



**APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

At 9:02 A.M., 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 (Chair)	Merced Irrigation District
Ken Elwin	City of Merced
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
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)

The following MIUGSA Representatives had an excused absence:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Stephanie Dietz (Vice Chair)	City of Merced
Jonnie Baptista	City of Merced
Jose Antonio Ramirez	City of Livingston
Brenda Wey	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CSD)

The following Attendees were present:

Jennifer McMaster	Merced Irrigation District, MIUGSA Coordinator
Mike Jensen	Merced Irrigation District, Public and Government Relations Manager
Cheryl Miller	Water Resources Coordinator

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 1. Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

On motion by Ken Elwin (City of Merced), seconded by Justin Vinson (City of Atwater), the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

## **REPORTS**

Chairman Eltal reported that the GSAs are still on target for the timeline on the GSP. Ken Elwin and Justin Vinson, and Dan Chaves continue to attend these meetings.

Chairman Eltal reported on the status of Sustainability Indicators for the GSP and explained the requirements under SGMA for setting a minimum threshold for groundwater management.

Chairman Eltal discussed the four (4) Sustainability Indicators identified for the basin:

- 1) Groundwater levels
- 2) Water quality
- 3) Subsidence
- 4) Impact on surface water streams

Chairman Eltal reports that seawater intrusion and groundwater storage are indicators that are not applicable to the basin at this time. Chairman Eltal said MID will be working with San Luis Delta Mendota Basin and Chowchilla Basin regarding the sustainability indicator for subsidence.

Chairman Eltal discussed the impact on surface streams by pumping from groundwater wells along the Merced River and the resulting water loss and impacts on fisheries. Chairman Eltal says this is complicated and requires special monitoring.

Chairman Eltal reported with regard to Sustainability Yield. Chairman Eltal identified an estimated amount of water that could potentially be pumped without lowering the basin, an amount that excludes imported water. Chairman Eltal continued to discuss potential future challenges for groundwater pumping, the role of a potential robust groundwater market and a potential future need for organization and regulation of the same by all GSAs.

Chairman Eltal discussed that, as part of preparing the regulated Groundwater Sustainability Plan SGMA water rights, the relationship between SGMA and common law for groundwater needs to be understood. He reported that Legal Counsel has been invited to the next GSP meetings and recommended that all members attend both the GSP Stakeholders meeting and the Coordination Committee meeting, to be held on October 22, 2018.

Chairman Eltal discussed groundwater shortages, and the need to identify methods and projects for increasing supply opportunities as working on reducing demand to meet such shortages. Chairman Eltal reports that MIUGSA forwarded project types and projects that would be included in the GSP that can be undertaken in collaboration with other GSA's to assist with groundwater replenishment. Some of the projects in discussion include:

- 1) Recharge basins outside of the Corcoran
- 2) Recharge above the Corcoran

- 3) Deliver water outside of the MID, when available
- 4) Aquifer storage and recovery wells (ASR)
- 5) Flood Management Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR)
- 6) Intercepting storm water
- 7) Dry wells
- 8) Others to be identified

Chairman Eltal reports a list of projects is to follow and invited the group to add their own projects to the template on the website. Chairman Eltal asked the Board to think about anything they may like to add, and requested the Board to bring back ideas to the next meeting.

Chairman Eltal discussed a memo to all agencies' political bodies regarding the GSP progress. Chairman Eltal reports that the memo will be presented at a later date.

Chairman Eltal discussed two planned workshops for the Planada/LeGrand and Winton/Livingston areas to be held within the first half of December. Further information to be provided to all MIUGSA Board members once available. He requested all agencies to assist in conducting/coordinating outreach.

Chairman Eltal gave a PowerPoint presentation on Merced GSP funding and cost sharing between the GSA's. Staff will upload the presentation as soon as reasonably possible to the MIUGSA website at [www.MIUGSA.org](http://www.MIUGSA.org). Invoices for Phase I of the GSP grant will be sent soon. Invoices for Phase II, will be released upon completion of grant agreement with DWR.

### **ACTIONS**

None.

### **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 9:43AM.