



**APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:04 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
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 Felsinger	Merced Irrigation District, Water Resources Coordinator (MIUGSA Coordinator)
Mike Jensen	Merced Irrigation District, Public and Government Relations Manager

ROLL CALL

The above listed representatives were present.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Daniel Chavez (CSD) motioned to add IRWM Grant discussion to the agenda under REPORTS, seconded by Ken Elwin (City of Merced). The vote carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

On motion by Brenda Wey (CSD), seconded by Justin Vinson (City of Atwater), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REPORTS

1. Chairman Eltal gave an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) grants Category 1 and 2.

Chairman Eltal gave an update on the status of the State of California -- Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 SGMA Grants totaling \$2.4 MM. Merced Groundwater Basin was approved for the funding but have not received the agreement from DWR yet. We expect to execute the agreement within the next few months.

Chairman Eltal explained that GSAs will begin spending money before the grant funding is received and will be invoicing each MIUGSA agency according to the approved cost share in the MOU.

2. Report on GSP Coordination Committee Meeting.

Chairman Eltal also reported that the Merced Subbasin GSP Coordinating Committee which includes and was attended by MIUGSA assigned members: Daniel Chavez, Justin Vinson and Ken Elwin.

Chairman Eltal displayed and gave an overview of the GSP Roadmap/Timeline and went through the PPT slides that was presented at the last GSP Coordination Committee Meeting.

3. Discuss upcoming GSP Grant to be managed and executed by DWR Staff.

Chairman Eltal discussed an upcoming GSP Grant that would be specifically for well monitoring. DWR has a contract with a well driller that would be used for the project.

4. Discuss IRWM Grant and request for data

Chairman Eltal reported that there is \$148,000 to use to tie the public wells into single vertical data. Chairman Eltal requested that all agencies work with Marco Bell (MID) and provide him with your public well data.

ACTIONS

1. Approve and Accept the Stakeholder list as approved by the GSP Coordinating Committee at its March 26, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Eltal reviewed the s list of SGMA stakeholders that was put together by the Merced Basin GSAs. Ken Elwin (City of Merced) motioned to approve the Stakeholder list as is and Carlos Valencia (CSD) seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

2. Consider making a change to the Stakeholder list as requested by Merced Subbasin GSA at its last meeting.

After much discussion to consider adding Eric Swenson to the Coordinating Committee list, Ken Elwin (City of Merced) motioned to keep the original list as approved by the Coordinating

Committee. Daniel Chavez (CSD) seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The general sentiment was that the existing stakeholder list was adequate, making a change will delay the process as it requires other approvals from other GSAs, and finally Mr. Swenson can attend all the meeting stakeholders attend as they are public meetings.

3. Consider Authorizing the Coordinating committee to make changes to the GSP Stakeholder group as necessary.

Following an in depth discussion, Justin Vinson (City of Atwater) motioned to authorize the Coordinating Committee to make changes to the GSP Stakeholder Group as necessary. Carlos Valencia (CSD) seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURN

Carlos Valencia (CSD) moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Vinson (City of Atwater) seconded the motion. MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 10:03AM.