

THE REGULAR 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, OCTOBER 11, 2022 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., and Administrative Clerk Feliciano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Finance Director Ram and Administrative Clerk Feliciano. Legal Counsel Zolezzi was present via teleconference. Director Atkins was absent.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen McFall, Stockton East Water District customer, expressed concern regarding the amount of groundwater extraction being taken by the District. Mrs. McFall stated she brought a list of questions she would like answered by District Staff to address her concerns. Mrs. McFall stated her neighbors lowered their pump and other neighbors' wells ran dry; her main concern being the District is extracting 8.5 million gallons of groundwater a day which, she alleged, is decreasing the availability of water for the customers of the District in the future. Mrs. McFall inquired if the District had conducted a study of the effects of extracting 8.5 million gallons per day; she stated the District cannot supply all of Stockton with water by extracting groundwater. President Watkins inquired what alternatives could be suggested or if residents of Stockton should be left without water. Mrs. McFall stated Stockton has to cease building new housing developments. President Watkins stated the District does not have jurisdiction and suggested Mrs. McFall express her concerns with the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County planning departments. Discussion followed.

Director Panizza stated District Staff will reply to the list of questions promptly but would also like for Mrs. McFall to be provided the information on the amount of water the District has banked over the years which was not extracted under the Farmington Project.

Director Cortopassi stated Mrs. McFall should express her concerns with the Bureau of Reclamation as well; if the Bureau of Reclamation provided water through our contract the District would not have the need to pump groundwater; the treatment plant would have enough water to supply to our Urban Contractors. Director Cortopassi added the Bureau of Reclamation released a full year supply for the treatment plant to meet Delta flow objectives. Mrs. McFall thanked everyone for their time.

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes 10/04/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 4, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

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 Improvements Fund
 - e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - g. Payroll
 - h. Summary
 - i. Short Names/Acronym List
 - j. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director Panizza inquired on the expense on page 11, line item 46 for The Record for a 52 weeks subscription 09/11/22-09/10/23 in the amount of \$491.92 and if the subscription was for a paper or digital subscription. Manager Hopkins replied we have a paper and digital subscription. Director Panizza suggested the District switch to only digital to save money. Manager Hopkins replied at the next subscription renewal staff will look into a digital-only subscription.

Director Panizza inquired on the expenses on page 13, line items 72-74 for Dokken Engineering for RMA Amendment/Cultural consultation in the amount of \$1,560 and Biological survey services on the George Watkins Crossing in the amount of \$987.75 and Fishbio for Biological assessment for Hosie Crossing in the amount of \$1,820. Director Panizza inquired if the George Watkins and Hosie Crossings are tied to the Section 408 Permits. Manager Hopkins replied yes, both projects still require Biological survey/assessment. Director Panizza inquired about the SEWD RMA Amendment/Cultural consultation. Manager Hopkins replied that the expense is related to the amendment to our Routine Maintenance Agreement which is a State permit that allows us to operate and maintain all of our facilities in the river systems; we had sites that were added to the original agreement issued in 2019. Director McGurk inquired if the George Watkins Crossing is in the middle of the County's restoration levee project. President Watkins replied it is downstream of the project.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the October 11, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Atkins

3. Stockton East Water District – Highway 4 Traveling Water Screens and Conveyor System Memo, 10/11/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding Highway 4 Traveling Water Screens and Conveyor System. Manager Hopkins reported the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget included \$450,000 to install traveling water screen at the Highway 4 crossing of the Lower Farmington Canal (LFC). Manager Hopkins reported this is next in the series of improvements necessary on the LFC system in order to address the aquatic issues that have occurred in the last few years. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff received a quote from International Water Screens for the traveling screen, conveyor, elevators and electrical components in the amount of \$331,365. Manager Hopkins stated the District is standardizing using International Water Screens; Funck Road and Escalon Bellota Road also have International Water Screens installed.

Director Cortopassi inquired if the Highway 4 Traveling Screen will look the same as Funck Road. Manager Hopkins replied yes, similar. Director Cortopassi inquired if the screens can handle the

amount of water that will go through it. Manager Hopkins replied yes, they look deceiving and can handle 300 cfs while also providing overflow capacity.

Director Sanguinetti inquired if there is enough space for the water screen at Highway 4 and also to perform maintenance safely due to its location. Manager Hopkins replied yes, there is sufficient space.

Director McGurk inquired if District Staff will be installing the equipment and if manufacturer support is available. Manager Hopkins replied yes, District Staff will be installing the equipment as they have done in the past; the International Water Screens representative has been available by phone for District Staff when they have needed assistance.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize purchase of two traveling water screens, conveyor belts and control panel from International Water Screens in the amount of \$331,365, plus a 10% contingency for a total approved purchase amount of \$364,502, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Atkins

4. iHub San Joaquin – 6th Annual H₂O Hackathon – Hack the Drought – 2022 Sponsorship Opportunity
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the iHub San Joaquin – 6th Annual H₂O Hackathon – Hack the Drought – 2022 Sponsorship Opportunity. Director McGurk stated he would like District Staff to ask for more details regarding the 6th Annual H₂O Hackathon – Hack the Drought. Manager Hopkins replied he would reach out to iHub San Joaquin and bring the item back for discussion at next week’s Regular Board Meeting.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, 10/06/22
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the October 6, 2022 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. President Watkins reported an update regarding the DWR/GWA SGMA Implementation Process and Project Selection was given; the Round 2 SGMA funding grant submission deadline is November 30th. President Watkins reported the disadvantaged communities (DAC) are being included. Discussion followed regarding DAC’s in San Joaquin County and within District boundaries. Director Cortopassi inquired what projects the District can submit that qualify for the grant funding. President Watkins replied the District has various projects including the West Groundwater Recharge Basin, Bellota Project, Recharge Facility Project, Reverse Tile Drain Project and Dry Wells Project. Director Cortopassi inquired if there were benefits for the DAC’s. President Watkins replied they receive a lower cost share and more points for the completion of a project. Manager Hopkins reported there will be a follow-up meeting for the District to present our projects and have them scored by the Technical Advisory Committee on October 20, 2022. The next scheduled meeting is November 10, 2022.
2. San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition Meeting, 10/10/22
Nothing to report.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 10/03/22
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 54,075 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 71 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 206 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 0 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 46 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 13 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 6,880 gpm (~9.9 mgd).

2. Information Items:

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2 and F2a-3.

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Growers Recharge Meeting, 10/05/22

President Watkins, Manager Hopkins and District Engineer Evensen attended the October 5, 2022 Growers Recharge Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported they met with one grower to discuss a potential recharge project, unfortunately the unit cost per acre was not going to be a feasible amount. Manager Hopkins reported the grower was looking for an easement or lease payment to be involved; Manager Hopkins reported District Staff will continue to look for a grower to donate land for a pilot project. Manager Hopkins reported the grant submission deadline was October 11th but he hopes to have a pilot project ready for the next submission deadline. This item was for information only.

b. Stockton East Water District Employee Potluck, 10/07/22

Manager Hopkins reported the District held an employee potluck and recognized two employees that were nominated to have demonstrated the value of Accountability. Manager Hopkins explained two employees were recognized due to the fact the District did not hold a potluck last quarter; the two employees were Miguel Cervantes and Jim Wunderlich. Manager Hopkins reported the two winning employees spun the prize wheel and won a prize. Manager Hopkins reported the potluck went well. This item was for information only.

c. Stockton East Water District Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported he attended a meeting with North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, San Joaquin County and Department of Water Resources; DWR has money they would like to invest in securing flood diversion permits and to partner with the State Water Board so they can streamline their process. Manager Hopkins reported entities or growers that have a place to store storm water for recharge would be able to get through the process quicker and would be less expensive. Manager Hopkins reported he is waiting on more information from the DWR consultant to look at flood flows in the Calaveras River and Littlejohns Creek to see what would be available for us to divert to the Treatment Plant for recharge this winter. Manager Hopkins added this would come at no cost to the District; there is a \$10,000 value on each permit. Manager Hopkins stated he will report back with the response from DWR. This item was for information only.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer – University Plaza Waterfront Hotel, 10/06/22

Nothing to report.

2. East Bay Municipal Utility District – 27th Annual Pardee BBQ, 10/07/22

Directors McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins attended the October 7, 2022 East Bay Municipal Utility District – 27th Annual Pardee BBQ. Director Watkins reported it was a nice event with a smaller crowd than usual. President Watkins reported the Keynote Speaker, Jennifer Spaletta spoke about the Board Meeting – 10/11/22

DREAM Project and provided an analogy to explain the efforts to complete the Project. President Watkins reported the Directors in attendance spoke with Congressman Garamedi and he was interested in hearing more about the Bellota Project; Congressman Garamedi stated they have funded over \$200 million in fish screen projects in the last few years and there is plenty of funding available. President Watkins stated Manager Hopkins or Consultant Barkett would contact Congressman Garamedi and Representative Harder to setup a meeting to discuss the Bellota Project. This item was for information only.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stockton East Water District and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Municipal Service Review Comments Response Letter, 10/04/22
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Stockton East Water District and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District Municipal Service Review Comments Response Letter. Manager Hopkins reported the letter was sent to LAFCO and the Urban Contractors. Manager Hopkins reported there will be a meeting with LAFCO to discuss the issues on October 24th.

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Steering Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10/12/22
2. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 10/12/22
3. Stockton Area Water Suppliers (SAWS) Meeting, 1:00 p.m., 10/14/22

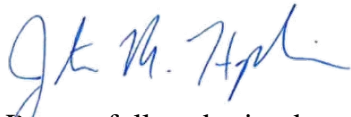
J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

1. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District/South San Joaquin
Irrigation District
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:02 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. District staff, with the exception to Manager Hopkins, were excused from the closed session meeting at 1:38 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:59 p.m., with the no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Justin M. Hopkins
Secretary of the Board

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