

Merquin County Water District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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 6:00 p.m.

Present were, President Adam Azevedo, Vice President Freddy Oliviera, Director Rick Jones, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Phil Dores

President called the meeting to order 6:05 p.m.

Correction on Assumptions Total AF Water Sold should have been 18,297 in previous meeting minutes of February 12, 2024.

Motion approving Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion approving list of warrants for February 28, 2024

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Phil Dores, approving list of warrants in the amount of \$3,243,535.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion approving checking account expenditures for February 28, 2024
None

Motion approving Financial Report for January 2024

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving Financial Report for January 2024.

Director Danny Drumonde asked if funds have been moved from the water assessment special account to general fund? Crystal stated Merced County has an updated system, they are working on getting funds transferred. Danny also asked when the last time funds had been transferred. President Adam Azevedo stated when the well 14R was in process is the last time funds were transferred.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Correspondence
None

Discussion/Action: Priority Well Use Agreement Pricing

Motion approving Priority Well Use Agreement Pricing to remain the same as 2023 of \$1,250/month.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores approving the Priority Well Use agreement pricing to remain at 2023 price of \$1,250/month.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Action: 2024 Water rates.

District Engineer Presentation:

2024 Water Rates: After much research and calculation, the District Engineer has estimated water cost recommendations for a year in which we have ample surface water such as 2023 and a more typical water year. In the ample surface water year an assumption has been made that MCWD would pump 1,100 AF of water during the normal water season and during a normal year that 5,400 AF would be pumped. Cost of 14,211 of water from SWD was assumed to be \$18/AF. Dave Nervino confirmed that current CCID price for 2024 water season was set at \$18/AF During wet year extra surface water from SWD was assumed at a cost of \$60/AF. Total water sales in a wet year are approximately 1,000 AF less than a normal year. Based upon these assumptions the following water rates resulted.

Wet and Normal Water Year Rate Comparison for 2024

Wet Year

Water Sold	17,393 AF
Cost 0-2 AF/AC	\$44.24 per AF
Cost 2+ AF/AC	\$56.14 per AF
Pumped Groundwater	1,100 AF

Normal Year

Water Sold	18,297 AF
Cost 0-2AF/AC	\$43.78 per AF
Cost 2+ AF/AC	\$66.40 per AF
Pumped Groundwater	5,400 AF

2024 water rates were not decided at this meeting.

Civil Engineer Eric Swenson:

1. Discussion/Action? Well 10R Status Update

- Well production estimate of approximately 1,500 gpm.
- Salinity estimates are between 500 and 1,000 ppm.
- The District Engineer recommends that the screened interval for the well be between 60 and 170 feet and that the total depth of the well be 190 feet.
- Based upon this construction a carbon steel well would cost approximately \$66,983 and one with stainless steel screens \$76,386.

Motion approving Well 10R Construction Using Stainless Steel Screens.

Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Rick Jones approving well 10R using stainless steel screens.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Discussion? MSGSA update:
 1. Next MSGSA Meeting: March 14, 2024
 2. New GSA Formation in Central California
 1. 16 New GSAs formed
 2. 6 Additional GSAs under formation
 3. Time to form new GSAs varied from 6 to 75 weeks.

Matters for the Good of the District
Nothing

Office

Demand letters have been sent out. Current QuickBooks is closing at the end of May, the District will be getting the new QuickBooks. Crystal is preparing to transfer files to the new QuickBooks.

Entitlements will be sent out.

Maintenance Report

Eric is using the backhoe on the green ditch, then McDonald and Gooseneck, removing berry vines.

PG&E called stating well site #17 on the Bull Hill, a fault in the pump panel control box is creating problems with the electrical service and PG&E is monitoring these faults. The pump panel box is old, rusted and in bad shape. The District Engineer stated the District could put a new oversize starter into the panel now. Recommendation was to put in a 50hp panel, dial it down now and later when you don't use the well move it to another well.

Motion to replace the Pump panel on Well site #17.

Moved by Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores to replace the pump panel on well site #17.

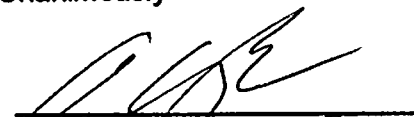
Motion Carried Unanimously

Burning tumble weeds, waiting for a burn day. Greasing motors on wells.

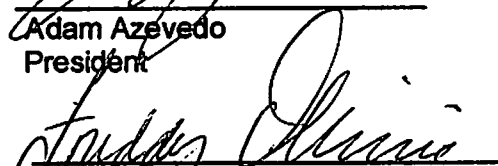
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Phil Dores to Adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously



Adam Azevedo
President



Freddy Oliviera
Vice President



Betty Guest
Secretary