

Merquin County Water District

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 27, 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, Director Phil Dores, Director Adam Azevedo.

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of July 12, 2022

Moved by Director Adam Azevedo, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving the minutes of July 12, 2022

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Adam Azevedo, approving the list of warrants \$25,954.95

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION ACCEPTING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

None

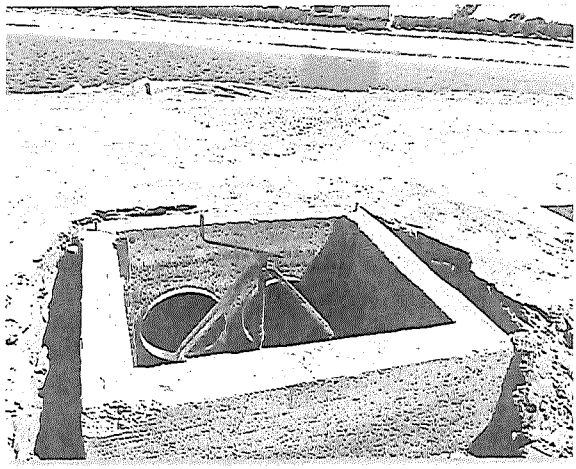
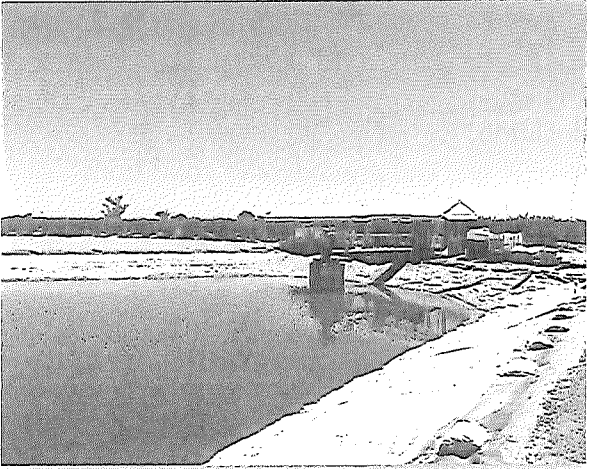
CORRESPONDANCE

None

Eric Swenson-District Engineer

1. Discussion/Action: New Delivery for George Xavier. Met with Mr. Xavier on July 22. He would like to pursue USDA Grant funding for a portion of his construction costs. Going through this process will likely take 1-2 years. He has selected Waterford Irrigation to assist with the design and cost estimating for this project. The District Engineer advised Mr. Xavier that he may have to install a lift pump to deliver water to his parcel. Water surface elevation and connection location to the MCWD system were provided. Discussion included need for him to obtain easement for pipeline routing not on his property.

As part of this work Mr. Xavier plans to re-level his field so that it irrigates West to East.



- Rich Deitchman of Somach, Simmons, and Dunn protested the Land Repurposing Program on the basis of “Benefit and Proportionality Concept” on behalf of James J. Stevinson Landowners. 6,600 acres of land is part of this block that is protesting. Requested that the 218 not apply at this time to the 6,600 acres.
- Bob Kelley also spoke stating that the Eastside Canal, based on a 2014 constant pumping head test, provided a positive groundwater benefit to the groundwater basin.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Lester Detmer attended inquiring about irrigation to his property he just purchased on Third Ave. Lester wants to see how his property will take the water. The Board stated it is standard operating procedures to authorized water for one irrigation. Place it on the agenda for meeting of Aug. 9,2022

OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Office

Jamie was not in attendance

Maintenance

Jimmy reported the canal water has been running low for the past week or two. Jimmy has been running several wells to meet irrigation demands.

Jimmy reported he has had a discussion with Joe from River Rock regarding the usage of their well for district use. Eric Swenson will put on the agenda for Aug. 9, 2022. A report was made that there is currently no Merced River water available in the Merquin/Stevinson area for irrigation.

Danny Machado spoke at some length regarding the need for MCWD to work closely with SWD when possible, regarding water supply issues. He also spoke about his opinion that the Stevinson area should oppose the adopted MSGSA 218 which assesses approximately \$28/AC/year. He believes this is the start of never-ending assessments and that the Stevinson area has significant surface water access that other parts of the MSGSA do not have. Upon questioning, it did not appear that Danny submitted a protest vote for his properties during the 218 process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Adam Azevedo to adjourn to closed session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

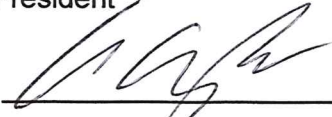
MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Adam Azevedo return to open session.

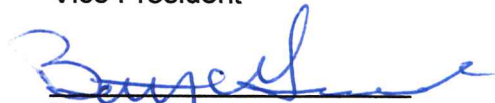
Motion Carried Unanimously



Freddy Oliveira
President



Adam Azevedo
Vice President



Betty Guest
Secretary