



APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 10:07 A.M., Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. Introductions were done by all in attendance.

REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Organization
✓ <u>Hicham Eltal</u>	<u>Merced Irrigation District</u>
✓ <u>Stephanie Dietz (Phone)</u>	<u>City of Merced</u>
✓ <u>Ken Elwin (Phone)</u>	<u>City of Merced</u>
✓ <u>Johnnie Baptista</u>	<u>City of Merced</u>
✓ <u>Jose Antonio Ramirez (Phone)</u>	<u>City of Livingston</u>
✓ <u>Brenda Wey</u>	<u>Winton Water District</u>
✓ <u>Carlos Valencia</u>	<u>Winton Water District</u>
✓ <u>Bob Giampaoli</u>	<u>Le Grand Community Services District</u>
✓ <u>Justin Vinson</u>	<u>City of Atwater</u>
✓ <u>Daniel Chavez</u>	<u>Planada Community Services District</u>
✓ <u>Annamarie Felsing</u>	<u>Merced Irrigation District, MIUGSA Coordinator</u>

ROLL CALL

The above checked board members were present.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

REPORTS

Hicham Eltal gave an update of the status of MIUGSA. Mr. Eltal explained that we submitted our GSA Notice including all agencies' documentation on May 31, 2017 via the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) SGMA Portal located at <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsa/all>.

Mr. Eltal discussed and distributed to all present a DRAFT copy of the Guidance Document for Stakeholder Communication and Engagement provided by DWR. Mr. Eltal expressed that the link to this document is also available on the DWR website.

Mr. Eltal communicated that a Request for Proposal for required Groundwater Sustainability Plan under SGMA was created and posted to the public on July 25, 2017 by MID on behalf of Merced Irrigation Urban GSA, the Merced Subbasin GSA, and Turner Island Water District -1 GSA.

Additionally Mr. Eltal stated that we are soliciting proposals from qualified consultants for program management and technical services for work associated with development of a GSP as required by SGMA. The goal being that we intend to develop and implement a single groundwater sustainability plan covering the entire Merced Groundwater Basin Number 5-022.04 as required by [Water Code §10727 et seq.](#)

Lastly Mr. Eltal stated that the consultant selected will also be tasked with completing an application for a \$1.5 Million grant under Proposition 1 for the development of the GSP and any facilitation funding. Mr. Eltal said he believes the award of the planning grant is critical for funding of the GSP development and that we have a very good chance of receiving this grant.

ACTIONS

1. Select Chairman and Vice Chair in order to conduct the “Rosenberg's Rules of Order” per Item of 5.1 of the MOU.

Hicham Eltal (MID) was nominated as Chairman by Johnny Baptista (City of Merced) and the motion was seconded by Daniel Chavez (Planada Community Services District).

Motion approved unanimously.

Stephanie Dietz (City of Merced) was nominated as Vice Chair by Daniel Chavez (Planada Community Services District) and the motion was seconded by Hicham Eltal (MID).

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Assign Coordination Committee members to coordinate with other GSAs within the Merced Basin in regards to the Merced

Chairman Eltal explained that up to this point the acting coordination committee was represented by Planada Community Services District, City of Atwater, City of Merced, and MID.

It was unanimously agreed that the coordination committee would remain the same and that if any other agency would like to attend they are welcome to do so.

3. Authorize Merced Irrigation District to start the process to pursue a \$1.5 M DWR for the benefit of the Merced Groundwater Subbasin.

Johnnie Baptista (City of Merced) motioned to authorize MID to start the process to pursue a \$1.5 M DWR for the benefit of the Merced Groundwater Subbasin on behalf of MIUGSA and Bob Giampaoli moved to second the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

4. Request setting the second Wednesday of every month between 10AM and 12PM as a regular MIU GSA meeting.

Vice Chair Dietz (City of Merced) proposed the MIUGSA regular/standing meeting be the second Wednesday of every month between 9am-11am.

Daniel Chavez (Planada Community Services District) motioned to approve the standing meeting date and time and the motion was seconded by Hicham Eltal (MID).

Motion approved unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None

ADJOURN

Daniel Chavez (Planada Community Services District) moved to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Wey (Winton Water District) seconded the motion. MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.