

Merquin County Water District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merquin County Water District called to order in regular session at 19684 Second Ave., Stevinson, California at 6:00 p.m.

Present were, President Freddy Oliveira, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Adam Azevedo, Absent Director Phil Dores, Director Rosemary Ouse

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of September 28, 2022

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the minutes of September 28, 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the list of warrants \$110,023.08

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

None

CORRESPONDANCE

None

DISCUSSION: MCWD Board Meeting November 8, 2022, Election Day

The regular board meeting will be held on November 8, 2022

DISCUSSION: Clean-up of drain ditch behind Fire Department

President Freddy Oliviera and Director Danny Drumonde will meet at the drain ditch to evaluate the clean-up.

Eric Swenson-District Engineer

Discussion/Action: Planned cancelation of stormwater services.

District Engineer sent an email on September 14,2022 to Lloyd Pareira, Merced County Board of Supervisors' Chairman, notifying Merced County of the planned end of stormwater, County to transition to alternate disposal smoothly.
No response from Merced County has been received to date.

Discussion: Year to date MCWD Groundwater Pumping.

Between February 1 and September 23,2022 District wells pumped approximately 4,600 AF of water.

The Modesto Properties well pumped 866 AF between April 1 and September 23. Combined total pumping from these wells was approximately 5,466 AF.

Discussion/Action: Status of Vierra Well.

On September 30,2022 MCWD received a completed permit to drill the Vierra test well. Quality Well Drillers provided the permit on the same day.

District Engineer signed a contract/estimate by Quality Well Drillers on October 1 to drill test hole and complete e-log.

Cost estimated: \$2,600 to drill test hole and \$2,800 for e-log.

Discussion/Action: Update on MSGSA activities.

Next MSGSA Board meeting is on October 13,2022 with both in person and zoom participation. Agenda includes:

Phase 1 (218) Funding Mechanism Appeal Process.

Guiding Principles for groundwater allocation and recharge.

Groundwater Recharge Framework for 2023.

Phase 1 Land Repurposing Program Update

Strategic Planning Subcommittee has been meeting to discuss:

Phase 1 Demand Reduction Fee Appeal Process.

Guiding Principles for post 2025 groundwater extraction allocations.

Framework for groundwater recharge accounting during winter 2023 water year.

Strategic Planning Committee works with staff to provide recommendations for action by the full MSGSA Board.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Bobby Kelly stated they have two locations with metering positions on the Hotel and the Gooseneck and you have to travel two to four miles to adjust it, due to there not being a full pipeline at these locations. Bobby is planning to install one box on each of the Lateral just to have a full pipe for metering. The Gooseneck is with in the East Side Canal right of way, the one on the Hotel is most likely outside the right of way but in the

Hotel line. Bobby is requesting MCWD board and Eric Swenson to review it. Bobby stated its quite simple just a 4x4 box with a 36-inch gate.

Bobby stated he noticed the amount of ground water pumping from MCWD is considerably less than has been historical. Bobby stated in the past the numbers he received from Jimmy have been higher in the past. Bobby inquired if something had been managed differently this year than the past.

Jimmy reported they ran fewer wells this year, they tried to use as much canal water as possible.

Director Azevedo intervned and stated there is more drip tape irrigation this year than in the past years. In discussion they stated several private people used their personal wells to provide more water.

Mario from ESC stated ESC delivered 60 AF of water this month.

OFFICE

Crystal presented the board with a draft letter for updating of customer information, the board approved the letter.

Crystal reported she lifted three liens and has one more to do.

She also reported the CPA David Farnsworth continues requesting more information from the district.

Crystal still does not have bank access for copies, etc.

Maintenance

Jimmy stated his intention to have Crystal draft a letter to property owners who have fences on ditch banks, they need more access to the ditches.

Jimmy is going to request a meeting with the Sweet Potato Farmers to better streamline their irrigation systems.

Jimmy is also going to send a letter to property owners regarding leaky valves.

Jimmy questioned if the board wants to purchase a dump trailer or rent one for tree limbs etc.

Danny Machado reported Rick Jones continues to question him about the water flow.

Director Drumonde asked if this was on the Nelander Lateral, Jimmy stated yes. Director Drumonde stated that 10 CFS can pass downstream of 4th Ave. they cannot get 10 feet, if they can get 10 feet to a certain point how can they not get the 10 feet after that point? Danny Machado reported Third Ave goes up about 16 inches from their canal, he said its good, Clint Jensen piped it, then it came up to a crossing, the crossing was there with the horse and buggy. It goes up and then spills back, What Clint Jensen did on the North side was good but the South side he just feathered it out.

Director Drumonde requested Danny Machado to look at the pipeline.

Maintenance List

Pipeline Leak Repairs

Gooseneck – 3 leaks
Nelander – 3 leaks
Koch – 3 leaks
Hotel 4th Ave.- 2 leaks
Sprole – 6 leaks
Stoerk – 10 leaks

Well Sites Services

Replace drippers
Replace drip lines
Grease motors
Blow out panel boxes
Replace meter covers

Ditch Bank Repairs

Hotel 4th Ave.
Highline
Gooseneck
Hotel 140

Tree Removal

Hotel 140
Hotel Green ditch
Hotel 4th Ave
Highline
Lemus

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

1 & 2 Conference with Legal Counsel—
Anticipated Litigation
[Gov't. Code §549456.9(d)(4)]
Two Potential Cases

3. Pursuant to Government Code 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: District Engineer

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to adjourn to closed session

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion to return to open session

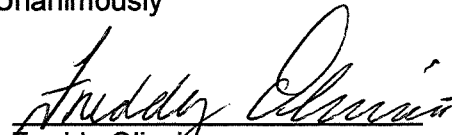
Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo to return to open session.

Motion Carried Unanimously


MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously


Freddy Oliveira
President

Adam Azevedo
Vice President


Betty Guest
Secretary