

**Merquin County Water District**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday October 25, 2023**

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 Oliveria, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Rick Jones, Absent Director Phil Does.

**Addition to agenda 15A-Change Insurance for Employee Benefits.**

Call to order, open session at 6:05 p.m.

**MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of October 10, 2023**

Moved by Director Danny Drumonde, seconded by Director Freddy Oliveria approving minutes of October 10, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Merced County Retirement Association (CERA) presentation.**

Kristy Santos presented the Merced County Retirement Association benefit package.

No action taken during this meeting.

**MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS**

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the list of warrants \$12,888.22.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE**

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Freddy Oliveria approving check in account expenditures, Debit in the amount of \$3,000 reported for well #10 PG&E permit October 19, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Discussion/Motion: One Year Lease Option of 40HP Well from Frank Amaral**

**Tabled**

**Motion approving September 2023 Financial Report**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliveria, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the September 2023 Financial Report.

Merced County Water District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Directors

Wednesday October 23, 2023

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merced County Water District called to order in regular session at 1000 Second Ave., Stanislaus, California 8:00 p.m.

Present were President Ryan Avedo, Vice President Freddy Oliviera, Director Danny Duran, Director Rick Jones, Assistant Director Phil Jones

Agenda Item 1: SA-Coverage Insurance for Employee Benefits.

Call to order, open session at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of October 10, 2023**

Moved by Director Danny Duran, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving minutes of October 10, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Merced County Retirement Association (CERA) presentation**

Mr. James presented the Merced County Retirement Association benefit package

No action taken during this meeting

**MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS**

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Danny Duran approving the list of warrants \$12,888.25.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE**

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving check in account expenses. Debit in the amount of \$3,000 reported for well W10 10223 permit October 19, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion Item: One Year Lease Option on Well from Frank Amador

Tabled

**Motion approving September 2023 Financial Report**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Duran approving the September 2023 Financial Report.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion approving Crystal Rodriguez to deposit personal funds into the Nationwide Retirement fund.**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Rick Jones approving Crystal Rodriguez deposit of personal funds into Nationwide Retirement fund.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Discussion/Motion: MCWD Board members to become Merced County Employees or MCWD Board members to serve on the board on a voluntary basis with no pay.**

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to reject the option of becoming Merced County Employees and continue to serve as MCWD Board member on a voluntary basis with no pay.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Discussion/Motion: Upcoming Holiday Scheduling of MCWD Regular Board Meetings.**

**Hold MCWD board meeting on November 14, 2023  
Cancel MCWD board meeting of November 22, 2023**

**Hold MCWD board meeting on December 12, 2023  
MCWD board meeting of December 27, 2023**

Motion approving the cancellation of MCWD regular Board meetings November 22, 2023 and December 27, 2023.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving the cancellation of MCWD regular board meetings November 22, 2023 and December 27, 2023.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Discussion/Action: Adoption of Resolution authorizing the District Engineer to take necessary actions to explore the costs and feasibility of the MCWD withdrawing from the MSGSA and forming a new GSA jointly with SWD.**

Motion approving Resolution 2023-7 to allow the District Engineer to take actions necessary to explore the cost and feasibility of the MCWD withdrawing from the MSGSA and forming a new GSA jointly with SWD.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving Resolution 2023-7.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Correspondence**

None

**Civil Engineer Eric Swenson:**

1. Discussion/Action: Well 10R Status Update  
Merced County shows a 2 inch well within the 30 foot perimeter required to drill a new well. MCWD board authorized District Engineer to continue working with Mark Green to establish a new well easement, meeting Merced County requirements.
2. Discussion/Action: Update on 218 for increased water rate starting in 2024 water season.  
MCWD board authorized District Engineer to continue with the initiation of the 218 increase water rate for 2024 water season.

### **MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

Director Rick Jones requested MCWD board to consider changing the regular meeting times to an earlier hour in the day. The board responded in the past it was earlier during the day, they will take it into consideration at the next meeting.

### **OFFICE**

**Motion approving change of Insurance from Leaf Carpenter Kemps to One Digital.**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliveria, seconded by Director Rick Jones approving the change in Insurance carriers.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Motion approving the removal of Colonial Pen Insurance.**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliveria, seconded by Director Rick Jones approving the removal of Colonial Pen Insurance carrier.

Motion Carried Unanimously

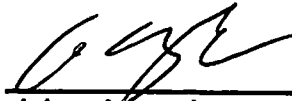
### **Maintenance**

Jimmy reported repairs on the Nelander lateral are completed. Sprole Pipeline repairs will start soon. Vent pipes need to be installed on the Sprole.  
Sprayed berry bushes, and cut trees on the Hotel Lateral and the Koch

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde to Adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously



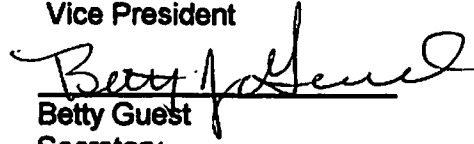
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Adam Azevedo  
President



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Freddy Oliveira  
Vice President



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