



Local Groundwater Sustainability

Hicham Eltal – Chair
Stephanie Dietz – Vice Chair

APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:02 A.M., Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

MIUGSA REPRESENTATIVES:

Name	Organization
Hicham Eltal (Chair)	Merced Irrigation District
Stephanie Dietz (Vice Chair)	City of Merced (Excused Absence)
Ken Elwin	City of Merced
Jose Antonio Ramirez (called-in via phone)	City of Livingston
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
Brenda Wey	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CSD)
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CSD)
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District (CSD)
Bob Giampaoli	Le Grand Community Services District (CSD)
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (CSD)

ATTENDEES:

Annamarie Felsing	Merced Irrigation District, Water Resources Coordinator (MIUGSA Coordinator)
Marco Bell	Merced Irrigation District, Water Resources Engineer
Mike Jensen	Merced Irrigation District, Public Relations Manager

ROLL CALL

The above listed representatives were present.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018

On a motion by Ken Elwin (City of Merced), seconded by Cynthia Benavidez (CSD), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REPORTS

1. Chairman Eltal gave an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and GSP Grant.

Chairman Eltal gave an update of the last GSP meeting and went through the slides that were created and presented by Woodard and Curran. Chairman Eltal specifically discussed stakeholder progress, the Basin conditions, sustainability indicators, undesirable results, and minimum thresholds. A copy of the presentation can be found at mercedgroundwater.org, under the meetings tab.

MID's Mike Jensen stated that he prepared a press release to announce the \$2.4 million State of California grant for local groundwater sustainability that our Eastern Merced groundwater basin will be receiving. He said that the press release would go out immediately.

2. Status of Interbasin Coordination with Turlock and Chowchilla Groundwater Basins.

Chairman Eltal gave an update of the last conference call coordination meeting. MIUGSA made a last amendment for the agreement to terminate 6 month after acceptance of both GSPs by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

He also discussed an agreement to modify the boundary with Chowchilla Groundwater Basin along the border of the Merced Subbasin GSP and Chowchilla Basin along the County lines.

3. Status of the DWR Technical Support Grant Application.

Chairman Eltal discussed an upcoming GSP Grant that provides direct support from DWR staff. DWR has a contract with a well driller that would be used for the project. MIUGSA is coordinating on behalf of the basin with Central California Irrigation District in the Delta Basin to install monitoring wells in the subsidence areas.

4. Discuss booth at Merced County Fair: June 6-10

MID's Annmarie Felsing gave an update on the status of the MIUGSA booth set-up at the 2018 Merced Fair. She explained that the MIUGSA booth would be located in the Ag building and that we would have handouts and a giveaway. She asked for each member to sign-up to work a booth shift and a sign-up sheet would be sent out via email.

ACTIONS

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURN

Cynthia Benavidez (CSD) moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Vinson (City of Atwater) seconded the motion. MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 10:07AM.