

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, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Supply Manager Donis, Water Operations Manager Brothers, and Administrative Assistant Rodriguez. Director Nakaue and Legal Counsel Zolezzi were absent. Consultant Barkett arrived at 1:13 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 09/01/26 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 56 – Construction 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
3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Authorization for the General Manager to Submit the District’s Water Year 2027 Central Valley Project Delivery Schedule Request Letter to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Under Contract No. 4-07-20-W0329-P
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A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to submit the District's Water Year 2027 Central Valley Project Delivery Schedule Request Letter to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Authorization for the General Manager to Sign and Submit a Multi-Agency Coalition Letter to the Acting Secretary of the Army Addressing Common USACE Barriers Affecting Farmington Dam and Four Other Central Valley Water Storage and Flood-Damage Reduction Projects

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Director Atkins inquired how often the coalition committee will meet. Manager Hopkins explained that the intent is for representatives of the eight entities to communicate collectively when meeting with their respective members of Congress or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presenting the coalition's projects and priorities as a unified effort.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to Sign and Submit the Central Valley Water Storage Coalition letter to the Acting Secretary of the Army, sustainability in the form attached, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Special Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting, 09/03/26
Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti, Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Special Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported that the Committee approved the March 6, 2025, meeting minutes, and the 2026 Multi-County Agency Biennial Notice and discussed the implementation of demand management during closed session. Manager Hopkins briefly summarized the discussion held during closed session. The discussion focused on the implementation of demand management programs, including how Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) must respond if monitoring wells reach their minimum thresholds. The basin's anticipated overdraft is expected to be addressed by the three agencies comprising the Eastern Water Alliance, with each agency responsible for developing a demand management program based on its respective share of the required groundwater pumping reduction.
2. Special Administration Committee Meeting, 09/04/26
Directors Sanguinetti, Nakaue, Watkins, Manager Hopkins and Assistant Manager Vega attended the Special Administration Committee Meeting. Director Sanguinetti reported the Committee

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discussed adopting Policy No. 3020, Workplace Violence Prevention Plan; approving the updated Injury & Illness Prevention Plan; and approving Rule No. 181, Water Allocation, and Policy No. 3900.

3. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee Meeting, 09/09/26
Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee Meeting. Water Supply Manager Donis reported the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Water Committee meeting was relatively light due to the ongoing harvest season and the resulting limited attendance. The Committee received updates on a variety of water-related topics, including current water operations and supplies, groundwater recharge activities, regulatory matters, infrastructure projects, and seasonal conditions. Discussions also included updates on ongoing and upcoming water management efforts and issues affecting agricultural water users throughout the region.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 09/01/26
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 September 14th.

2. Information Items: F-2a

3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update
Manager Hopkins reported the City of Stockton is currently updating their water supply assessment which they developed a few years ago and that the District has been providing data.

Manager Hopkins reported that District Engineer Evensen and he will be presenting at the Groundwater Resource Association Western Groundwater Conference at the end of this month.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of September 7th.

4. Stockton East Water District Operations & Water Supply Update
Water Operations Manager Brothers presented the Board with a WTP Update. Water Operations Manager Brothers reported, for the month of August, 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 0.03 inches and the surface water production for the WTP was 4,844 AF and City of Stockton WTP was 1,331 AF. The groundwater production for Stockton East Water District was 0 AF, California Water Services was 437 AF and City of Stockton was 0.189 AF. Lastly, the TTHM average was 29 ppb and free chlorine average was 1.07 ppm.

Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with a Water Supply update. Water Supply Manager Donis reported that New Melones deliveries for 2026 year-to-date total 62,132 AF, with Stockton East Water District deliveries totaling 28,398 AF. New Hogan flood releases total 26,978 AF, and Stockton East Water District deliveries from New Hogan total 68,764 AF, for a combined year-to-date total of 95,742 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis also reported that the 14 groundwater monitoring wells have declined by an average of 17.08 feet.

5. The Gualco Group Monthly Update
Kendra Daijogo with The Gualco Group presented the Board with a monthly update. Ms. Daijogo reported on the U.S. Congress remaining issues fund the federal government for fiscal year 2027, budget, appropriations, deal with the debt ceiling, expiring expenditures

authorizations, social security reform and lame-duck session beginning November 9th. Ms. Daijogo also reported on the State Legislature on the last 31 days state budget and fiscal stability wildfire resilience and insurance, energy affordability and climate policy, AI regulation, affordable housing, a narrow CEQA exemption and wildfire liability reform. Lastly, the ACWA sponsored bills were AB 2180 (Ward) and SB 1153 (Caballero).

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 09/09/26
Director Panizza and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the Board discussed the responsibility of each individual Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to develop and implement its own approach to demand management, rather than establishing a single, unified program applicable to all GSAs within the district. The Groundwater Authority's role is to respond to questions regarding responses to requests for proposals. The GSA and County also began the process of formalizing and implementing procedures to address domestic well concerns. Director Panizza further reported that the Board discussed a mitigation request related to reimbursement for well replacement.
2. Stockton East Water District – Employee Appreciation Day, 09/09/26
Directors McGurk, Hansen and Atkins attended the Employee Appreciation Day. Director McGurk reported that employees enjoyed the event, which included great food and games. Director Hansen reported that employees were recognized for five, ten, and twenty-five years of service with the District.
3. 59th Annual Stockton Chamber Industrial BBQ, 09/09/26
Directors Atkins, Hansen and Manager Hopkins attended the 59th Annual Stockton Chamber Industrial BBQ. Director Hansen reported the event recognized various businesses in Stockton. Director Atkins reported that it was a great event and noted that several members of the Board of Supervisors, as well as representatives from Congressman Josh Harder's office, were in attendance.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Assembly Bill 1881 (Ramos)
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a letter of Assembly Bill 1881.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 09/16/26
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 09/16/26
3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 09/16/26
This meeting has been cancelled
4. 2026 AMWA Q3 All Membership Meeting, Noon, 09/17/26

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 1:28 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:49 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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