



*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:**

| <b>Name</b>                                | <b>Organization</b>                         |
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| Hicham Eltal (Chair)                       | Merced Irrigation District                  |
| <del>Stephanie Dietz (Vice Chair)</del>    | <del>City of Merced (Excused Absence)</del> |
| 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:**

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| 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](http://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.