guidelines Review and Update Committee Meeting, 04/29/26
This item will be brought back at the next Regular Board Meeting.
2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 05/13/26
Director Watkins and Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting. Director Watkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District may receive 10,000 acre-feet of the 20,000 acre-feet from East Bay Municipal Utility District. He also noted Central Delta Water Agency provided updates regarding State Water Projects.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 05/12/26
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 210,998 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 168 cfs. There is 1,858,746 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 3,284 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 3,478 cfs and release to all water users is set at 3,235 cfs. The District's WTP is currently processing 34 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 20 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 8 mgd.

2. Information Items: (None)
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the EPA has advanced the District's WIFIA Loan Application to underwriting, which he stated is a significant milestone in the process.

Manager Hopkins reported there have been several emails and meetings related to finalizing the District's SRF Loan Agreement for the Bellota Weir Modifications Project.

Manager Hopkins reported that the USBR has classified this year as a dry year. As a result, the East Side Division will be allocated 49,000 acre-feet of water, of which the District is expected to receive the first 15,000 acre-feet.

Manager Hopkins reported on the 2026 Linden Cherry Festival, in which the District participated in the parade. He reported his two daughters rode in the District truck and operated bubble machines for the crowd, as candy can no longer be thrown during the parade.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 05/11/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations Update

Interim Water Operations Manager Brothers presented the Board with a WTP Update. Interim Water Operations Manager Brothers reported, for the month of April, the WTP collected 94 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 1.2 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 3,202 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 1,241 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 618 AF, California Water Services was 317 AF and City of Stockton was 3 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average was 38 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.08 ppm.

Manager Hopkins added that the District and the Urban Contractors meet monthly to discuss and coordinate operations, specifically operational changes like the recent source change from New Hogan to New Melones supply. Given the Urban Contractors' recent comments, the District will communicate all source changes in writing going forward.

5. The Gualco Group Monthly Update

Kendra Daijogo with The Gualco Group presented the Board with a monthly update. Ms. Daijogo reported on the 2026 Tentative Legislative Calendar, highlighting several upcoming key dates. She reviewed the timeline for floor bills to be introduced in each house, upcoming floor sessions, the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house, the deadline for passage of the State budget, the final day to pass bills, and Election Day. Ms. Daijogo also reported on the 2026–2027 Budget and the revised budget balances for both the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 fiscal years, noting that the State is making substantial progress in reducing long-term operating deficits in future years.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 31st Annual EBMUD Pardee BBQ, 05/15/26

Directors Atkins, McGurk and Sanguinetti, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, and District Engineer Evensen attended the 31st Annual EMBUD Pardee BBQ. Director Atkins reported there was a smaller crowd in attendance; the meal was good, and the speaker provided an informative presentation focused on looking toward the future.

2. 2026 Linden Cherry Festival Parade, 05/16/26

No Directors attended this event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. AB 2180 (Ward) – Support Letter, 03/24/26

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the AB 2180 (Ward) – Support Letter. Manager Hopkins reported this letter is to express our strong support for AB 2180, which would clarify how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 when setting water rates.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 2026 State of the City, 10:00 a.m., 05/20/26
2. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 05/20/26
This meeting has been cancelled
3. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 05/20/26
This meeting has been cancelled
4. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 05/20/26
5. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad-Hoc Executive Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 05/21/26
6. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 05/22/26
7. District Holiday – Memorial Day, 05/25/26

I. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - 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
2. 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 2:00 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:13 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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