

**Merquin County Water District**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, October 26, 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 Rosemary Ouse, Director Danny Drumonde,  
Absent: Director Adam Azevedo, Director Phil Dores.

**MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of October 11, 2022**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving the minutes of October 11, 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving the list of warrants \$4,909.61

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

Eric Swenson-District Engineer.

1. Discussion/Action: RLA Flying H Partners and Oliveira Family Dairy. New overpour box on Highline Lateral with outlet. Unfortunately, the old RLA Agreement was used that does not include the Board approved fee of \$750 and the construction insurance requirements. The exact location of this box has not been provided and the type and size of pipe connecting to the box for the southward delivery has not been provided. It has been proposed that a 30-inch gate be installed for this new delivery. A railing will be required around the top of the box due to elevation from ground and Cal OSHA requirements.

Tabled to Meeting of November 8, 2022

- **Promote Equality:** ensure policies maintain consistent opportunities for all water users while recognizing unique hydrogeologic conditions throughout the service area
- **Target Simplicity:** create policies that are easy for users to understand and implement, and for the MSGSA to administer
- **Recognize Spatial Disparity:** allow for variances in policies that reflect differing hydrogeologic and other baseline conditions throughout the MSGSA service area to assure projects and management actions achieve tangible benefits toward GSP sustainability objectives.
- **Protect Domestic Water Availability:** design policies to assure projects and management actions either do not increase, or mitigate, risks to domestic well water supplies
- **Facilitate Economic Stability:** optimize the economic benefits of irrigated agriculture to the citizens of Merced County during the transition to lower groundwater use.

iii. Recharge Framework for 2023 Water Year. After some discussion it was stated that there is a big push on by the State of California to accomplish as much recharge as possible during the 2023 water year. It looks like Flood MAR will be approved for Mariposa and Deadman Creeks. To support this the MSGSA Board is scheduling approval of the Recharge Framework for 2023 for the November 10, 2022, meeting.

- October 19, 2022, Coordination Committee Meeting:
  - MUIGSA Update:
    - Merced ID has implemented for water year 2023 a 3.3 AF groundwater allocation over a 3-year period.
    - Plan to register all wells serving more than 10 acres by April 1, 2023
    - Plan to have a meeting on November 14, 2022, to notify growers that they can purchase Merced ID's "Developed Supply". Well flow meters will be required for all land pumping "Developed Supply." Price for developed supply will be adopted by Merced ID Board at March 2023 Board meeting.
    - Allocation of groundwater will be on gross APN acreage. Satellite ET – surface water sold.
    - Long term goal to have flow meters on all agricultural wells.
    - There is up to \$20 million in grants from DWR that can be applied for. Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2022. These grant applications will be split evenly between MSGSA and MUIGSA.
      - MUIGSA plans to apply for money to –
      - Promote small 1 acre recharge basins on individual farms.
      - Install dry wells for recharge.
      - Dual irrigation systems (flood and micro).
      - Flooding ground used for sweet potatoes.

**Maintenance**

Eric Vaz reported he has been cutting trees on the Gooseneck and Green ditches. He has been spraying the smaller ones also. Hwy 140 ditch has several big trees that need to be removed. Running some wells on the Hotel, Gooseneck, Lemos and the Storke.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

***1 & 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Gov't. Code §549456.9(d)(4)]; Two Potential Cases***

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse to adjourn to closed session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

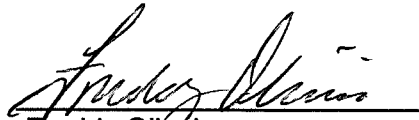
Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse to adjourn to open session

Motion Carried Unanimously

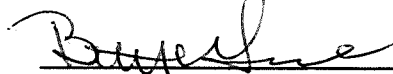
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse to adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

  
Freddy Oliveira  
President

  
Adam Azevedo  
Vice President

  
Betty Guest  
Secretary