

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 8, 2023 AT 12:30 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

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

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

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 08/01/23

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 1, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

2. Warrants – California Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the August 8, 2023 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

3. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce – Ag Hall of Fame Nomination Request

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Ag Hall of Fame Nomination Request. Manager Hopkins reported the District is a member of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce therefore the Board has an opportunity to submit nominations on behalf of the District.

There was a consensus of the Board to abstain from submitting a nomination.

4. Association of California Water Agencies – Candidate Statements for Board Officers’ Election for President & Vice President for the 2024-25 Term

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Candidate Statements for Board Officers' Election for President & Vice President for the 2024-25 Term. The candidates recently participated in a Q&A session. Manager Hopkins stated Ernesto Avila had a clear understanding of water related issues.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the nomination of Cathy Green as ACWA President and Ernesto A. Avila as ACWA Vice President.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McGaughey

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/01/23

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 211,497 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 202 cfs. There is 2,010,099 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 2,439 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 1,500 cfs and release to all water users are set at 3,077 cfs. There are 14 irrigators on New Hogan, 6 irrigators on New Melones, and 3 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 50 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 18 mgd.

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted items: F2a-1 and F2a-2

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. CVP Water Association – Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting, 08/04/23

Finance Director Ram attended the CVP Water Association Executive and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Finance Director Ram reported Richard Welsh, Principal Deputy Regional Director of Bureau of Reclamation's California-Great Basin Region is retiring in November. The USBR has hired Justin Cobb as Manager of the Executive Department and Julia Caleta from U.S. Marine Corps as the new Branch Manager for Program Integration. Finance Director Ram reported Robert Ford presented information on future costs and potential rate impacts. The repayment periods are up to 30 years per useful life, however the region allows up to 50 years. The Association will be looking into the policy further and reporting back to the committee with more information.

b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with an ACWA Fall Conference preliminary agenda. Manager Hopkins queried the Board if they would like to attend the fall conference. Manager Hopkins reported staff has previously experienced difficulty with reserving hotel rooms due to availability issues. To circumvent that from happening again, staff will be registering attendees early.

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a few pictures highlighting the start of the Hosie Low-Water Crossing Project. Staff is preparing the south bank for installation of the bladder dam and the bypass pump and piping. The bypass pump is expected to be operational by August 9<sup>th</sup> so irrigators down Mormon Slough can receive water again.

Manager Hopkins reported staff has completed the first phase on the Tom Allen property recharge project which reestablishes the former recharge pond from the Farmington Dam Pilot Project studies. The second phase includes developing a third acre recharge facility also on the Tom Allen property. The current flow measurement is one-foot per day of infiltration.

## **G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Stockton East Water District Election Costs Meeting – Supervisor Ding & Stockton East Water District, 08/02/23

President Atkins and Manager Hopkins met with Supervisor Ding to discuss the 2022 election costs. The election costs and candidate statement costs were provided to Supervisor Ding. Supervisor Ding was surprised to see such high costs being invoiced. Supervisor Ding will take this information to discuss in an election-related committee. Director Panizza inquired if there were other county staff present at the meeting. President Atkins responded no, there were no other staff in attendance.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2023-0038-EXEC Letter

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a letter from the State Water Resources Control Board. Manager Hopkins reported the District was a party of a petition that contended the annual water rights fees in FY 2014-15. The letter states the petition was denied.

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

1. Congressman Josh Harder – Summer Open House, 4:00 p.m., 08/08/23

Manager Hopkins reported Josh Harder is hosting an Open House at his Stockton office on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Manager Hopkins stated he has 6 tickets available for any board members who are interested in attending the event.

2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 08/09/23

*\*This meeting was cancelled\**

3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 08/09/23

4. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 08/11/23

Manager Hopkins reported this meeting was cancelled.

## **J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

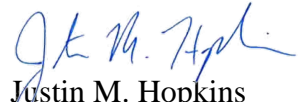
Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case

President Atkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:59 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m., with no reportable action.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Atkins adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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