

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, JULY 14, 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 Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, McGurk, Hansen, 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, Administrative Assistant Rodriguez and Legal Counsel Zolezzi. Director Nakaue was absent.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes 07/07/26 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants
 - a. Fund 68 – Groundwater Production Fund
 - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
 - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund
 - d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvement Projects Fund
 - e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
 - f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
 - g. Summary
 - h. Short Names/Acronym List
 - i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment
3. Stockton East Water District – 2026 Multi-County Agency Biennial Notice

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call:

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

D. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEM

1. Stockton East Water District – Staff Report – Consider Approval of Annual Lump Sum Payment Toward the District’s CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability
Manager Hopkins presented the Board with a staff report to Consider Approval of Annual Lump Sum Payment Toward the District’s CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability. Manager Hopkins reviewed the staff report and staff provided responses to questions.

Director Atkins inquired what the payment amount was last year. Assistant Manager Vega replied he was unsure of the exact amount.

Director Watkins inquired how much the District normally pays in the year. Manager Hopkins replied the amount is calculated as a percentage of the unfunded liability for the portion of the pension benefits that CalPERS is obligated to pay but does not currently have sufficient assets to cover. Assistant Manager Vega replied that the monthly contributions total about \$400,000 per year.

Director Hansen inquired if they are deducting 3% from the account and what interest rate the District earned during that time. Assistant Manager Vega replied it fluctuates. He explained that the formula is funded through employee contributions, along with investment income generated by the fund.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize the annual lump sum prepayment of \$766,293 to CalPERS for the District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL), as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nakaue

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Central Merger Committee Meeting, 07/08/26

Director McGurk, Director Atkins, Director Nakaue and Manager Hopkins attended the Central Merger Committee Meeting. Director McGurk reported no decision was made regarding a merger. Both agencies agreed to continue operating independently throughout the irrigation season while remaining open to future discussions. Central expressed concerns about increases in wheeling fees and existing trust issues, indicating a preference to revisit merger discussions after the irrigation season concludes.

2. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Monthly Water Committee Meeting, 07/08/26

Director Watkins and Director Sanguinetti attended the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Monthly Water Committee Meeting. Director Watkins reported North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD) closed on an additional 18.75 acres for the Lucas Road Basin, bringing the total to 29.5 acres, with construction beginning on the first phase after the irrigation season. Approximately 4,500 acre-feet of water has been moved this year. East Bay MUD announced a 100% water allocation for NSJWCD and NSJWCD received a \$4 million grant to rebuild the North Pump Station. Director Watkins also reported the Central Delta bill was reported as no longer moving forward, and updates were provided on the Woodbridge Irrigation District diversion proposal, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Oakdale Irrigation District water transfer discussions, and the San Joaquin County SGMA area, including the adoption of Proposition 26. Concerns were also raised regarding the discovery of golden mussels in the Sacramento River and their potential spread to Lodi Lake.

3. San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition Steering Committee Meeting, 07/13/26

Director Atkins attended the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Steering Committee Meeting. Director Atkins reported no meeting was held.

F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

1. Water Supply Report as of 07/07/26

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.

2. Information Items: None

3. Report on General Manager Activities

a. Stockton East Water District's Activities Update

Manager Hopkins reported the MICUP draft EIR comment period was extended to August 28. Five comments have been received so far.

Manager Hopkins reported the 2026 Employee Satisfaction Survey has been sent to all employees and results should be presented to the Board by the end of next month.

Manager Hopkins reported the Rules and Ordinances book has been completed and includes ordinances dating from 1964 to present. The book will be available to the public at the Annual Growers Meeting.

Manager Hopkins reported the quarterly Board District tour is scheduled for July 28th.

Manager Hopkins reported the Annual Growers Meeting is set for July 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the Linden Lions Club.

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the equipment use for the week of 07/06/26.

4. Stockton East Water District Engineering & Maintenance Update

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 filter design options will return to the Board with updated cost/benefit analysis in the coming weeks. Construction at Bellota Weir is advancing, with crews working early morning hours due to high temperatures. Design work continues with the Mormon Slough Railroad Bridge Fish Passage Project with an emphasis on cost control. Permits for the Highway 4 trash rack project have also been secured and construction will start.

Maintenance & Construction Manager Higaes presented the Board with a Maintenance & Construction update. Manager Higaes reported District crews continue to make progress on several operational projects, including the WTP Utility Water Booster Pump Station excavation, preventive and corrective maintenance, and variable frequency drive (VFD) installations. Staff are also addressing Rubicon meter issues, preparing for Highway 4 trash rack electrical conduit mobilization, clearing debris at the Bellota Pipeline Inlet, monitoring for golden mussels with none are detected to date, and completing preparations for the George Watkins Low-Water Crossing Project, including CAT 3D training.

G. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting, 07/08/26

Director Panizza, Director Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority Board Meeting. Director Panizza reported the meeting included public comments, the County financial report, a water impact presentation by Zanjero, approval of the June 10 meeting minutes, approval of Woodard & Curran's scope of work to address DWR comments on the 2025 GSP amendment and review, and staff reports from Julia Berry with participation from DWR.

2. Linden Peters Chamber of Commerce Baseball Night, 07/11/26

No Board member attended this event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Agricultural Operations Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m., 07/15/26
This meeting has been cancelled
2. Municipal Operations Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 07/15/26
3. San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Advisory Water Commission Meeting
This meeting has been cancelled
4. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Night at the Ports, 7:00 p.m., 07/17/26

J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL

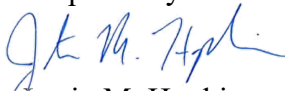
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential exposure to litigation – Government Code Section 54956.9 – one case

President McGurk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:11 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:13 p.m., with no reportable action.

K. ADJOURNMENT

President McGurk adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Justin M. Hopkins
General Manager

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