

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, FEBRUARY 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 of Finance & Administration Ram 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, District Engineer Evensen, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Water Supply Manager Donis, Administrative Clerk Barraza and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President McGurk wished Director Panizza a Happy Birthday.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 02/10/26 Regular Board Meeting

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

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the California’s Public Employee’s Retirement System, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Fiscal Year 2028 Letter of Intent to Support the Farmington Dam Feasibility Study

President McGurk presented the Board with a letter from the District for Fiscal Year 2028 Letter of Intent to Support the Farmington Dam Feasibility Study. President McGurk reported this letter confirms District participation and requests the initiation of the Farmington Dam Feasibility Study in federal fiscal year 2028 to determine the feasibility of improving the existing Farmington Dam flood control facility to provide year-round water storage.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2028 Letter of Intent to Support the Farmington Dam Study, 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, 02/17/26

Directors Nakaue, Sanguinetti, and Watkins, along with Manager Hopkins and Director of Finance and Administration Ram, attended the Administration Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the Committee reviewed the 2026 Salary Survey prepared by Bryce Consulting, which evaluates District compensation levels against comparable public sector benchmarks. The Committee recommends presenting the 2026 Salary Survey to the full Board at the upcoming Regular Board Meeting.

**F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 02/10/26

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 183,265 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 34 cfs. There is 1,787,592 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 444 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,521 cfs and release to all water users is set at 242 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 14 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 8 mgd. The District groundwater production is currently 5 mgd.

2. Information Items: F-2a

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. ACWA 2026 Legislative Symposium, 02/11/26

Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA 2026 Legislative Symposium. Manager Hopkins reported a panel of lobbying consultants provided forecasts on upcoming legislative priorities. A second panel of district managers discussed the need for additional infrastructure investment in water storage and distribution, reducing state regulatory constraints, and scaling back the authority of certain regulatory agencies.

b. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 02/12/26

Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported the Committee reviewed one legislative proposal and two bills, but the bills had no relevance to the District. He reported the legislative proposal relates to Proposition 218 and would establish a proportionality test allowing utilities to use any justifiable methodology when setting tiered water rates. The Committee decided ACWA will sponsor the proposal.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he and Legal Counsel Zolezzi will meet with representatives of the California Natural Resources Agency to discuss the District's Healthy River and Landscape proposal in connection with the Bay-Delta Plan.

Manager Hopkins reported on the MOV1 Project, stating that the new valves have been installed. Disinfection is scheduled to occur tomorrow, so Cal Water's water service will remain shut down, but the system is expected to be back online later this week.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 02/09/26

4. Stockton East Water District Finance Update

Director of Finance & Administration Ram provided a Finance and Administration update, reporting that the Tyler Technologies accounting system is in the migration phase and remains on schedule for an April 1, 2026 go-live date. She noted customer invoices are being mailed out by 02/27/26, and staff are preparing for year-end close. She further reported that newsletters and Form 700s have been distributed; cross-training is underway for staff coverage, and the District remains compliant with updated Cal/OSHA confined space requirements and CARB Zero Emission regulations.

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 02/11/26

Directors Panizza and Watkins, along with Manager Hopkins, attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the Board received two presentations. Greg Young of Zanjero presented on behalf of North San Joaquin Water Conservation District regarding development of a method to determine where water is used and how much is used. Manager Hopkins also presented on District updates. Additional updates were provided by Julia Berry, Executive Director of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, and Chelsea Spier of the California Department of Water Resources. Director Watkins added Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District has hired a new General Manager, Kevin King.

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. San Joaquin County – Confidential Voter Status Letter

President McGurk presented the Board with the San Joaquin County – Confidential Voter Status Letter.

## I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. ACWA Regional Briefing on New ACWA Initiatives – Regions 2, 3 & 4,  
2:30 p.m., 02/17/26

2. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/18/26

3. Surface Transportation Reauthorization Roundtable, 11:00 a.m., 02/18/26

4. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 02/18/26

5. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 02/18/26

*\*This meeting has been cancelled\**

6. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 02/18/26

7. ACWA DC 2026 Conference, 02/24/26 – 02/26/26

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

