

**Merquin County Water District**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, November 29, 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, Director Phil Dores, Director Rosemary Ouse.

**MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of November 8, 2022**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the minutes of November 8, 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving the list of warrants \$12,661.88.

President Freddy Oliveira asked if David Farnsworth is close to completing his audit? Crystal responded she has sent him more documentation. Crystal also received the Financial Statement for the year end.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

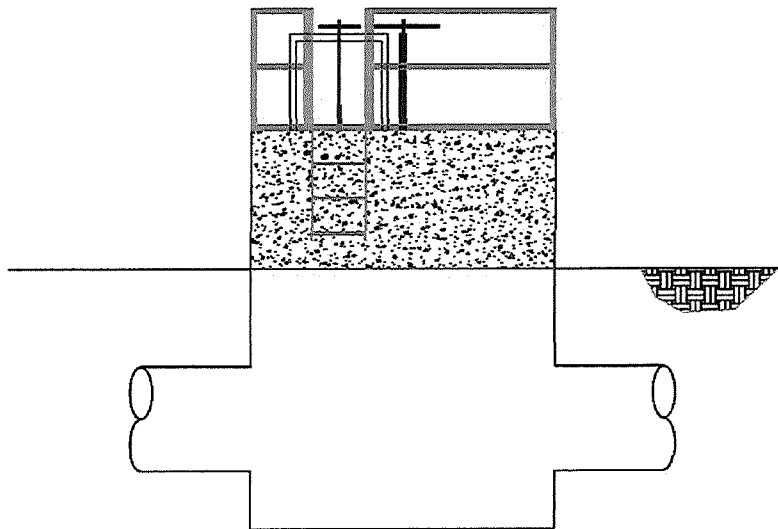
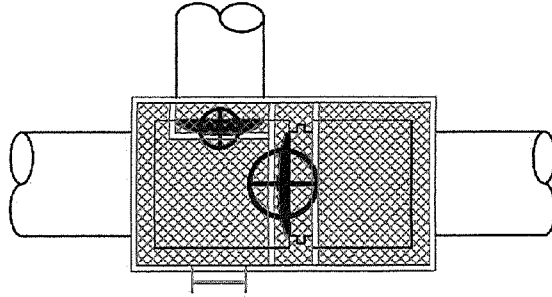
**MOTION ACCEPTING RESOLUTION 2022-4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AMENDED CODE**

**TABLED**

Eric Swenson-District Engineer.

1. Discussion/Action: Consider approving RLA for 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.



**Motion approving RLA for Flying H Partners and Oliveira Family Diary**

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving RLA for Flying H Partners and Oliveira Family Diary.

Motion Carried: Ayes: Danny Drumonde, Phil Dores, Adam Azevedo, Rosemary Ouse

Noes: 0

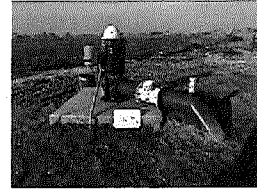
Ayes: Danny Drumonde, Phil Dores, Adam Azevedo, Rosemary Ouse

Abstained: President Freddy Oliviera

2. Work under way to upgrade MCWD website. Planning for completion by early December 2022.

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Board Meeting Information

Current Water Pricing

MSGSA MCWD DWR  
Funded Project

MCWD Board of  
Directors

Request for New Water  
Delivery

MSGSA Sustainability Zones

MCWD Staff

Request for Facilities  
Maintenance

MSGSA Board Members

MCWD Budget

MSGSA Groundwater  
Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Link to Open ET  
(Satellite Evapotranspiration)

Irrigation Water Ordering

MSGSA Board  
Meeting Schedule

MCWD Long-term Groundwater  
Strategy

**MCWD Board of Directors**

Effective December 10, 2022

**Directors:**

Adam Azevedo

Phil Dores

Danny Drumonde

Rick Jones

Freddy Oliveira

**Board Secretary: Betty Guest**

District Engineer Eric Swenson addressed the board with ideas for direct contact information with board members being added to the website. The board stated the calls to remain going thru Merquin County Water District office.

**Irrigation Water Ordering:**

To order water please call Jimmy Rayo @ 209 495-0379 or Eric Vaz @ 209 495-0378.

Eric Swenson asked the board if there were any requested changes for the Water Ordering Personnel? The board requested to have verbiage put in to reflect acceptable hours of operation for water orders being placed, being Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

4. Discussion/Action: MSGSA activities update. *Land Repurposing Program* (LRP) and adopted *Recharge Credit Framework*. Final proposed lands to be in the 2023 LRP will be submitted to the MSGSA Board on December 8, 2022. Recharge Credit Framework for 2023 water year has been approved. MIUGSA has set up 6 Management Zones within its boundary for the use of "banked" groundwater.
5. Discussion/Action: Creation of Ad Hoc Groundwater Subcommittee consisting of 2 Board members and at least 2 members of the public.  
Discussion to continue to board meeting of December 13, 2022 when new board attendees will be present.

**MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

None

**OFFICE**

Crystal reported Xavier Farms account is cleared up.

Anthem Blue Cross Insurance renewal will be due soon.

John Baptista was included in the assessment book mistakenly, he was charged Merquin County Water tax, since he has paid the first portion of the tax Merquin County Water District will need to reimburse Mr. Baptista the amount of taxes paid.

Anti-Virus for the Computer has expired, a credit card is required in order to re-apply for it.

**Maintenance**

Working on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Hotel ditch, remove the fence off of Ray Roberts property in order level the ground to make easement drivable so when the spaying of weeds it is passable. After 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. will begin working on the McDonald lateral

Began pumping on the Storke pipeline on Second Ave.

Dusty will begin working on leaks, Dusty will begin with the Nelander, the Hotel, Koch and, then Lemus lateral. Discussion regarding land leveling on the Sprole (River Rock Dairy property damaging MCWD pipeline on the property.

**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 Phil Does, seconded by Adam Azevedo, to adjourn to closed session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**


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

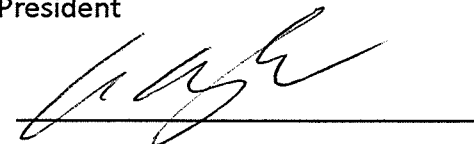
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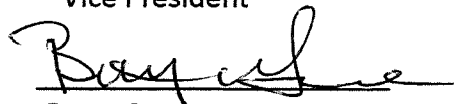
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

  
Freddy Oliveira  
President

  
Adam Azevedo  
Vice President

  
Betty Guest  
Secretary