

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, DECEMBER 16, 2025, 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., Director Hansen 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, District Engineer Evensen, Water Supply Manager Donis, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Procurement Specialist Cahoon, Safety and Compliance Analyst Wood, Maintenance Supervisor Riojas, Maintenance Mechanic II Imbrunetti, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Consultant Barkett and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Minutes 12/09/25 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 9, 2025, 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 70 – Administration Fund
- b. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- c. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- d. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- e. Payroll
- f. Summary
- g. Short Names/Acronym List
- h. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

A motion was moved and seconded to approve December 16, 2025, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Revised Base Monthly Payment – Fiscal Year 2026/2027

a. Public Hearing

President McGurk opened the Public Hearing at 12:32p.m., to receive comments on the Proposed Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Seeing no public comment, president McGurk closed the Public Hearing at 12:32p.m.

b. Resolution No. 25-26-11 – Setting A Revised Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with Resolution No. 25-26-11- to Consider Adopting A Revised Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2026 to March 31,2027.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve Resolution No. 25-26-11 Setting A Revised Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report –Recommendation to Approve Closure of District Offices on Friday, December 26, 2025, and Extending the Christmas Holiday

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider closing the District office on December 26,2025. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the closure of the Stockton East Water District on Friday, December 26,2025, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approving an Updated Wireless Phone Usage Policy Reflecting Emergency Accessibility and Updated Use Requirement

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approving an Updated Wireless Phone Usage Policy Reflecting Emergency Accessibility and Updated Use Requirement. Manager Hopkins reported the current wireless phone policy, adopted last year, is being updated to clarify expectations for employees regarding availability outside normal working hours for those issued a District phone. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the revised Policy No. 3110 – Wireless Phone Policy Usage Policy as presented, to ensure emergency readiness, clarify employee responsibilities, and safeguard District operations, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority GW Data Discussion Meeting, 12/10/25
Director Watkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority GW Data Discussion Meeting. Director Watkins reported no formal Board action was taken. The committee discussed ongoing regional debates regarding groundwater allocation methodologies under SGMA, consultant activities including Zanjero's work on rainfall and percolation, and the central role of minimum thresholds in triggering curtailments. Director Watkins reported completing project "shares" under GSPs and receiving allocation "credits" does not absolve GSAs of responsibility when minimum thresholds are exceeded; in practice, compliance with thresholds and associated curtailment programs will determine outcomes.

G. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/09/25
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 153,517 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 24 cfs. There is 1,653,238 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 129 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 158 cfs and release to all water users is set at 252 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 32 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 6 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 5 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 19 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 7 mgd

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

- a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported Director McGurk, lobbyist Jack Gualco and himself met with Assemblymember Ransom to discuss funding for the non-federal cost share of the Farmington Dam Study. The ask is \$1.5 million spread over three years. Ransom viewed the amount as reasonable and agreed to work with fellow assembly members whose districts overlie the affected groundwater basin to form a small coalition and seek inclusion of the funding in the state budget.

Manager Hopkins reported he contacted Julia Beery of First Water Partners, Executive Director of the Groundwater Authority (GWA), to offer Stockton East as the "district highlight" for the January GWA board meeting. The proposed presentation would showcase the District's annual programs, Farmington study efforts, and particularly CVP contract modifications, with the goal of building broader GWA support and encouraging the two opposing agencies on the GWA board to reconsider their positions. and Executive Director of the Groundwater Authority (GWA)

Manager Hopkins reported virtual access information was inadvertently omitted from the agenda for this meeting. The Board noted there is no legal requirement to provide ongoing virtual access. Overall sentiment favored discontinuing routine virtual options and instead offering remote

participation only when needed by a Director or for a specific purpose. Directors also acknowledged ongoing AV and connectivity challenges and emphasized the need for clearer procedures, upgraded equipment, and additional training when hybrid meetings are utilized.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 12/08/25.

4. Stockton East Water District Water Supply Update

Water Supply Manager Donis presented the Board with a Water Supply Update. Water Supply Manager Donis reported the New Melones Reservoir from November – December 2025 was 1,670 AF and year to date is 78,431 AF. New Hogan Lake fiscal year to date is 83,000 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis also reported an update on the groundwater monitoring wells. One year difference for the eleven well average were up 6.96 FT and total Water Treatment Plant percolation was 10,100 AF. Water Supply Manager Donis provided the Board with pictures of the work that was being done during the shutdown on November 24th and 25th.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 12/10/25

Director Panizza, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the sole action item on the agenda was approval of the minutes. The Board received two presentations: one from Joe Zilles of Kleinfelder and a GSA Spotlight presentation from John Herrick of the South Delta GSA. Director Panizza also noted the Board is nearing the point of presenting to the State and outlined the remaining steps needed to advance the well programs. Director Panizza further reported there are currently 172 wells enrolled in the SGMA program. Discussion followed.

2. The Gualco Group 22nd Annual Mesple Third House Holiday Celebration, 12/10/25

Director Atkins and Manager Hopkins attended The Gualco Group 22nd Annual Mesple Third House Holiday Celebration. Director Atkins reported the event featured food and networking. Director Atkins and Manager Hopkins spoke with lobbyist Jack Gualco, another lobbyist named Paul and Farm Bureau representative Danny Hartman.

3. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Holiday Open House, 12/11/25

Director Atkins and Director Watkins attended the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Holiday Open House. Director Watkins reported The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors hosted an open house, with four supervisors in attendance. Director Atkins reported the event provided an opportunity for discussion with the supervisors, although access was limited as they were frequently in demand. Attendance was lower than in prior years, likely due to the event being divided into three shorter time blocks, which dispersed the crowd.

4. 2025 Q4 AMWA – All Membership Meeting, 12/11/25

No Board member attended this meeting.

5. San Joaquin Farm Bureau's Holiday Open House, 12/11/25

Director Watkins and Water Supply Manager Donis attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau's Holiday Open House. Water Supply Manager Donis reported a strong turnout for the event and noted that he spoke with Daryl Wortman from Escalon and Vicky, a writer for the Farm Bureau.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. ACWA JPIA – H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program Letter, 12/01/25

Board Meeting – 12/16/25

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Manager Hopkins recognized staff who received the H.R. LaBounty Safety Awards Program Letter. Water Supply Manager Chris Donis, Maintenance and Construction Manager David Higaes, Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Riojas, Maintenance Mechanic II Angelo Imbrunetti and Safety & Compliance Analyst Heather Wood for submitting preparing and submitting award applications.

2. Stockton East Water District - Thank You Letter
 - a. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable David Valadao
 - b. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Mike Levin
 - c. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Susan Collins
 - d. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Norma Torres
 - e. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Tom McClintock
 - f. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Josh Harder
 - g. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Jim Costa
 - h. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Ken Calvert
 - i. U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Adam Gray
 - j. U.S. Senate – Honorable Alex Padilla
 - k. U.S. Senate – Honorable Adam Schiff
 - l. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Mr. Matthew Maucieri
 - m. ACWA – Director Lan Lyle

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with copies of the thank-you letters that were sent to the recipients listed above.

n. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00a.m., 12/17/25
This meeting has been cancelled
2. Tri-Dam meeting, 10:00 a.m., 12/17/25
3. Administration Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 12/17/25
4. SEWD’s Holiday Potluck, Noon, 12/17/25
5. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting, 12/17/25
This meeting has been cancelled
6. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 12/17/25

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

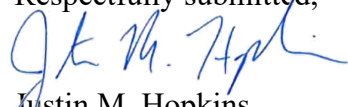
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:32 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:58 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

