



Hicham Eltal – Chair
Stephanie Dietz – Vice Chair

**Merced Irrigation-Urban
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
(MIUGSA)**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA
June 14, 2023
9:00 AM

Merced Irrigation District
Franklin Yard Facility
3321 North Franklin Road
Merced, CA 95348

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. CONSIDER CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Board will consider corrections or additions to the agenda of items requiring immediate action that have come to the attention of the Board after posting of the agenda.

- D. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within MIUGSA's jurisdiction. Matters presented under this heading may be discussed but no action will be taken by the Board at this meeting.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be adopted by one action of the Board unless any Board Member has any questions or wishes to make a statement or discuss an item. In that event, the Chair of the Board will remove that item from the Consent Calendar and place it for separate consideration.

1. Minutes – April 12, 2023 and May 16, 2023
2. Cash Transaction Report – April 2023

F. REPORTS

1. The Board will receive an update regarding potential changes to local policies impacting groundwater management

G. ACTIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The Board will discuss development of draft rules, regulations, and policies for implementation of the Merced Groundwater Sustainability Plan

2. **Resolution 2023-03**

The Board will review and consider adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

3. **Resolution 2023-04**

The Board will review and consider adopting regulatory fees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and authorizing other actions relating thereto.

H. CLOSED SESSION

None.

I. ADJOURN

Any material that are public records that relate to an agenda item and that are distributed to representative parties of MIUGSA less than 72 hours prior to the meeting shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Merced Irrigation District, 744 West 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340 during normal business hours. In addition, any materials presented during open session are available for public inspection at the same address.

acreage lies within MIUGSA. But she said approximately 15 acres of the same property lies within the boundaries of MSGSA. She noted the 15 acres are irrigated by an agricultural well within MIUGSA and has an MID lateral running through it, yet it is not within MIUGSA's boundaries. Ms. Moore said this issue has resulted in being charged fees by both GSAs, and that somehow she actually pays more to MSGSA. She is also required to pay standby fees to MID.

Ms. Moore noted she would prefer to be located within and pay just one GSA, MIUGSA. She indicated that she has communicated with both GSAs and requested correction to boundary lines. She said both GSAs seem amicable to a solution, however she understands that an update to boundaries could take a long time. She is requesting a remedial solution to avoid being unduly taxed. She stated she will present a similar case to the MSGSA Board at their meeting to be held tomorrow.

Mr. Eltal thanked Ms. Moore for her comment and noted he will work together with MSGSA to develop a potential solution.

Mr. Anthony Roggero provided comments regarding the groundwater pumping allocation set by MIUGSA last year. He said due to Lake McClure water storage levels at the time and now the recent rain fall, he is shocked to hear of an allocation limiting the amount of groundwater that may be pumped. He noted his understanding of the allocation over the next three years and requested an adjustment. He discussed previous Board meetings and what he and his neighbors are likely to do regarding groundwater pumping into the future. He then moved on to discuss a shale formation on his property.

Mr. Eltal thanked Mr. Roggero for his comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes – September 14, 2022 and February 8, 2023
2. Cash Transaction Report – January 2023 and February 2023

On a motion by Director Elwin, seconded by Director Vinson; the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar, as presented. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Elwin, Vinson, Avina, Valencia, Chavez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Benavidez

REPORTS

Mr. Beaman presented a summary of the Water Year 2022 GSP Annual Report. He noted the report discusses basin conditions and implementation status. He briefly discussed DWR's recommendation for approval of the GSP and noted regardless of the status of the GSP, MIUGSA is expected to provide annual reports.

Mr. Beaman provided an overview of sustainable management criteria status. He noted in regard to groundwater levels that approximately 16 wells fell below the Minimum Threshold (MT). In addition, 20/20 wells fell below the Measurable Objective. However, 19/20 are above the 2025

interim milestone. He discussed coordination with other programs regarding TDS measurements and noted no wells exceeded MT.

Mr. Beaman presented the Board with a graph depicting the changes in groundwater storage since 2011. He noted that 2022 data reflects a 3rd year groundwater storage decrease. He discussed areas of uncertainty, due to no monitoring wells in areas above the Corcoran clay. He said below the Corcoran clay the western areas received the largest decrease in groundwater levels, not typically seen in that area in prior years. He also discussed changes in groundwater levels above the Corcoran clay.

Mr. Beaman discussed subsidence issues between December 2021 to December 2022 and provided a water quality update. He then discussed the annual estimated groundwater budget, broken down by deep percolation, stream seepage, outflow to adjacent area, and groundwater pumping. He noted approximately 156,000 ac/ft in recharge from canal seepage to the basin last year.

Mr. Roggero commented on surface water from MID and groundwater pumping. He also provided comments regarding a well that he says went dry in August 2022, significant rain storms in 1968, past El Nido Irrigation District water allocations, and unique soil/rock material that he indicates is currently being tested at Fresno State. Mr. Roggero noted he believes the water table is currently at 50 ft. He then asked and the Board responded to questions regarding groundwater conditions and the water table in the El Nido area.

Mr. Beaman discussed and provided a status update regarding the development of draft rules and regulations, and policies for implementation of the GSP. He noted a mailer was sent to landowners that have property within MIUGSA boundaries to give a pathway for registering wells. He reported approximately 300 registrations have since been submitted and that there are approximately 50 more to be entered into the portal. Mr. Beaman noted there are approximately 1,600 agricultural wells within the GSA and that he is impressed with the response from folks thus far.

Mr. Beaman discussed next steps for implementation of the GSP. He said staff will be sending some follow up communications to groundwater users within MIUGSA and at some point, will entertain ideas regarding penalties and fines. He discussed the well registration schedule and noted focus is currently on agricultural wells. He said staff intends to present the final draft of the Rules and Regulations at a later Board meeting.

Chair Eltal noted agricultural water usage is complicated from a management standpoint. He said the approach from MIUGSA has been and will continue to be a methodical and thoughtful process.

Mr. Brad Samuelson discussed and asked questions regarding potential rules for groundwater recharge. Chair Eltal noted recharge water and surface water are interrelated and that staff must review several policies prior to getting something in place. He said it is a very complicated process but that it is on the list of priorities.

Mr. Roggero noted there are meters on his wells, but he is not sure if his tenant Doug Brewner has registered. He does not want to incur a fine. Mr. Beaman noted he would review and get back to him sometime following the meeting.

Mr. Beaman presented the Board with a status update regarding winter 2023 groundwater levels. The report included an overview of MIUGSA's monitoring network and groundwater levels from January 2020 through present. He then discussed long term fluctuation in groundwater levels between March 2021 and March 2023 in some areas.

Mr. Beaman detailed the three principal aquifers within MIUGSA. He then provided an in-depth overview of groundwater levels among the aquifers from January 2020 through present. Mr. Roggero asked and staff responded to several questions regarding the aquifers before moving on to the next item.

Mr. Beaman provided an update regarding ongoing planning and implementation activities, including grant funding and project status, and the five-year GSP evaluation reports to be provided to DWR in 2025. Mr. Beaman noted MIUGSA's SDAC projects including the Planada recharge pilot project, data gaps project, and remote sensing decision support tool project are anticipated to be completed near the end of July 2023. Projects under SGMA Implementation Round 1 requiring MIUGSA involvement are currently on hold until SDAC projects are completed.

Regarding the GSP evaluation report, Mr. Beaman provided an in-depth overview of information to be included in the report and discussed forecasted funding needs of approximately \$800,000 to complete the effort. He discussed MIUGSA's cost share and noted approximately \$60,000 was included in the budget for FY 2023. Mr. Beaman discussed current efforts as well as future opportunities. Mr. Beaman then discussed the next steps, including continued progress on ongoing activities (e.g. Rules and Regulations, model improvement, etc.) and anticipated budgeting for the five-year GSP report.

Chair Eltal provided an update regarding MID's application for a temporary water right permit off Mariposa & Owens Creek – Flood-MAR. Mr. Eltal provided an overview of the integrated strategy to manage water resources for sustainability and climate resiliency. He discussed a major study with DWR identifying existing infrastructure, operations, and reservoir operations. He noted staff has been working on this for almost 4 years.

Chair Eltal discussed flood water to be evaluated for Flood-MAR. He provided an overview of a graph depicting water in the aquifer. He discussed paths to Flood-MAR and noted water diverted during a flood event is not applied to beneficial use and no groundwater credit will be awarded by SWRCB, however could still be recognized by the GSA. Chair Eltal reported diversions did occur almost to the end of January under this rule.

Chair Eltal discussed the differences between standard and temporary water rights permits. He noted a 180-day temporary permit request was submitted for a pilot project for Mariposa & Owens Creek flood-MAR. He said the process began in August 2022. DWR partnered with MID and were Co-applicants for the permit, funded by DWR. He showed a map depicting a simplified flow-path for Flood-MAR. Chair Eltal discussed the components of the MID/DWR Flood-Mar Permit and noted hydrology and diversions under the 90-20 Rule are anticipated to expire March 31, 2023. He then discussed diversions to prevent flooding at Hwy 59 until May 31, 2023. He noted no diversion have occurred yet, since folks are working to remove flooding off properties due to recent storms.

Chair Eltal also discussed Mariposa Creek flooding in January.. He provided an overview of a draft operation plan, including coordination regarding diversion staging and grower communication. He concluded with a discussion regarding the current status of the water rights permit. He noted that several challenges still exist, including water right permit limitations

preventing diversions prior to flooding, as well as a recent letter of concern to the SWRCB from Stevinson Water District, and pending concurrence from Merced Co. to corroborate MID's observed flooding at HWY 59 at 850 cfs.

Chair Eltal said he believes Flood-MAR would have been robust this year if major state reservoirs had a higher carry over similar to 1997, 2010, and 2016. He noted an opportunity to support AB 863, a bill to remove some of the DFW requirements for flood-MAR. He provided an overview of those requirements. He said the bill will be presented to the Committee on Monday. He hopes the legislation will pass as he believes it will remove barriers to the permitting process.

The Board and staff engaged in a robust discussion regarding Flood-MAR. Staff responded to various questions regarding the permitting process and AB 863.

Chair Eltal noted May or June will likely be a big meeting regarding draft rules & regulations as well as the budget in June.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.



UNAPPROVED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023

The Board of Directors for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) met on the above date, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., Chair Hicham Eltal called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives present:

Name	Organization
Hicham Eltal	Merced Irrigation District (Chair)
Ken Elwin	City of Merced (Vice Chair)
Tony Avina	City of Livingston
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (WWSD)
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (LGCSD) (arrived at approximately 9:15 AM)
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District (PCSD)
Phillip McMurray	General Counsel
Jennifer McMaster	Board Coordinator

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA representatives absent:

Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
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CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Eltal indicated the agenda will be taken slightly out of order, for convenience. He asked that the Board move that item to be discussed following the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Beaman introduced a newly hired MID Engineering Technician, Ms. Nicole Chance. Mr. Beaman noted Ms. Chance would be working directly with him, initially and primarily

on the development and implementation of rules, regulations, and policies for implementation of the GSP within MIUGSA.

The Board congratulated Ms. Chance on her new position and welcomed her aboard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Cash Transaction Report
2. Quarterly Financial Report

On a motion by Director Elwin, seconded by Director Valencia; the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar, as presented. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Elwin, Avina, Valencia, Chavez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Benavidez, Vinson

ACTION

Mr. Beaman provided a presentation and discussed a proposed MOU between MIUGSA and the La Paloma Mutual Water Company. He provided some background regarding grant funding under DWR's 2021 SGMA Implementation Round 1, reminding the Board that MIUGSA had applied for grant funding for several projects throughout the basin, and on behalf of all 3 GSAs. MIUGSA previously agreed to administer the grant funding. He noted the general purpose of the MOU and discussed key terms and conditions. The Board asked and Mr. Beaman responded to several clarifying questions.

After summarizing the proposed MOU and its key terms, and after responding to several questions from the Board, Mr. Beaman recommended the Board approve negotiation and execution of a final agreement, as presented.

After further discussion and on motion by Director Chavez, seconded by Director Elwin; the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2023-02 and the proposed MOU, as presented. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Elwin, Avina, Valencia, Chavez, Benavidez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Vinson

REPORTS

Chair Eltal provided a brief overview regarding the status of the development of draft rules regulations, and policies for implementation of the GSP within MIUGSA. Mr. Beaman provided background information and an overview of some general concepts including a recap of prior discussions. He discussed a couple of policies that have been approved by the Board so far, namely the allocation of natural yield and the 1st allocation period lasting through December 2025. He stated he remains impressed with the progress made in regard to well registrations.

Mr. Beaman noted input and direction from the Board will be needed on a couple of items moving forward. He then provided a summary of some of the more important rules and policies being developed. Mr. Beaman explained the general purpose of the draft supplemental rules. General Counsel McMurray provided clarifying remarks regarding the ability to adopt supplemental rules when needed, particularly for flexibility.

Mr. Beaman summarized the concepts of pooling and reallocations. He said six pooling zones were identified primarily based on basin characteristics. Mr. Beaman discussed intentional recharge; he said the rules need further development but that the SGC recommend flowmeters shall be required as a precondition to operation of a groundwater well. He discussed draft rules at length. He noted regarding water accounting that there are a number of considerations to be made when determining how groundwater extractions will count against allocations.

Mr. Beaman noted penalties and enforcement will be most important moving forward. He indicated the rules are not likely to identify all violations requiring penalties but will instead be very general. Mr. McMurry clarified penalties and enforcement will be applied on a case-by-case basis under the rules, with options available for enforcement under specific circumstances.

After a thorough discussion regarding the draft rules, Mr. Beaman discussed next steps. He said the final draft rules will be reviewed and brought back to the Board for consideration at a future Board meeting, hopefully in June. He noted significant outreach efforts will continue, especially following adoption of the rules, regulations, and policies.

The Board and Mr. Beaman engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding penalties, enforcement, and a potential appeal process before moving to the next item on the agenda. After a lengthy discussion, the Board generally agreed with the direction headed on the summary of rules and regulations presented.

Mr. Beaman presented and discussed progress made in the development of the FY 2024 budget. He provided a background review of activities occurring within FY 2023, including grant funding received and projects completed and underway. He also discussed potential future projects. He noted a proposed fee increase for FY 2024. He then reminded the Board of the automatic inflator approved at fee adoption. He discussed anticipated revenue and noted activities and costs to be included in the proposed FY 2024 Budget. He said staff is not looking for action today but wanted to provide the Board with an update of where we are heading, and confirm direction.

Mr. Beaman noted monthly monitoring will need to be discussed thoroughly in basin wide meetings. He said historically the GSA has remained under budget but there is likely to be increased costs in FY 2024 due to the need for data collection. Chair Eltal noted the item would be taken to the Coordination Committee for further discussion. Mr. Beaman noted a consultant may be needed in the future.

Mr. Beaman noted the draft budget includes approximately \$900,000 proposed for professional services, approximately \$134,000 for operational needs, and approximately \$400,000 for staffing needs. He then provided an overview of the 5-year budget forecast beginning 2021, he included an overview of the current budget and the anticipated bottom line. He discussed a 15% reserve. He noted an anticipated cash balance of approximately 30% for FY 2024. However, he showed an anticipated cash balance deficit likely to occur in FY 2025. He noted that the budget will be refined prior to presentation to the Board for adoption, but the goal is to prepare for this in advance to minimize impacts to the GSA.

The Board and staff discussed the update very briefly. Chair Eltal noted a proposed budget for FY 2024 is likely to be brought to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Chair Eltal provided an update on SGMA activities and resources made available by the State. He discussed the status of the GSP, the five-year GSP evaluation report, and the annual report. He noted staff is anticipating a letter from DWR regarding corrective measures and guidelines for the five-year evaluation. Chair Eltal noted DWR is developing several guidance documents, including a summary for interconnected surface and groundwater. He also discussed a toolkit to be released in the future.

Chair Eltal noted DWR is expected to continue to support local groundwater projects. He indicated that under a recent Governor's Executive Order, recharge is now CEQA exempt, which has encouraged agencies throughout the state to consider initiating more recharge projects. He said DWR is working to clarify rules regarding Flood-MAR and that DWR is currently providing pumps for flood water diversions.

Chair Eltal discussed several recent bills regarding management and establishing new groundwater laws, but mostly expanding the authority of the SWRCB from surface water to groundwater. His understanding is that all of those bills are under opposition by most, if not all water agencies.

Mr. Beaman discussed and provided a status update on monitoring and instrumentation within MIUGSA. He noted 4 sites currently have telemetry installed, and that they seem to be working okay generally. However, a subset of the monitoring sites have challenges related to cell phone reception,. Mr. Beaman discussed additional options under review that would solve the issues with the existing sites, and would work well for future telemetry installations throughout the GSA.

Mr. Beaman discussed grant funding to be used to install the first satellite monitoring system. He noted staff will need some flexibility to determine which telemetry communication should be used with regard to flow meters and other monitoring sites in the future. He said staff has identified a additional sites that could telemetry using satellite or low wave radio communication as well.

The Board discussed briefly, and Mr. Beaman responded to a couple of questions generally regarding potential solutions to reception issues.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25AM.

**MERCED IRRIGATION-URBAN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERCED IRRIGATION-URBAN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319, collectively referred to as the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" ("SGMA"), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the general purpose of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater resources at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA provides for the establishment of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs") to manage local groundwater resources, generally through the adoption and implementation of regulatory programs known as Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSPs"); and,

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2017, the Merced Irrigation District, the Cities of Merced, Atwater, and Livingston, the Community Services Districts of Planada and Le Grand, and the Winton Water and Sanitary District executed a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of creating the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) and becoming a GSA for the collective portion of the Merced Groundwater Subbasin (Merced Subbasin) underlying the boundaries of said member agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MIUGSA") is authorized to, among other things, adopt and charge fees to fund various activities of the GSA such as the development and implementation of groundwater sustainability plans conduct investigations, register, monitor and require reporting from groundwater wells, and other actions associated with the enforcement of rules contained in a groundwater sustainability plan.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a budget for approved expenditures is an integral part of a strong financial management and internal control program, and the Board desires to continue to exercise its financial and fiduciary responsibility to its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with, reviewed and considered the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ("FY 2024") Budget for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency as recommended for adoption, and considers the proposed budget level of expenditures necessary and appropriate to fund the various activities in FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends by adopting this resolution, to adopt the annual budget for the Merced Irrigation- Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and are incorporated herein.

2. The Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency FY 2024 Budget is hereby adopted as presented, and as attached in Exhibit "A".
3. It is recognized that budgets are a guide and estimate for future events and that circumstances change over time. As a result, the Chair is authorized to transfer funds between expense categories to meet operating needs while remaining within the authorized levels for total expense requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 14th day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Members:

Members:

Members:

Members:

Hicham Eltal
Chair

Stephanie Dietz
Vice Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

FY 2024 Budget

**MERCED IRRIGATION-URBAN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGULATORY FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER
ACTIONS RELATING THERETO**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319, collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the general purpose of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater resources at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA provides for the establishment of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) to manage local groundwater resources, generally through the adoption and implementation of regulatory programs known as Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”); and,

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2017, the Merced Irrigation District, the Cities of Merced, Atwater, and Livingston, the Community Services Districts of Planada and Le Grand, and the Winton Water and Sanitary District executed a memorandum of understanding for the purpose of creating the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) and becoming a GSA for the collective portion of the Merced Groundwater Subbasin (Merced Subbasin) underlying the boundaries of said member agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a budget for approved expenditures is an integral part of a strong financial management and internal control program, and the Board desires to continue to exercise its financial and fiduciary responsibility to its constituents; and

WHEREAS, at its June 14, 2023 meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (“FY 2024”) Budget for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency to fund the various activities in FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MIUGSA”) is authorized to, among other things, adopt and charge fees to fund various activities of the GSA such as the development and implementation of groundwater sustainability plans conduct investigations, register, monitor and require reporting from groundwater wells, and other actions associated with the enforcement of rules contained in a groundwater sustainability plan.

WHEREAS, the Board intends by adopting this resolution, to adopt the fees necessary to support MIUGSA’s approved FY 2024 budget, said fees are shown and attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and are incorporated herein.
2. MIUGSA hereby certifies that it has, without limitation, complied with all legal procedures and requirements necessary for the levying and imposition of the regulatory fees, general or special taxes, assessments, or property-related fees identified in Exhibit “A”, regardless of whether

those procedures and requirements are set forth in the Constitution of the State of California, in State statutes, or in the applicable decisional law of the State of California.

3. The Tax Collector of Merced County is hereby requested and authorized to collect the regulatory fees, general and special taxes, assessments, and property-related fees listed in Exhibit "A" from lands within the MIUGSA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board for the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 14th day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Members:

Members:

Members:

Members:

Hicham Eltal
Chair

Stephanie Dietz
Vice Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

REGULATORY FEES:

Groundwater Sustainability Fee

Fee for Fiscal

Year 2023-24 Fee Category

Merced County Assessor Land Use Codes

Agricultural (per Acre)

\$6.48	All Agricultural	0701	0702	0703	0704	0706	0707	0708	0711
		0801	0802	0804	0806	0807	0808	0813	0814
		0909	0911	1207	1208	1313	1408	1414	

Urban Residential (per Acre)

\$6.86	Mobile Home	1702	1703	1704	1717				
\$7.12	Single Family Detached	0101	0102	0103	0104	0105	0106	0117	0125
\$9.12	Single Family >0.9 acre lot	same codes as for Single Family Detached							
\$11.30	Single Family Attached	0130	0201	0202	0203	0204	1202	1203	
\$16.84	Apartments	0301	0302	0303	0304				

Urban Non-Residential (per Acre)

\$9.44	Commercial	0402	0403	0404	0405	0406	0407	0408	0430
\$9.72	Industrial	0601	0603	0604	0606				
\$6.46	Religious	1020	2020						
\$8.30	Government	1515	1919						
\$1.28	Railroad/Utilities	1616							
\$4.56	Open Space	1818	2121	3030					
\$0.74	Vacant	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1012	1030

GENERAL TAXES: none

SPECIAL TAXES: none

ASSESSMENTS: none

PROPERTY-RELATED FEES AND CHARGES: none