

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, AUGUST 18, 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. Safety & Compliance Analyst Wood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue, Panizza and Sanguinetti. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Water Operations Manager Brothers, Safety and Compliance Analyst Wood, Legal Counsel Selke. Director Watkins was absent.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)**

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes 08/11/26 Regular Board Meeting
3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve C-1 and C-3 on the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

2. Warrants
  - a. Fund 67 – Agricultural Fund
  - b. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
  - c. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
  - d. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
  - e. Fund 89 – Fish Screen Improvement Fund
  - f. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
  - g. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
  - h. Summary
  - i. Short Name/Acronym List
  - j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Hansen inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 10, for Anthony Barkett for August 2026 Consulting fees-efforts to protect NM Water in the amount of \$5,500.

Director Hansen inquired on the expense on page 17, line item 70, for Garton Tractor, Inc for Kubota RTVX2-BKH Basic UTV in the amount of \$23,209.89. Manager Hopkins replied it is the same unit as the previously approved Kubota UTVs.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 61, for SEWD Vehicle fund for June 2026-Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement NM in the amount of \$17,850.83.

Director Sanguinetti inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 62, for SEWD Vehicle fund for June 2026-Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement NH in the amount of \$19,378.67. Assistant Manager Vega replied it encompasses every single unit, mileage and the equipment for the New Hogan (NH) portion.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve August 18, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

**D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM**

1. Rubicon Total Channel Control Presentation

Manager Hopkins introduced General Manager, Darren McGregor and Regional Business Development Manager, Matt Aguiar with Rubicon Water Control Solutions of America.

Mr. McGregor provided the Board with a presentation introducing Total Channel Control (TCC) Network Control. Rubicon has operated in the United States since 2006 and has approximately 35,000 gates and meters installed worldwide, including about 10 gates currently installed within the District. Rubicon explained that the greatest benefit comes from operating the gates as an integrated network rather than individual sites. Total Channel Control combines automated canal gates, flow and water-level measurement, communications, and centralized software to manage canal operations. The system allows gates to operate locally and communicate with neighboring gates, even if communication with the central server is interrupted. Farmers and operators can place electronic water orders, allowing the system to predict demand and automatically establish flow and water-level set points. Mr. McGregor reported the system uses feed-forward and feedback modeling, using water orders and predicted demand along with actual gate and flow data to continuously adjust operations. Solar power is typically used because many canal sites do not have access to utility power. The system can also provide precise measurement and historical data at dams, regulators, and farm service points for reporting, management, and forecasting. Mr. McGregor stated that automated level control can maintain canal levels within approximately two inches, improving delivery consistency and service equity, particularly for downstream users. Automation can also improve efficiencies on traditional gravity systems from approximately 50–70% to 85–90%. At Turlock Irrigation District's Lateral 8 pilot project, Rubicon reported that spills was nearly eliminated, with the remaining spill intentionally serving a downstream lateral. The technology could support a transition from supply-driven rotations to more demand-driven water operations; however, the District would need to further evaluate the related operational and policy considerations.

Director Atkins inquired if the system compensates people who don't call in or divert water. Mr. McGregor replied yes, the feedback component detects variances in flow and levels and compensates accordingly.

Director Atkins inquired if the system knows where the water issue is. Mr. McGregor replies yes, because every check is automated and measures flow and level, the system can identify variances and trigger alarms.

Director Sanguinetti inquired how the system is protected from vandalism. Mr. McGregor replied solar power reduces the amount of wiring; cages and fencing could also be used to reduce theft.

Director Atkins inquired is the system plug-and-play. Mr. McGregor replied it depends on the district setup; operators still monitor the system via SCADA and remain involved

Director Hansen inquired whether the system could be used during the winter months for recharge. Mr. McGregor confirmed that it could and explained that Rubicon manages various systems that operate year-round for recharge.

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Adopting Revised Resolution No. 26-27-05 Relating to Board And District Procedures and Organization

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Adopting Revised Resolution No. 26-27-05 Relating to Board And District Procedures and Organization. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Atkins inquired whether Board meetings had always been held weekly or when the decision was made to change the meeting schedule from twice a month back to weekly. Directors Sanguinetti advised that meetings were twice a month and changed to weekly after being elected to the Board.

Director Hansen inquired whether a Director could request that an item be placed on the agenda without first going through a committee. Manager Hopkins replied yes, as is consistent with the Board Agenda Policy.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Revised Resolution No. 26-27-05 Consideration of Adopting Revised Resolution No. 26-27-05 Relating to Board And District Procedures and Organization, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, McGurk, Nakaue

Nayes: Panizza, Sanguinetti

Abstain: None

Absent: Watkins

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 08/12/26

Directors Hansen and Sanguinetti and Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Monthly Water Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the committee discussed declining groundwater conditions and the potential for significant issues if trends continue. Surface water use and recharge were identified as possible solutions, but funding and water availability remain challenges. Director Hansen reported the committee emphasized the need to comply with SGMA while addressing implementation costs and concerns that the state's one-size-fits-all approach does not reflect local conditions.

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

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/11/26

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 August 11.

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

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Manager Hopkins reported the ATP Study has been finalized.

Manager Hopkins reported the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is still in the processes of updating the New Hogan Water Control Manual. Manager Hopkins had a meeting with staff from California Department of Water Resources (DWR) last week and expressed interest in exploring opportunities for recharge.

Director Nakaue inquired how long until it's complete. Manager Hopkins replied they are two years into the process and is expected to take four.

Manager Hopkins reported staff identified one of the three transformers at the Low Lift Pump Station leaking oil.

Manager Hopkins reported the traveling bridge is out of alignment causing broken welds on the track, which require repair.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 08/10/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations Update

Water Operations Manager Brothers presented the Board with a WTP Update. Water Operations Manager Brothers reported, for the month of July, the WTP collected 97 samples and there were 0 samples that tested positive for Coliform and E.coli. The rain totals for the past 30 days were 0 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 4,853 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 1,855 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 0 AF, California Water Services was 332 AF and City of Stockton was 0 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average was 31 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.08 ppm.

5. The Gualco Group Monthly Meeting

Kendra Daijogo with The Gualco Group presented the Board with a monthly update. Ms. Daijogo reported the California Legislature has returned from summer recess with limited time remaining before the August 31 deadline to pass bills, with the Legislature expected to work through the weekend. The District supports AB 1330, which would increase protections for utility workers, and is monitoring SB 1125, which would establish a statewide water-rate assistance program for low-income residents. Major state issues include wildfire liability, insurance, affordability, Proposition 4 and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund funding, utility costs, AI regulation, and labor issues. Ms. Daijogo also reported Congress is also preparing for the September 30 funding deadline, with a continuing resolution likely, while addressing the overdue farm bill and other issues involving housing, technology, energy, and the environment. The California Legislature will reconvene in December for its organizational session and return in January for the regular session.

## G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 08/12/26

Director Panizza attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the Eastern San Joaquin Authority Board received a volunteer cleanup report identifying the Port of Stockton as the largest dumping location by collected weight, followed by Mormon Slough. The Board approved an increase in member dues totaling \$167,000 to provide the required matching funds for a State of California grant and adopted a budget amendment involving fund reclassifications. Manager Hopkins reported the GWA Board also adopted a resolution reinstating the dry domestic well mitigation program, reopening a six-month window for eligible

landowners to submit reimbursement claims. SGMA grant funds have not yet been released because the State has not completed the grant process.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)**

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

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 08/19/26  
*\*This meeting has been cancelled\**
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 08/19/26
3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission, 08/19/26  
*\*This meeting has been cancelled\**
4. ACWA Quarterly Polic Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 08/2026
5. 2026 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase 08/24/26 – 08/27/26
6. Administration Committee Meeting, 08/26/26  
*\*This meeting has been 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 McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:15 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:27 p.m., with no reportable action.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins  
General Manager

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