

Merquin County Water District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 27, 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 Oliviera, Director Danny Drumonde, Director Rick Jones, Director Phil Does.

MOTION APPROVING MINUTES of September 12, 2023

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Danny Drumonde approving minutes of September 12, 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF OUT OF SEASON WATER FROM SWD,

The is an amount of water in MCWD that is contracted with SWD for Out of Season water. Extra water can be purchased above the contracted amount.

Surplus water price will be \$50/af.

SWD will report surplus water usage at the end of each month.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera to purchase surplus water outside the contractual amount.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION APPROVING LIST OF WARRANTS

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Freddy Oliviera approving the list of warrants \$11,392.36.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION ACCEPTING RESOLUTION 2023-6 DETACHING 423.1 ACRES FROM MCWD.

Moved by Director Rick Jones, Seconded by Director Phil Does accepting Resolution 2023-6 Detaching 423.1 Acres from MCWD. Still awaiting Exhibit "B" of Resolution from QK. Board President, Adam Azevedo, will sign resolution when Exhibit "B" is completed.

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION ACCEPTING RESOLUTION 2023-7 Annexing 12.3 acres into MCWD.

Directors Freddy Oliviera and Danny Drumonde will continue to discuss possible annexation with landowners.

Tabled.

MOTION APPROVING CHECKING ACCOUNT/DEBIT CARD EXPENDITURES

NONE

MOTION APPROVING FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Rick Jones approving Financial Report for August 2023.

Motion Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

SGMA supplied applications for Volunteers for their Stakeholder Committee.

David Farnsworth CPA will come on Oct. 5, 2023 in preparation for the audit.

Civil Engineer Eric Swenson:

1. **Discussion/Action:** Capital Construction Projects for Winter of 2023-2024.
The Board requested the District Engineer to get multiple bids for the Eastside Canal Crossing. The District Engineer explained that a Revocable License Agreement with SWD will also be required for the installation of the crossing.
2. **Discussion Action:** Well 7R Status Update.
The board elected to move forward with the pump, the District Engineer will provide the notice to proceed with the pump and piping to Shannon Pump Company. Board members expressed interest in getting more quotes on the installation of the electrical for Well 7R. District Engineer will provide PG&E "Build Drawing" to the Board for them to obtain quotations.
3. **Discussion/Action:** Well 10R Status Update. District Engineer anticipating permit for well at any time. Board directed District Engineer to get well quotations from Quality Well Drillers and Cal water Drilling Company Inc.
4. **Discussion:** Update on MSGSA activities.
 - a. Adoption of new Sustainability Zone Boundaries. New boundaries adopted. Updates of boundaries every 5 years possible.
 - b. Use of supplemental groundwater data in groundwater allocation analysis. Decision deferred to October MSGSA Board meeting.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Classic Yams personnel requested water for the property they are in talks with a landowner and wanted to know if they could get surface water on that property. Discussions took place, the board stated they will review the location and probability of access to water to this area.

Dan Machado presented the topic of the lift pump behind the Fires Station. Danny asked who has been maintaining that for the past 40 years. The Board replied that MCWD has been taking care of it. Merced County Road Department is interested in resurfacing Third Ave. The issue is the ability to transfer storm water drainage to MCWD facilities and out of the town of Stevinson.

Frank Amaral stated the way it was supposed to work was, MCWD was to clean the drain ditch and MCWD would charge the property owners of the township accordingly for reimbursement.

OFFICE

Received a rebate check from Anthem Blue Cross in the amount of \$427.00 the check was deposited into the Savings account.

Merced County Retirement Association (CERA) will attend the meeting of Oct. 25, 2023 Merced County Financial Department will not force MCWD into getting a credit card with Merced County. They requested that MCWD send a report to Merced County reporting all purchases on our card.

Crystal will send a Certified Demand letter next week to customers with accounts that are 90 days or more old.

Maintenance

The crossing at Fourth Ave is complete.

Cut trees on the Gooseneck.

The backhoe needs new tires.

Running water, customers want water before October 1, 2023

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO Public Employment California Government Code Section 54957

Moved by Director Freddy Oliviera, seconded by Director Rick Jones to move to Closed Session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion to Return to Open Session

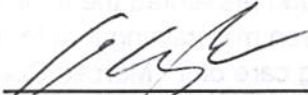
Moved by Director Phil Dores, seconded by Director Rick Jones to return to open session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

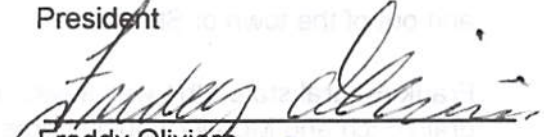
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Rick Jones, seconded by Director Phil Dores to Adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously



**Adam Azevedo
President**



**Freddy Oliveira
Vice President**



**Betty Guest
Secretary**