



**APPROVED** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**June 16, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) met on the above date pursuant to notice at 9:00 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

At 9:00 A.M., Chair Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Hicham Eltal	Merced Irrigation District (Chair)
Stephanie Dietz	City of Merced (Vice Chair)
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (WWSD) (participated by teleconference)
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District (PCSD)
Phillip McMurray	General Counsel
Jennifer McMaster	Board Coordinator

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives absent:

Vacant	City of Livingston
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (LGCSD)

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

General Counsel Phillip McMurray noted that since Board members are participating in the meeting by teleconference, any action taken at today's meeting would need to be done by roll call vote.

Chair Eltal noted the Board would be taking the agenda somewhat out of order in the interest of meeting efficiency and to accommodate Board member schedules.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chair Dietz noted some concerns with water data provided by the Black Rascal Water Company that will likely require further discussion at some point in the future.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Matthew Beaman discussed and provided the Board with a presentation and overview of the proposed budget and fees for FY 2023. Mr. Beaman discussed anticipated revenue and expenses in comparison with that of the previous fiscal year. Significant changes to the budget include an increase in costs associated with staffing and professional services. He discussed funding and reimbursement by MIUGSA member agencies and an overall proposed budget of approximately \$1,461,909 for FY 2023.

Mr. Beaman provided further discussion and provided information regarding the FY 2022 regulatory fee. He provided an overview of the fee study and projections through 2025. He noted there needs to be an increase to the regulatory fee for FY 2023 based off CPI alone, with no additional increases recommended at this time. Chair Eltal noted annual fee increases based on CPI were built into the fees when initially adopted by the Board.

The Board discussed both items with staff, asking several questions and staff responding with additional detail. Most discussion related generally to fee increases and planned tasks for FY 2023.

Upon further discussion among staff and the Board, Mr. Beaman made a recommendation the Board take action to adopt Resolution 2022-03 and adopt the agency's budget for FY 2023, as well as take action to adopt Resolution 2022-04 and adopt regulatory fees for FY 2023, each as presented.

On motion by Director Vinson, seconded by Director Dietz; the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2022-03 and Resolution 2022-04, each as recommended and presented. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Elwin, Vinson, Chavez, Valencia
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Benavidez

## **REPORTS**

Mr. Eltal provided the Board with an update regarding the status of revisions to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin. He discussed a letter to the Merced Subbasin GSA (MSGSA) in regard to using 2015 groundwater levels to set the minimum threshold for groundwater pumping within the Merced subbasin. He noted MIUGSA requested that DWR allow an additional 60 days to work out concerns between the GSAs, although DWR indicated an extension of time to provide a revised GSP would not be possible.

Chair Eltal noted MSGSA responded to MIUGSA indicating their agreement to use 2015 groundwater levels as requested by MIUGSA. Chair Eltal summarized the letter, and noted MSGSA went on to discuss projects described in the GSP. Chair Eltal asked for input from the Board, before

making a recommendation to share potential mitigation costs, proportioned by cumulative volume of overdraft since January 1, 2015. He said the issue remains regarding responsibility, however staff should be able to have a plan by July for the Board to consider and provide direction.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM