

Merquin County Water District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merquin Count 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 Rosemary Ouse, and Director Phil Dores

Correction on paragraph 12 in of Meeting March 8, 2022, Matters for the Good of the district deleting verbiage of grandfather, it was actually Bobby Kelley Senior who made the contract with MCWD

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of March 23, 2022

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021, with the correction above.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Rosemary Ouse, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo approving the list of warrants \$.24,765.95.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION ACCEPTING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES
None**

MOTION APPROVING ENTITLEMENT LIST

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving the Entitlement List.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving Financial Report for the Month of March 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING ABANDONMENT OF OLD WELL AT WELL SITE 14 PER REQUEST
OF MR. TONY AZEVEDO**

Discussion: Director Adam Azevedo asked if the MCWD wanted to salvage anything off the old well such as the bowls, pump, and motor? Director Danny Drumonde stated it was his understanding once the new well was operational the old well had to be plugged. District Engineer Eric Swenson stated part of the permit states the old well will have to be destroyed within six months. Environmental Health will most likely send a letter saying you need to destroy the well Eric Swenson said.

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Rosemary Ouse approving MCWD to grant a quit claim deed to Tony Azevedo for the release of the property which was used for well site #14. The MCWD will review the process of well abandonment. Eric Swenson will take the responsibility for the process of expediting the quit claim deed.

Yeas: President Freddy Oliviera
Director Drumonde
Director Rosemary Ouse
Director Phil Does
Director Adam Azevedo abstained

Civil Engineer: Eric Swenson

1. Discussion: Current Merced ID water storage.
Lake McClure storage was 344,081 AF and climbing on April 8, 2022. If combined storage of Lake McClure, McSwain, and Yosemite Lake is above 289,000 AF then SWD gets a full allocation of surface water.
2. Discussion/Action: Water Wheeling Agreement with SWD.
It is my understanding that SWD will present a version of the Water Wheeling Agreement between SWD and MCWD at 4 PM on April 12, 2022. I plan to attend this meeting and reporting on what actions the SWD Board takes regarding this matter. Bobby Kelly stated he did not have a Water Wheeling Agreement for this meeting.
3. Discussion/Action: Proposed New MSGSA 218 Property Assessment.
The MSGSA 218 Ad Hoc Committee, that the MCWD District Engineer is a member of, has prepared four options for the next 218 assessment planned for the end of 2022. These options range in price from \$10.00 to \$23.00 per acre just for the land repurposing program. There are additional items planned for funding with the 218 including Flood MAR (managed aquifer recharge) permitting costs and hiring GSA staff in 2025. The higher cost options include collecting money between 2022 and 2025 but include expenditures in 2026 and 2027 for land repurposing (paying people not to farm). I believe it would be better for any land repurposing in 2026 and 2027, if there is any, to be better paid from extraction fees expected in 2026. Also, in 2026 there should be groundwater pumping allocations and land repurposing program would likely not be needed. Eric Requested to go forward with option 4 and the board stated it was ok. (See chart number 5 of District Engineers Handout.)
4. Discussion/Action: Minimum Allocation SWD deliveries to MCWD.
MCWD needs to take its minimum surface water delivery at all times. If there is a lack of users requesting water, then I recommend that the water be applied to lands for groundwater recharge.

MCWD's Engineer Recommendation on SWLs

- Target SWLs 20-30 feet below ground surface as 2030 and 2040 goals.
- Have a domestic well mitigation program for impacted wells. Well criteria might include:
 1. All wells would be less than 25 years old. Well pumps would have to 15 years old or newer.
 2. Water surface elevation drops in the area of 30 feet or more in domestic well casings.
 3. Mitigation program could include lowering of pump bowls and extending column pipe where feasible, replacement of pump and motor (possible electrical upgrade required) and deepening of pump setting, or in the most expensive cases a new well, well pump, and upgraded electrical service.

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Revised MSGSA Well Consistency Policy

1.3.3.1 The planned beneficial use for the Groundwater (e.g. crop type(s)), including average acreage by crop type during the prior five water years for wells owned by individuals;

A listing of typical crops grown within the agency boundary for wells owned by public water agencies.

1.4.1.1.4 Annual water pumped from the proposed replacement Well will not exceed the highest annual total applied water on the Historical Parcel(s) from the existing Well(s) (for a Public Water Agency this shall include all of the Public Water Agency Wells) based either upon: (a) over the prior five (5) years, or (b) during the most recent "Critical Year" as that term is defined for the San Joaquin Valley as indicated with a "C" in the table

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Backup Wells in Proposed GSA Well Consistency Policy

- The current public DRAFT of the MSGSA Well Consistency Policy would allow for MCWD to install Backup Wells.

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Recommended Appointments to MSGSA TAC:

- Mike Brasil
- Larry Mattis

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