



APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:05 A.M., Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA Representatives present:

Name	Organization
Hicham Eltal (Chair)	Merced Irrigation District
Ken Elwin	City of Merced
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CSD)
Brenda Wey	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:

Name	Organization
Jose Antonio Ramirez	City of Livingston
Stephanie Dietz (Vice Chair)	City of Merced

The following Attendees were present:

Jennifer McMaster Coordinator	Merced Irrigation District, MIUGSA
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CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

To accommodate members of the public, report item number two (2) (Discuss status of sustainable allotment and its potential impacts on MIUGSA sustainability, private properties and municipalities, and future groundwater banking and trade) was presented first.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes: March 13, 2019

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

REPORTS

Chairman Eltal discussed the Coordination Committee's, March 25, 2019, decision on a recommendation to the GSA Boards regarding the water allocation framework, and presented a draft memorandum, which highlights the framework recommendations of the Coordinating Committee. Chairman Eltal discussed a number of issues related to the draft memorandum, where it was agreed that this continues to be a work in progress and should be clarified and revised. Chairman Eltal asked for feedback and intends to revisit at a future meeting.

Chairman Eltal discussed the outcome of the April 4, 2019, DWR coordination meeting which addressed the GSP, undesirable results, monitoring, and compliance. Chairman Eltal discussed DWR's finding that a full analysis must be complete and presented when an agency finds that a sustainability indicator is not applicable

Chairman Eltal discussed the differences between temporary and long-term State Water Resources Control permits for floodwater. Chairman Eltal discussed the potential for working with the Merced Subbasin GSA on the use of water that either escapes the basins boundaries or is taken from the basin. Chairman Eltal discussed the creation of an ad hoc committee to monitor the potential for water rights infringement more closely.

Chairman Eltal discussed the timeline versus the progress of the GSP. Chairman Eltal presented and solicited feedback on the potential for implementing the GSP as early as 2025. There was an extensive discussion on this item, Chairman Eltal suggested bringing back to the table at a future stakeholder meeting. Attendees were interested in an earlier date for implementation so all users in the basin work at the same time to achieve sustainability. The Board did not take any action at this time.

ACTIONS

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

None.

CLOSED SESSSION

None.

ADJOURN

Ken Elwin (City of Merced) moved to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Benavidez (Le Grand CSD) seconded the motion. MIUGSA Meeting adjourned at 10:20AM.