

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 13, 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., Manager Hopkins 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, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higare, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President McGurk wished Director Sanguinetti a Happy Birthday.

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Minutes 01/06/26 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants

- a. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Payroll
- h. Summary
- i. Short Names/Acronym List
- j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Atkins inquired about the expenses and staff provided responses to the questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve January 13, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Consider bonus for General Manager  
Director McGurk moved this item to closed session for further discussion.

A motion was moved and seconded to move item D-3 to closed session, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 01/12/26  
Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting. Director Atkins reported the financial report indicates the coalition is in good standing, with 100% of membership dues collected and approximately \$2 million in reserves available to help offset potential future cost increases. The coalition continues to encourage greater use of the online portal for submitting nitrogen management and sediment removal plans, as only about 40% of growers are currently using it. Director Atkins reported significant pesticide exceedances for pyrethroids were observed in September and October 2025, including an unusually high reading of approximately 20 at Union Island Drain in September, compared to the typical range of 2 to 3. Director Atkins also reported other updates, included discussion of potential cost increases related to CV-SALTS and plans for a representative to lobby in Washington, D.C. to seek additional funding for various programs.

## **G. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/06/26  
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 181,120 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 448 cfs. There is 1,751,923 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 42 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 87 cfs and release to all water users is set at 209 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 30 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 13 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 7 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 10 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 0 mgd. Extraction Well #1 extracted 2580 GPM and Extraction Well #2 extracted 3240 GPM.

2. Information Items: F-2a
3. Report on General Manager Activities
  - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update  
Manager Hopkins reported that utility power to the high service was lost; however, the generators engaged immediately following the outage. Staff is coordinating with PG&E to de-energize the system, bypass the faulty switch, re-energize the service, and subsequently replace the recloser.

Manager Hopkins reported that staff is inspecting the Tunnel Inlet gates while Goodwin Dam is being drained to accommodate work being performed by Tri-Dam. Manager Hopkins also reported following the inspection, staff determined the gates can be repaired without the need for a significant project.

Manager Hopkins reported the Marciano Lot Line Adjustment had missing steps, which the surveyor is currently completing. Once finalized, the 15-day closing period will begin, and all parties are in alignment.

Manager Hopkins reported the consultant from Woodard & Curran requested the 2025 annual GSP data, and that staff has begun data collection upon receipt of the forwarded request.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 01/05/26.

#### 4. Stockton East Water District Operations & Water Supply Update

Water Operations Manager Wunderlich presented the Board with a Treatment Plant Update. Water Operations Manager Wunderlich reported, for the month of December, the WTP collected 98 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 1.67 inches and the surface water production for the Treatment Plant was 2,878 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 720 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 190 AF, California Water Services was 109 AF and City of Stockton was 0 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average is 40 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.05 ppm.

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 and calendar year 2025 79,010 AF. New Hogan Lake total release is 97,928 AF and 2025 flood control was 5,970 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis also reported an update on the groundwater monitoring wells. One year difference for the eleven well average were up 4.4 FT and total Water Treatment Plant percolation was 9,090 AF.

### **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Maharaja Indian Cuisine, 01/08/26  
Director Atkins, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Maharaja Indian Cuisine. Director Atkins reported the event was a great success and noted that City Mayor Fugazi and members of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors were also in attendance.

### **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Letter, 12/31/25  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a letter from Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Letter.
2. USBR Early Notice 2025 Water Condition Letter, 01/07/26  
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a letter from USBR and reported that USBR is conducting internal discussions to determine whether the District has 0 AF or is not supposed to exceed 49,000 AF.

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

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 01/14/26

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2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federations Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 01/14/26
3. ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 01/16/26
4. District Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – 01/19/26
5. Stockton East Water District Board of Directors Tour, 12:30 p.m., 01/20/26

**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 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Personnel Government Code 54957 – General Manager

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:59 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:55 p.m., with no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

