



SRWA
STANISLAUS REGIONAL
WATER AUTHORITY

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Board Meeting Agenda

September 17, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

156 S. Broadway, Turlock, CA, Second Floor, Yosemite Conference Room

*Chair, Chris Vierra
Vice Chair, Amy Bublak
Director, Bret Durossette
Director, Gil Esquer
Director (alternate), Linda Ryno
Director (alternate), Nicole Larson*

*General Manager, Robert Granberg
Interim Legal Counsel, Richard P. Shanahan
Board Secretary, Allison Martin*

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1. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None
3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None
- B. STAFF UPDATES**
 1. General Manager Update (*Granberg*)
- C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** This time is set aside for members of the public to address the Board concerning any item that has been described in the notice for the meeting, including Consent Calendar items, before or during consideration of that item. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Board addresses the matter.
4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Information concerning the Consent items listed below has been forwarded to each Board member prior to this meeting for study. Unless the Chair, a Board member, or member of the audience has questions concerning the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Board. The action taken by the Board in approving the Consent items is set forth in the explanation of the individual items.
 - A. *Motion:* Approving minutes of Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**
 - A. Adopt the 2018 East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update (*Granberg*)

Recommended Action:

Resolution: Adopting the 2018 East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update
8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**
9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** Board members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the legislative body.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 15, 2020, Regular meeting
12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
13. **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Bublak called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Vice Chair Bublak, Director Durossette, Director Esquer, Director Ryno
ABSENT: None

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None

3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

B. STAFF UPDATES:

1. General Manager Robert Granberg provided an update on Major TAC and PM Team Work Focus Areas, including Design-Build Phase 2 Project activities, wetwell water quality sampling, TID/SRWA water sales agreement, joint watershed sanitary survey with MID, funding/financing update, and outreach to regional wholesale customers.

The Board and staff further discussed the TID water discharge location and recharge, wholesale rates for potential regional customers, and the Design-Build Phase 2 Project package date.

2. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi provided an update on financial activity as of August 12, 2020. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

Director Ryno	Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak
No	No	No	No

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Action: Motion by Director Esquer, seconded by Director Durossette, approving the minutes for the Special Meeting of June 29, 2020. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Ryno	Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:** None

8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None

9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None

10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** None

- 11. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 17, 2020
- 12. CLOSED SESSION: None
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DRAFT

Allison Martin, Board Secretary



From: Lindsay Smith, West Yost Associates

Prepared by: Roanne Ross, West Yost Associates

1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Resolution: Adopting the 2018 East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update

2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUE:

The recommended action is necessary to receive Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grants and supports SRWA's strategic plan initiatives. The IRWM Act was enacted by the California Legislature in 2002 with the purpose to encourage local agencies to coordinate and collaboratively manage water resources to improve water quality, quantity, and reliability.

In 2008, the IRWM Planning Act was approved which provided for the development of IRWM Plans. These Plans, subject to periodic updates, are required by the State for eligibility to compete for various water resources grants authorized under Proposition 84 and the current Proposition 1 (Prop 1).

In 2011, having satisfied the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) IRWM Regional Acceptance Process Guidelines, DWR granted regional status to the East Stanislaus IRWM, the first step to be eligible for various State grants under the IRWM Grant Program and other grant funding opportunities. The cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Turlock and Waterford and Stanislaus County have adopted the 2013 East Stanislaus IRWM Plan.

In August 2016, DWR released the Final 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, for which all IRWM Plans must adhere to be eligible for Prop 1 Implementation project grants. Also released by DWR was the 2016 Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package for the Prop 1 IRWM Planning Grant Funding Program.

Stakeholders and partners prepared the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update in 2017 and 2018 based on the DWR Proposition 1 IRWMP Guidelines. In July 2018, DWR deemed the East Stanislaus IRWM Plan Update complete and in conformance with the 2016 IRWM Guideline Standards. The 2018 updated plan and other related documents are available for review at <http://www.eaststanirwm.org/documents/>.

Per the Prop 1 Implementation Guidelines, each proponent of a project included in an IRWM Implementation proposal must adopt the IRWM Plan. SRWA applied for an IRWM grant in November 2019 as part of the East Stanislaus IRWM Round 1 Grant Projects. DWR notified SRWA on July 7, 2020 that SRWA had been awarded \$5,800,916 for the Round 1 Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant. To remain eligible for this grant, SRWA needs to adopt the East Stanislaus IRWMP.

3. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the 2018 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Recommends adoption.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

N/A

6. ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not adopt the resolution resulting in the SRWA foregoing this or any future IRWM-related grant funding.



**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE STANISLAUS REGIONAL
WATER AUTHORITY**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2018 }
EAST STANISLAUS INTEGRATED }
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN }
UPDATE }**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

WHEREAS, the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Act was enacted by the California legislature in 2002 with the purpose to encourage local agencies to coordinate and collaboratively manage water resources to improve water quality, quantity and reliability; and,

WHEREAS, an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is a voluntary and comprehensive non-regulatory planning document prepared on a region-wide scale that identifies broadly supported priority water resources projects and programs with multiple benefits; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated regional water management planning are intended to increase efficiencies and effectiveness of water resources planning, enhance collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improve responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of an IRWMP is a prerequisite for any state funding of the water resources projects included in the IRWMP; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Turlock, and Waterford and County of Stanislaus, signed an agreement to participate in the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership (East Stanislaus), the regional water management group for the region; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 East Stanislaus prepared and adopted an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, which was updated in 2018 (the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update) for the region (which includes the Authority service area) in accordance with the IRWM Act; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2018 California Department of Water Resources has deemed the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update compliant with the 2016 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Guidelines and eligible for future grant funding; and,

WHEREAS, the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update references the Stanislaus County Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) prepared by Stanislaus County in cooperation with many of the same partners of the East Stanislaus IRWMP; and,

WHEREAS, the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update will ultimately incorporate the SWRP by reference and, through a future erratum, append the SWRP Executive Summary to the IRWMP Update (which will not require readoption by the East Stanislaus partnership agencies); and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the East Stanislaus IRWMP Update is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262, §15306, §15307, and §15308 because the plan is a study that identifies potential projects, programs, and policies for possible future actions subject to future adoption and approval and because the plan consists of basic data and information collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the SRWA Governing Board that it adopts the 2018 East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority on September 17, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
NOT PARTICIPATING:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Allison Martin, Board Secretary