



APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:03 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
Alex McCabe	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:

Annamarie Felsinger	Merced Irrigation District, MIUGSA Coordinator
Mike Jensen	Merced Irrigation District, Public and Government Relations Manager

ROLL CALL

The above listed representatives were present. Strikethroughs represent an ABSENT.

WRITTEN PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018

On motion by Cynthia Benavidez (CSD), seconded by Ken Elwin (City of Merced), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REPORTS

Report on August 2, 2018 Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Workshop.

Chairman Eltal said that the workshop was well received by those in attendance. Chairman Eltal displayed the SGMA workshop meeting presentation to the Board and discussed in detail SGMA's requirements, timeline, plan and Merced Subbasin Groundwater conditions. The presentation is available on www.MercedGroundwater.org.

Chairman Eltal gave an update on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Progress.

Chairman Eltal reported that the Merced Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Coordinating Committee (CC) Meeting held on August 2, 2018 was well attended by the public. Chairman Eltal discussed subsidence, other groundwater concerns and methodologies used for setting groundwater thresholds for the various sustainability indicator for the GSP. Chairman Eltal also explained the genesis of the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program, currently accepted groundwater monitoring wells by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the gaps that need to be filled in. Also he explained the nexus between the CASGEM program and SGMA.

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

Chairman Eltal discussed and gave an overview of some of the key points that UC Merced presented at the CC and stakeholder meeting in July.

Discuss funding of GSA financing and related public outreach.

Chairman Eltal asked the Board to think about the funding and how they would like to be charged for the cost. Chairman Eltal said that he is wanting to have a plan for MID to charge its customers for costs by October/November 2018 timeframe. Chairman Eltal also said that MID will likely hire someone to assist with the GSP implementation around January 2019.

ACTIONS

Ratify endorsement for a letter of support for Senate Action for language sponsored by MID to enhance storage in Lake McClure in the Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

Chairman Eltal explained and presented the letter to the Governing Board. Alex McCabe (City of Livingston) motioned to endorse the letter as written and Ken Elwin (City of Merced) Seconded

the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

Ratify endorsement for a comment letter regarding filed by MIUGSA along other local GSAs regarding the proposed final amendment of the State Water Resources Control Board Bay Delta Plan.

Chairman Eltal explained and presented the letter to the Governing Board. Ken Elwin (City of Merced) motioned to endorse the letter as written and Alex McCabe (City of Livingston) Seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURN

Ken Elwin (City of Merced) moved to adjourn the meeting. Alex McCabe (City of Livingston) seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously to adjourn, MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.