

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 27, 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, District Engineer Evensen, Director of Finance and Administration Ram, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich, Water Supply Manager Donis, Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes, Procurement Specialist Cahoon, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez, Legal Counsel Selki and Consultant Barkett.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR (None)

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Minutes 01/20/26 Regular Board Meeting

Director McGurk made the following correction to the minutes:

- On page 2, Section G, paragraph 2, line 3; replace “Green” with “Kareen”

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Warrants – 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

Directors McGurk and Panizza inquired on the expenses and staff provided responses to questions.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve January 27, 2026, Warrants, as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. California Farm Water Coalition – Board of Directors Annual Election Ballot
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a Board of Directors Annual Election Ballot for the California Farm Water Coalition.

A motion was moved and seconded to elect Bill Diedrich and Brett Lauppe, 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 Authorize the Board President to Submit Letter of Support for Congressman Josh Harder’s WRDA 2026 Proposal
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report recommending the Board to authorize the board president to submit letter of support for Congressman Joah Harder’s WRDA 2026 proposal.

A motion was moved and seconded to submit letter of support for Congressman Josh Harder’s WRDA 2026 proposal, 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 Acceptance of Project Completion of the ASR Well at Well 74-01
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Acceptance of Project Completion of the ASR Well at Well 74-01. Assistant Manager Vega reported the project included recharge and recovery pipeline construction. The original contract amount was \$435,215, and the final construction cost totaled \$406,392.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the project as complete, authorize the General Manager to proceed with signing the Notice of Completion and approve the filing of the Notice of Completion with the San Joaquin County Recorder’s Office, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 01/21/26
Directors McGurk, Panizza, Nakaue, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and District Engineer Evensen attended the Municipal Operations Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported the committee discussed including the Stantec retrofit design, electrical improvements, and valve control, all of which are scheduled to be brought before the Board on February 3.

2. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 01/22/26
Directors Atkins, Nakaue, Hansen, Sanguinetti, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega and District Engineer Evensen attended the Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting. Director Atkins reported the committed discussed security at the Marcianos property (no trespassing signs, potential ditch on Cox Road). Addressed removal of remaining oak trees and reservoir cleanup.
3. KPI Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, 01/22/26
Directors McGurk, Nakaue, Hansen, Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, Director of Finance & Administration Ram, District Engineer Evensen, Water Operations Manager Wunderlich. Maintenance and Construction Manager Higaes and Water Supply Manager Donis. Manager Hopkins reported a kickoff meeting was held to establish metrics for staff efficiency and effectiveness, with all departments presenting their core functions.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 01/20/26
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 last night.

There is 1798,897 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 106 cfs. There is 1,779,228 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 59 cfs and release to all water users is set at 303 cfs. The District Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is currently processing 28 mgd. North Stockton is currently utilizing 5 mgd. South Stockton is currently using 4 mgd. Cal Water is currently utilizing 10 mgd. The City of Stockton WTP is currently processing 6 mgd.

2. Information Items: None
3. Report on General Manager Activities
 - a. Stockton East Water District Activities Update
Manager Hopkins presented the February employee spotlight featuring Patrick Marshall, Maintenance Mechanic I.

Manager Hopkins provided an update on the Marciano property. Staff is awaiting confirmation from the title officer regarding revised deeds that reflect two lot line adjustments. Once recorded, the 15-day close of escrow period will commence, with ownership expected in approximately 16 days.

Manager Hopkins reported receiving notice from Senators Schiff and Padilla's office that appropriation requests are being accepted through February 20, and that the District has already submitted a request.

Manager Hopkins reported the State is offering a new block grant following a successful prior partnership with Stockton East Water District (SEWD), North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), and South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID). North San Joaquin has contacted SEWD, SSJID, and Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) to explore another partnership. SEWD has expressed interest and is evaluating eligible projects, including the possible reimbursement of costs associated with SEWD's SWEG-like program, which will require further investigation.

Manager Hopkins reported the District will be having a Townhall meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. to update Stanislaus County landowners on service efforts, CVP contract modification and annexation of land.

Manager Hopkins reported the equipment use for 01/19/26

4. Stockton East Water District Finance Update

Director of Finance & Administration Ram presented the Board with a Finance update. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported for the quarter ending December 2025 investment income totaled \$112,375 in interest from California CLASS, bringing year-to-date investment income to \$1.33 million compared to \$1.989 million for the prior full fiscal year, with the portfolio continuing to perform well despite softening interest rates. The Tyler Tech accounting system is currently in the migration phase, with printer compatibility testing underway, accounts receivable charge codes entered and reviewed, and CMMS dummy codes entered, all remaining on schedule for the targeted go-live date of April 1, 2026. Director of Finance & Administration Ram reported on financial planning customer invoices are scheduled to be mailed by the end of February, and 1099s will be submitted by January 31st. On the staffing and administrative side, Form 700s will be distributed to the Board by February 10th, the newsletter is nearing finalization for Board approval, OSHA annual reporting has been submitted, CUPA reporting is complete, CARB compliance is being maintained, and January training achieved a 98.6% completion rate.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad Hoc Executive Committee Meeting, 01/26/26
Director Watkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Ad Hoc Executive Committee Meeting. Director Watkins reported the committee did a year-to-date budget review on the income with a potential issue on one of the GSA not paying. Director Watkins also reported a major issue remains with the monitoring network and the posting of water levels to the DWR portal, which is currently delaying the GSP compliance process. In addition, staff are developing the implementation process and timeline for the well mitigation program.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 58th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference, 01/28/26-01/30/26
2. Administration Committee Meeting, 01/28/26
This meeting has been cancelled

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL


1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – two cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Real Property Negotiations Government Code 54956.8
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Real Property Negotiations Government Code 54956.8

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:09 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 2:23 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

