



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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:05 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
Jonnie Baptista	City of Merced
Jose Antonio Ramirez (called in to listen 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)
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (CSD)
Bob Giampaoli	Le Grand Community Services District (CSD)

ATTENDEES:

Jennifer McMaster	Merced Irrigation District,
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

With a motion approved unanimously, the agenda was updated to reflect the resolution number of Action Item No. 1, Resolution No. 2018-1.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

On motion by Carlos Valencia (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) Progress.

Chairman Eltal reported that the Merced Subbasin GSP Coordinating Committee (CC) Meeting held on June 25, 2018 was attended by Daniel Chavez (CSD) and Justin Vinson (City of Atwater).

Chairman Eltal presented and discussed the June 25, 2018 Coordinating Committee Meeting agenda and PowerPoint presentation. In particular, Mr. Eltal discussed the CC approach to establish thresholds for groundwater levels under SGMA. Also, the approach undertaken to establish if storage in the basin is a needed SGMA indicator.

Moreover, Chairman Eltal discussed the CC progress on establishing current condition baseline, the future water budget and sustainable yield.

Chairman Eltal indicates that the GSP is utilizing various available document to forecast future crop and land use in the Merced Groundwater Basin. He also offered the MID Water Resources Management Plan as such assumptions were made in preparing the plan for a 30 year horizon.

2. Report on GSP Meetings for Stakeholders, UC Merced presentation on tools of communication for water resources management, and Coordination Committee Meetings on July 23, 2018

Chairman Eltal reported that the Stakeholder meeting held on June 25, 2018 was attended by himself and Daniel Chavez (CSD).

Chairman Eltal encouraged attendance at the UC Merced, July 23, 2018 presentation meeting to be held at the Castle Airbase on as part of a joint CC and stakeholder meeting during the lunch period.

3. Discuss Progress of various GSP Grants.

Chairman Eltal discussed the 3 grants Merced Basin is undertaking under SGMA, including the Technical Support Services (TSS) grant offered by DWR. Grants to pay for the GSP, well monitoring and basins, and technical assistance.

4. Discuss funding of GSA financing and related public outreach.

Chairman Eltal discussed MID working to hire someone to assist with the GSP implementation. The hired personnel is intended to partially work on meeting SGMA

requirements for the MIUGSA. Estimated date of hire would likely be January of 2019.

Jonnie Baptista (City of Merced) discussed potential resources for public outreach and the possibility of enlisting builders and developers to assist with communication efforts.

Mike Jensen (MID) Discussed an upcoming workshop on August 2, 2018 at 6 PM at the Sam's Pipe Room in the City of Merced Civic Center, to include an explanation of SGMA and discussed potential press releases, emails, flyers and newspaper articles.

Mike Jensen (MID) is working on a communication plan for the GSA and discussed building on the MIGUSA webpage, specifically the FAQ section of the website.

Mike Jensen (MID) discussed inviting the State Water Board for discussion of the GSA.

Chairman Eltal discussed DWR and Self Help Enterprises potentially assisting with communication efforts.

ACTIONS

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-1 authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute the final draft of the agreement for basin coordination between the Merced and Chowchilla Subbasins.**

Chairman Eltal gave an overview of the Agreement and Resolution. Jonnie Baptista (City of Merced) made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-1 authorizing Chairman Eltal to execute the Interbasin Agreement between the Merced and Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasins. Daniel Chavez (CSD) seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURN

Brenda Wey (CSD) moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Vinson (City of Atwater) seconded the motion. MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 10:29AM.