

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 1, 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 Panizza 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 & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Consultant Barkett and Legal Counsel Zolezzi.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 08/18/26 Regular Board Meeting
3. Warrants – California’s Public Employees’ Retirement System

A motion was moved and seconded to approve C-1 and C-2, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

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. Payroll
 - i. Summary
 - j. Short Name/Acronym List
 - k. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 14, line item 65, HDR Engineering, Inc for Mormon Slough Bridge prj-Professional Serv. 06/28/26-07/25/26 RBM 03/03/26 in the amount of \$27,288.70. Manager Hopkins replied it is for the Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Project where the Peters pipeline crosses the Mormon Slough.

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 13, line item 54, for Conlin Supply Co for Gates 12’ (4) for installation of gate at Eilers in the amount of \$1,244.10. Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes replied it is the 12-foot gate material and install to controll access and not 12 inches.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 17, line item 98 for John Deere Financial/Farm Plan for Battery, cover, instrument & switch for Unit 38 in the amount of \$3,886.36. Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes replied the instrument panel was not working anymore.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 1, 2026, Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consideration of Authorizing the General Manager to Submit a Letter to USACE Requesting DWR Participation in the New Hogan Water Control Manual Update

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a staff report to Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Submit a Letter to USACE Requesting DWR Participation in the New Hogan Water Control Manual Update. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Sanguinetti expressed concerns that inclusion of DWR in the New Hogan WCM update will result in more water being taken and released for the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay Delta Plan.

Director Nakaue inquired if the District receives additional water in New Hogan Reservoir, would that affect the amount of water the District is required to release later. Manager Hopkins replied no, release amounts are based on inflow, not storage.

Director Watkins inquired if the District could confirm which DWR team is authorized to conduct the Water Control Manual update. Manager Hopkins replied yes, the letter specifies Deputy Director Joel Metzger and his statewide water resources planning and enterprise project management team.

Director Nakaue inquired if the District can store additional water without affecting the required releases, as long as the District does not receive additional inflow that would trigger DWR to require a higher release. Manager Hopkins replied DWR's modeling concludes they could store about 26,000 acre-feet more.

Director McGurk inquired if the Director from DWR will also be aware of this letter. Manager Hopkins replied yes, it is assumed the DWR Director will be aware of this letter.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to submit the attached letter to USACE, Sacramento District, requesting DWR's formal participation in the FIRO evaluation for the New Hogan WCM update, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nayes: Sanguinetti

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval Of Procurement Of Box Culverts for Fujinaka and Hogan Low-Water Crossings

Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Procurement of Box Culverts for Fujinaka and Hogan Low-Water Crossings. Assistant Manager Vega reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Atkins inquired whether there was a reason one crossing was narrower than the other. Assistant Manager Vega replied DWR assisted with the design to match the existing crossing area and DWR is providing the grant funding and addressing environmental requirements.

Director Nakaue inquired how much funds are left in the grant. Assistant Manager Vega replied there is one million dollars in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Culvert Grant spread over three different project Fujinaka, McGurk and Hogan. The DWR grant funding, which ends in December 2026, has around \$790,000 left. The DWR grant is currently being expended for the construction of the George Watkins Low-Water Crossing and will be utilized for the concrete box culverts for Fujinaka and Hogan Low-Water Projects.

Director Nakaue inquired if the DWR grant money that will be expiring at the end of the year is enough to pay for all the projects. Assistant Manager Vega replied that whatever is not covered will be funded with the FHWA Culvert Grant.

Director Nakaue inquired which grant is expiring by the end of the year; the DWR or the FHWA Culvert Grant. Assistant Manager Vega confirmed that the DWR Grant will be expiring this year.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the General Manager to award a purchase order to Jensen Infrastructure in the amount of \$119,628 and \$99,091, with a 10% contingency of \$21,872 for a total authorization for \$240,591 and execute all necessary approvals, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Adoption of a Resolution of Necessity Approving Acquisition of an Interest in Property by Eminent Domain for the McGurk Low Water Crossings
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to consider adopting Resolution No. 26-27-10. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director McGurk recused himself from the meeting at 12:59 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Director Watkins inquired what the amount on the agreement was. Manager Hopkins replied \$2,580.00.

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 26-27-10 Resolution of Necessity Approving Acquisition of an Interest in Property by Eminent Domain for the Stockton East Water District, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Hansen, Nakaue, Panizza, Watkins

Nays: None

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Abstain: None

Absent: McGurk, Sanguinetti

Director McGurk returned to the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 08/19/26

Directors McGurk, Panizza, Nakaue, Manager Hopkins, Assistant General Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen and Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes attended the Municipal Operations Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported one of the items presented at the committee has been approved by the Board previously and one of the items was pulled for a future Municipal Operations Committee Meeting. Director Panizza reported Stantec presented the 50% design for Sedimentation Basins 1 & 2 upgrades and the committee directed staff to proceed with the design.

2. ACWA Quarterly Policy Committee Meeting, 08/20/26

Directors Atkins, Sanguinetti and Manager Hopkins attended the ACWA Quarterly Policy Committee Meeting. Director Atkins attended the Agricultural Committee meeting and reported it focused on salmon population impacts and the need for more evidence-based research. Manager Hopkins attended the Groundwater Committee and reported the update did not identify any item of direct relevance or immediate consequence for the District. The discussion was primarily informational about statewide SGMA implementation status, groundwater banking, and groundwater quality.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 08/18/26

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 31st.

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

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the District received the CSDA District of Transparency Award, and it was presented to Director Watkins at the CSDA Annual Conference.

Manager Hopkins reported the High Service Pump Station reclosure replacement was successfully completed with minimal operational disruption.

Manager Hopkins reported the Low Lift Pump Station transformer leak can be resolved without replacing the transformer.

Manager Hopkins reported the Bureau of Reclamation and other interested parties have issued a draft plan for the Stanislaus River pulse flows this fall. Between October 13 and November 4, about 50,000 acre-feet will be released out of New Melones for fish flows in the Stanislaus River.

Manager Hopkins reported that he attended the California Water Plan meetings last week at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works building. Manager Hopkins noted that much of the discussion focused on the reoperation of reservoirs, desalinization, and regulatory reform.

Manager Hopkins reported he attended a water forum for Congressman McClintock. Representatives from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and the Farm Service Agency were present.

Manager Hopkins presented the employee spotlights for the month of August featuring Malcom Hearon, Maintenance Mechanic II and Reggie Gold, Senior Water Operator.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of August 24th.

4. Stockton East Water District Finance, Engineering & Maintenance Update

Director of Finance & Administration Ram provided the Board with a Finance & Administration update. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported the California CLASS rate for August was 3.7591%. The LAIF rate for the quarter ending June 2026 was 3.92%; the August LAIF rate had not yet been released. The District continues to monitor both investment accounts to maximize earnings while maintaining safety and liquidity. Stockton East Water District participated in the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and the Financial Affairs Committee (FAC) meeting, where the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reviewed the Annual Accounting Analysis and discussed the allocation of capital, water marketing, storage, and other costs among contractors. SEWD, along with several other contractors, raised concerns regarding certain calculations and the current 30-day review period. An extension to 45 or 60 days was discussed. The District will continue reviewing SEWD's costs, credits, and cumulative deficit calculations to ensure the account is accurately reflected.

District Engineer Evensen presented the Board with an Engineering update. District Engineer Evensen reported major capital projects continue to progress. The Filter and Sedimentation Basin, Clements Pipeline and Reservoirs Design, LLPS Electrical Design Build, Mormon Slough RR Bridge Fish Passage and SWEEP and SWEG Grants are ongoing. District Engineer Evensen also reported on Project and Construction Management. Manager Evensen reported on the Bellota Weir Modifications Project, George Watkins Low-Water Crossing, HWY 4 Trash Rack and Powerline, White Pine Solar Project and WTP Utility Water Booster Pump Station.

Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes presented the Board with Maintenance & Construction update. Manager Higaes reported electrical and construction work is progressing well, including transformer inspection, Highway 4 trash rack electrical work, George Watkins bypass installation and intake structure operation.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. 2026 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, 08/24/26 – 08/27/26

Director Watkins attended the 2026 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. Director Watkins reported that the CSDA conference was generally good and typical of similar conferences, with the District receiving its award and no major groundbreaking information from breakout sessions.

2. Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Night, 08/27/26

Director Atkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Stockton Ports Sponsor Appreciation Night. Director Atkins reported The Stockton Ports event was viewed positively as a community visibility opportunity for Stockton East Water District and overall, it was a great game.

H. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern Water Alliance Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 09/03/26
2. District Holiday – Labor Day, 09/07/26
3. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 09/09/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

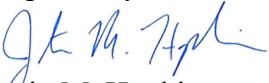
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED
LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code
Section 54956.9 – one case

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:45 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:46 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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