

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, JANUARY 6, 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., President McGurk 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, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Procurement Specialist Cahoon, Administrative Clerk Barraza, and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Minutes 12/23/25 Regular Board Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the December 23, 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 68 – Municipal & Industrial Groundwater Fund
- b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
- c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Atkins, McGurk and Sanguinetti inquired about the expenses and staff provided responses to the questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve January 6, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve January 6, 2026, California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System, 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 – Consider Approving Policy No. 4635 – Public Records Request Policy

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approving Policy No. 4635 – Public Records Request Policy. Manager Hopkins reported the proposed policy establishes clear procedures to guide staff in the receipt, review, and response to public records requests under the California Public Records Act.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt the Public Records Request Policy No. 4635, 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 Revised Policy No. 4010 – AI & Data Governance Policy

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approving Revised Policy No. 4010 – AI & Data Governance Policy. Manager Hopkins reported the revised policy reflects proposed changes address issues identified since initial policy adoption as recommended by the Stockton East Water District’s (District) AI Committee.

Director Atkins and Sanguinetti inquired about the staff report and staff provided responses to the questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt the AI & Data Governance Policy No. 4010, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 12/23/25

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 181,585 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 502 cfs. There is 1,733,188 AF in storage at New Melones Reservoir. Current releases are set at 14 cfs. The current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River is set at 893 cfs and release to all water users is set at 376 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 7 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 6 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 14 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 9 mgd.

2. Information Items

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported on the Farmington Reservoir FY 2026 earmark update, noting he received an email from Senator Schiff's office indicating FY 2026 Army Corps of Engineers funding is no longer available and he is working with Congressman Josh Harder's staff on next steps.

Manager Hopkins reported on the USBR 2026 Interim Water Supply, noting the year is currently classified as dry with an initial allocation of 49,000 AF for the Eastside Division.

Manager Hopkins reported on the Low Lift Pump Station Transformer has arrived.

Manager Hopkins reported on the Canyon Tunnel Project Update in which South San Joaquin Irrigation District broke ground back in August 2025. He reported their contractor has mobilized at Goodwin tunnel and will be begin work soon.

Manager Hopkins reported the Marciano Property is nearing final stages and is in escrow.

Manager Hopkins reported the Central San Joaquin Conservation District has paid its wheeling fees and requested to meet with the Board regarding the merger.

Manager Hopkins reported on the District having purchased a new Zero Emission Vehicle.

Manager Hopkins reported on the Mentoring Program, noting three staff members have started the program and two additional staff will begin soon.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 12/29/25.

4. Stockton East Water District Maintenance & Engineering Update

District Engineer Evensen presented the Board with an engineering update, reporting the ASR Well has been completed but still requires SCADA and observation well work. He reported limited progress on the Bellota Weir Modifications Project due to rain and noted a design error that staff are currently addressing. District Engineer Evensen reported the Potter Creek Pump Station is in Phase 2 with design ongoing, and staff is coordinating with CalWater to complete work on its control vault in mid-February. He also reported the Watershed Resiliency Grant is nearing completion and

expected to be finalized in March. District Engineer Evensen presented photos from the Bellota Weir Modifications Project.

Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes presented the Board with a maintenance and construction update, reporting staff is working on utility power installation at the ASR Well, successfully started up the 3R Valve, and is completing punch list items, primarily lighting. He reported the Hosie Crossing Modifications Project steel girder frame has been set, welding is complete, and work is delayed due to rain. He also reported at the 8-Mile Dam, staff is installing Visqueen and sandbags to protect the site from rain, and the air release valve has been upgraded with all piping replaced.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – Maharaja Indian Cuisine, 5:00 p.m., 01/08/26
2. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., 01/12/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL


1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.8
Property: San Joaquin County APNs 105-050-15, 105-050-17, 105-050-19, 105-110-45
Agency Negotiation: Justin Hopkins, Jeanne Zolezzi
Under Negotiation: Terms of Easement
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Personnel Government Code 54957

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:10 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:37 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

