

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 3, 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 Atkins 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, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higare, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Selke and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Minutes 01/27/26 Regular Board Meeting

Director Hansen made the following correction to the minutes:

- On page 3, Section F, paragraph 2, line 1; replace "1798,897 AF" with "179,897 AF".

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

A motion was moved and seconded to approve California’s Public Employees’ 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 – Staff Report – Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement – Sedimentation Basins 1&2 Retrofit Design and Associated Budget Amendment

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approving a Professional Services Agreement – Sedimentation Basins 1&2 Retrofit Design and Associated Budget Amendment. Assistant Manager Vega reported Sedimentation Basins 1 and 2 at the Stockton East

Water District's (SEWD/District) Water Treatment Plant (WTP), originally constructed in the late 1970s, rely on outdated technology that is less efficient than the newer systems installed in Sedimentation Basins 3 and 4. As a result, higher turbidity water is conveyed to the filters, impacting overall treatment efficiency and reliability. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services for the design of the Sedimentation Basins 1&2 Retrofit Project in the amount of \$618,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$61,800 for a total amount of \$679,800 and approve a budget amendment as prescribed in Table 2 designating \$100,000 to be utilized during this fiscal year for the aforementioned Professional Services Agreement, 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 Approval of Contract Award for Construction of Control Vault Electrical Improvements Project

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Contract Award for Construction of Control Vault Electrical Improvements Project. Assistant Manager Vega reported the District is implementing the Project as part of the 2023 Strategic Plan, to proactively address infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation of the District's critical assets and increase water supply resiliency. 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 Bockmon & Woody Electric Co, Inc for \$226,545, plus a 10% contingency of \$22,654.50, for a total Board approval of \$249,199.50, and make all other necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Budget Transfer to Cover Energy Lightning Strike Cost

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Budget Transfer to Cover Emergency Lightning Strike Costs. Manager Hopkins reported the District experienced its second significant lightning strike in two years to the Low Lift Pumping Station on September 25, 2025, resulting in failures to critical systems, including level sensors and transmitters, PLC analog and digital I/O cards, network switches, video equipment, and communications hardware and electrical components supporting process control. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$284,400 as presented in Table 3, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

6. Stockton East Water District – Draft 2026 Spring/ Summer Newsletter
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Stockton East Water District Draft 2026 Spring/ Summer Newsletter. Manager Hopkins informed the Board the newsletter will be finalized by Friday so if anyone has any comments or changes to please advise staff.

Director Watkins made the following correction to the newsletter:

- On Page 21, under section 2026 Spring Water Supply Outlook; line 7 – line 10; move to beginning of the paragraph.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/27/26
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 178,835 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 47 cfs. There is 1,784,179 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 905 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 1,003 cfs and release to all water users is set at 1,003 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 30 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 8 mgd.

2. Information Items: F-2a and F-2b

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins presented Sheryl Morris, Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator, as the second employee spotlight, which is now posted on the District's website and LinkedIn account.

Manager Hopkins reported the title company and surveyor are working on the legal description for the grant deed at the Marciano property.

Manager Hopkins reported he will be having the second of three interviews with Studio 40 related to the Farmington Reservoir Project. The second interview is scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Manager Hopkins reported staff recently met with the California State Water Resources Control Board regarding the District's SRF loan. Manager Hopkins reported the District should receive the \$50 million in funding in approximately six months.

Manager Hopkins reported the Cal Water distribution pipeline will be shut down next Tuesday, February 10th as part of the MOV1 Valve Replacement Project to replace antiquated valves and actuator.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 01/26/26

4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update

Water Supply Manager Donis presented the Board with a Water Supply Update. Water Supply Manager Donis reported the New Melones Reservoir 2026 year to date is 1,670 AF. New Hogan Lake year to date release is 87,400 AF and flood release is 23,620 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis also reported an update on the groundwater monitoring wells. One year difference for the fifteen well average are down 3 feet and total Water Treatment Plant percolation was 9,099 AF.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 58th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference, 01/28/26-01/30/26

Directors Atkins, Watkins, Sanguinetti, Manager Hopkins, Water Supply Manager Donis and Chief Plant Operator Brothers attended the 58th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference. Director Atkins reported the event was successful. The Bureau of Reclamation noted recent staff losses, which may affect their ability to advance work. SEWD Directors and staff met with Bureau of Reclamation personnel to discuss District needs. Director Watkins reported attendance was lower this year compared to last year.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. AB 35 (Alvarez) Support Letter, 01/23/26

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a support letter for AB 35.

2. Stockton East Water District – Response to Correspondence Received December 31, 2025, 01/26/26

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with correspondence responding to the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District (CSJWCD).

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Stockton East Water District Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 02/04/26

2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Monthly Mixer, Rios Las Palmas Independent & Assisted Living Center, 5:00 p.m., 02/05/26

3. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 02/09/26

4. District Holiday – Lincoln’s Birthday, 02/09/26

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 1:18 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:19 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

