

THE REGULAR 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, AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and Director Sanguinetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Vega, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Director Atkins was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Education Program Annual Report – 2021/2022 School Year (Presentation by Water Conservation Coordinator Kristin Coon)

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon presented the SAWS Education Program Annual Report for the 2021/2022 School Year to the Board. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon provided a handout of the Annual Report and gave an overview; Report Summary, Full Report, Feedback, Report Stats and What is Padlet? Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported due to COVID-19 challenges all schools opened in August 2021 with SAWS Water Education Program (WEP) set to begin on September 1st, 2021. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported the program calendar was 75% booked however most fall presentations were either cancelled or rescheduled for later in the year or done virtually. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon stated Manteca Unified School District was the only district permitting visitors on campus. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported at the request of teachers in the Lodi and Lincoln School Districts, the SAWS WEP was granted special permission for campus access; all other SAWS WEP presentations were scheduled to resume for all districts in January 2022.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported the 2021/2022 School Year Outreach Statistics; 8,270 students reached through SAWS WEP In-Class Presentation Program, 435 students reached through SAWS WEP Virtual Program and 10,070 students/citizens reached through AgVenture and other events. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported 18,775 total students reached for all programs in the 2021/2022 school year reaching 51 Stockton area schools, 286 classrooms and 6 events. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon added the Zun Zun school-wide assembly program was not permitted in any district in the 2021/2022 school year.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon gave an overview of the SAWS Water Education Presentations by grade and explained each presentation is designed by combining content and the next generation science standards. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon explained the presentation in Kindergarten/Grade 1 as the “Water Cycle Story” which teaches the students weather, states of matter, forming and testing a hypothesis, conservation and drought awareness. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon explained the presentation in Grade 2 as the “H2O to Go!” which teaches the students source to tap, gravity, motion and machines, conservation, and drought awareness. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon explained the presentation in Grade 3 as “Water Matters” which

teaches the students surface tension/cohesion, food chains and webs, water and our environment, source to tap, conservation and drought awareness. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon explained the presentation for Grades 4 & 6 as “California Water” which teaches the students California water rights and history, California’s water distribution system, map interpretation, conservation and drought awareness. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon explained the presentation for Grade 5 as “Water Cycle: The Incredible Journey” which teaches the students source to tap, conservation and drought awareness.

Water Conservation Coordinator Coon shared positive teacher feedback regarding the SAWS Water Education Program. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported her current staff with the addition of new staff member Miss Blair. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon thanked the Board for their continued support.

Director Sanguinetti suggested the Water Education Program provide education regarding agriculture at all grade levels. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied she would be happy to try to integrate the addition to the program. Director McGurk inquired if a separate program is needed to integrate agriculture. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied she likes the idea of adding a middle school program in the future.

Director McGaughey inquired if the 2020/2021 school closures negatively affected the students. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied yes, the students are behind in their education and she believes the effects of virtual learning during the pandemic will be seen for years to come.

Director McGurk inquired about next generation science standards. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied they are the new science standards however they are similar to the previous science standards. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon reported teachers and students are grateful to have science in the classroom as there is limited time and resources for science.

Director Cortopassi and Director Sanguinetti thanked Water Conservation Coordinator Coon for a job well done. Director Watkins stated he would like to see the program teach students about where food comes from and design the presentations to positively highlight agriculture. Water Conservation Coordinator Coon replied she is open to updating the program to include the suggestions. This item was for information only.

2. Minutes

a. Minutes 08/19/22 Special Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 19, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

b. Minutes 08/23/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 23, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

3. Warrants

- a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
- b. Fund 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- e. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- h. Payroll
- i. Summary
- j. Short Names/Acronym List
- k. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 11, line items 4 for All Purpose Safety Training Solutions for crane operator certificate training in the amount of \$7,995 and inquired how many District Staff are certified crane operators. Manager Hopkins replied the expense is to certify two crane operators and with those two, the District will have 4 crane operators. Director McGurk inquired how long the certification is valid and inquired if there is a discount to have all Staff are recertified at the same time. Manager Hopkins replied the certifications last 5 years and each certification has a fixed license fee. Director Sanguinetti inquired if the District holds the certification or the employee. Manager Hopkins replied the employee holds the certification. Director Cortopassi inquired if the District has certified forklift operators. Manager Hopkins replied the District self-certifies District Staff for forklift operation.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 20, line item 83 for Fresno Oxygen for rental of gas tanks for welding and directed District Staff to look into purchasing tanks as it may be more cost effective. Manager Hopkins replied District Staff will look into it.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 23, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

4. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Second Internet Path Memo, 08/30/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Second Internet Path. Manager Hopkins reported due to the recent internet outages on the fiberoptic lines, a second internet path has been a long goal of the District. Manager Hopkins reported ZeroOutages, a subsidiary of Xroads Networks has now developed hardware and software that allows it to offer Starlink, which began deployment of a communication satellite network in 2019, to businesses as a primary or secondary path. Manager Hopkins reported ZeroOutages Starlink solution will provide our needed secondary internet path at a reasonable cost; initial installation is \$1,150 with a monthly fee of \$345 for a total annual cost of \$5,290. Manager Hopkins reported the current fiscal year budget amount for a second internet path is \$20,000.

Director Sanguinetti inquired how the system is provided. Manager Hopkins replied it is a small satellite dish that locks onto the Starlink satellite network. Discussion followed regarding alternative second internet path services available.

Director Cortopassi inquired if all District equipment such as computers have battery backup. Manager Hopkins replied yes.

Director McGurk inquired if the ZeroOutages Starlink services are more susceptible to being hacked. Manager Hopkins replied they are no more susceptible than the existing services.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to enter into a Service Agreement with ZeroOutages – StarLink to establish internet service and provide one-year service in the amount of \$1,150 for installation and an annual cost of \$4,140 for a total amount of \$5,290, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

5. Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Low Lift Pumping Station Slide Gate Replacements and Automation Memo, 08/30/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant – Low Lift Pumping Station Slide Gate Replacements and Automation. District Engineer Evensen reported the current two intake slide gates allow water to flow into the low lift pump station from the Intake Raw Water Reservoir and the South Raw Water Reservoir and both slide gates leak when closed. District Engineer Evensen reported the initial budgeted project for \$300,000 was to include a large concrete flow splitter box with multiple slide gates and an area to install a future mechanical bar or perforated plate screen; however, after Staff discussion it was decided to replace the two existing slide gates at the same location without building a separate structure outside of the Low Lift Pump Station. District Engineer Evensen reported three quotes were received for two slide gates and electric actuators and the best option due to best lead time of 25 weeks is Rodney Hunt in the amount of \$78,895. District Engineer Evensen recommended the Board approve the purchase of two Rodney Hunt slide gates and electric actuators for \$78,895, plus a 10% contingency of \$7,890, for a total cost of \$86,785.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if the installation would require a shutdown of the Water Treatment Plant. District Engineer Evensen replied yes. Discussion followed regarding the installation and mechanics of the slide gates.

Director Cortopassi inquired how often the slide gates are closed causing the flow issue. District Engineer Evensen replied they are closed for maintenance repairs. Manager Hopkins replied they were closed for maintenance repairs last winter. The slide gates are also operated to isolate water intake from either the Intake Raw Water Reservoir or the South Water Reservoir.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of Rodney Hunt LLPS slide gates and actuators in the amount of \$78,895, plus a 10% contingency of \$7,890, for a total cost of \$86,785, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

6. Stockton East Water District – Administrative Cost Allocation Study Memo, 08/30/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Stockton East Water District – Administrative Cost Allocation Study. Finance Director Vega reported as part of the 2001 Settlement Agreement a cost allocation study is required to be completed every five years; the 2005-2006 Administrative Cost Allocation Study was performed by in-house Staff and adopted with an aggregate administrative cost allocation of 88% to M&I and 12% to Ag, the 2013-2014 Study was again performed in-house using the best available methods. Finance Director Vega reported the 2013-2014 Study was very similar to the percentages of the 2005-2006 Study which as a result, the Board decided to retain the percentages adopted in the 2005-2006 Study. Finance Director Vega reported for the 2022-2023 Cost Allocation Study the District contracted with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.; Raftelis used various methods including analyzing five years of expense data, reviewing board minutes, and utilizing audited financial figures to come up with the allocations for each line item in the Administrative Division budget. Finance Director Vega reported the 2022-2023 study concluded with an aggregate cost allocation rate of 87% of costs shared by M&I and 13% shared by Ag which was very close to the previous Study performed in-house. Finance Director Vega reported the total cost of the 2022-2023 Administrative Cost Allocation Study was \$67,586 which included cost of district counsel’s time, staff time and cost of contracting with Raftelis. Finance Director Vega recommends the Board consider conducting the 2027-2028 Administrative Cost Allocation Study in-house using the same framework and methodology Raftelis used in the 2022-2023 Study.

Director Panizza inquired if the Urban Contractors agreed to the Study being conducted in-house. Finance Director Vega replied the Settlement Agreement states that a Cost Allocation Study will be completed every five years but does not prescribe who will do the analysis.

Manager Hopkins stated a decision does not have to be made today; Staff will bring the item back at a later date. This item was for information only.

7. Stockton East Water District – Duck Creek Headworks Automation Project Memo, 08/30/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Stockton East Water District – Duck Creek Headworks Automation Project. Manager Hopkins reported as part of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, the Duck Creek Headworks Automation Project is planned to replace the headworks gate and install a new flow control automated meter. District Engineer Evensen reported the Project will provide the ability to monitor flow remotely and make real-time flow adjustments just as it was done at Mosher Creek which will not require frequent visits from District Staff. District Engineer Evensen stated flow measurement and flow control for this site is necessary to deliver water to Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District. Manager Hopkins reported adding the SlipMeter will adjust autonomously to maintain flow, gate position, or water level set point. Manager Hopkins recommended the Board approve the purchase of one Rubicon SlipMeter in the amount of \$37,403, plus a 10% contingency of \$3,740, for a total cost of \$41,143.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of one Rubicon SlipMeter in the amount of \$37,403, plus a 10% contingency of \$3,740, for a total cost of \$41,143, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting, 08/23/22
President Watkins, Director Sanguinetti and Manager Hopkins attended the August 23, 2022 San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Advisory Committee Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported Oakdale Irrigation District reported they currently have enough water, but the remaining districts all reported water shortage challenges. Manager Hopkins reported Supervisor Winn stated an ordinance was adopted regarding illegal dumping; those that illegally dump items will be fined which includes impounding vehicles tracked for dumping repeatedly. President Watkins reported the Committee approved the Resolution in Support of Ensuring the Health and Sustainability of the Delta. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/29/22
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 71,613 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 255 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 226 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 20 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 44 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 17 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,764 gpm (~9.7 mgd).

2. Information Items:
Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. California Special Districts Association – Annual Conference, Palm Desert, CA, 08/22/22 – 08/25/22
Finance Director Vega attended the August 22, 2022 – August 25, 2022 California Special Districts Association – Annual Conference. Finance Director Vega reported the Conference was very informative with two keynote speakers; Shola Richards presented about The Courage to Go Together: Three Questions to Change How You Work, Live and Lead and Dr. Wendy Suzuki presented Good Anxiety: Harnessing the Power of the Most Misunderstood Emotion. Finance Director Vega reported he attended the Legislative Update Luncheon which focused on the most up-to-date information on the outcome of the biggest state and federal budgetary, legislative, and legal issues impacting special districts in 2022. Finance Director Vega reported he attended several very informative breakout sessions including The Bond Market: Access, Interest Rates and Costs which focused on how financings are priced (and interest rates are set) in the bond market vs the bank market.

Director McGurk inquired about Dr. Wendy Suzuki’s presentation on Good Anxiety: Harnessing the Power of the Most Misunderstood Emotion. Finance Director Vega replied Dr. Wendy Suzuki is a scientist that focuses on how the brain works and the idea that one cannot get rid of anxiety but can channel the evolutionary response of feeling threatened by controlling anxiety to use the

adrenaline caused by anxiety to solve problems and increase productivity. This item was for information only.

- b. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Revision Workshop, 08/30/22
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the August 30, 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Revision Workshop. Manager Hopkins reported low attendance outside GSA participation. Manager Hopkins reported the presentation was a standard overview of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. President Watkins commented there weren't any objections to the Plan presented to the group. This item was for information only.
- c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Hopkins was contacted by an outside general manager inquiring if his district could loan the District's dive team. Discussion followed regarding the dive team inquiry.

Manager Hopkins reported the San Joaquin County extended their deadline to submit GSP projects for funding until September 23, 2022. Manager Hopkins reported District Engineer Evensen and his Staff have done great work toward a project for the Mokelumne River but will not be ready for submission until next year. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported San Joaquin County Environmental Health has issued 21 Well Permits since the start of Executive Order N-7-22. This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Annual Summer Monthly Mixer – Port of Stockton Albert Lindley House, 08/25/22
Nothing to report.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/22/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
- 2. California Special Districts Association – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/19/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the California Special Districts Association – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
- 3. North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/17/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
- 4. Oakdale Irrigation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/17/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Oakdale Irrigation District – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
- 5. South Delta Water Agency – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/17/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the South Delta Water Agency – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.
- 6. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support, 08/24/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – SB 656 (Eggman) Letter of Support. This item was for information only.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 09/01/22
2. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Premier Staffing, 5:15 p.m., 09/01/22
3. District Holiday – Labor Day, 09/05/22

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Section 54956.9 (2 Cases)
2. Closed Session - Existing Litigation
Stockton East Water District vs. City of Stockton, et al.
Government Code 54956.9 (a)
3. Closed Session – Personnel
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:20 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Hopkins, were excused from the closed session meeting at 2:57 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 3:10 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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